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**Give Ear to My Words: Text and Context of Alma 36–42**
*Edited by Kerry M. Hull, Nicholas J. Frederick, and Hank R. Smith*

The presentations in this volume were delivered at the BYU Sidney B. Sperry Symposium, and the topics focus on Alma’s teachings on various doctrines to his sons Helaman, Shiblon, and Corianton found within Alma 36–42. The chapters in this volume are organized into four sections: (1) doctrine, (2) historical content, (3) parents and children, and (4) literary structure, devices, and techniques. Tad R. Callister, former Sunday School General President, was the keynote speaker. The diverse backgrounds of the contributors provide a variety of academic and theological lenses through which readers can better understand Alma’s doctrinal expositions. The range of topics covered and the contrasting perspectives will appeal to a broad audience and expand the minds and understanding of its readers.

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BYU Church History Symposium
Friday and Saturday, 12–13 March 2020
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