

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE
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Chapter _____

And now I Nephi speak concerning the prophecies of ~~my~~(which) ~~fa~~ my father hath spoken concerning Joseph who was carried into Egypt

for behold he truly prophesied concerning all his Seed & the prophecies which he wrote ~~these~~ there are not many *greater* & he prophesied concerning us & our future generations & they are written upon the plates of Brass

wherefore after my father had made an end of speaking concerning the prophecies of Joseph he called the children of Laman his Sons & his daughters & sayeth unto them behold my Sons & my da-ughters which are the Sone & the daughters of my first born I would that ye should gi-ve ear unto my words

for the Lord God hath said that inasmuch as ye shall keep my Commandments ye shall prosper in the land & in as much as ye will not keep m-y commandments ye shall be cut off from my presence

but behold my Sons & my Daughters I cannot go down to my grave save I should leave a blessing upon you for behold I know that if ye are brought up in the right way that ye should go ye will not depart *from* it

wherefore if ye are cursed behold I leave my ble-ssing upon you that the Cursing may be taken *from* you & be answered upon the heads of your parents

wherefore because of my blessing the Lord God will not suffer that ye shall perish wherefore he will be merciful unto you & unto yo-ur seed forever

& it came to pass that after my father had made an end of speakin-g to the Sons & Daughters of Laman he caused ~~that~~ the Sons & daughters of Le-muel *to* be brought before him

CHAPTER 4 [X] []

Lehi counsels and blesses his posterity—He dies and is buried—Nephi glories in the goodness of God—Nephi puts his trust in the Lord forever. About 588–570 B.C.

¹And now, I, Nephi, speak concerning the prophecies of [X]which[_ _] my father hath spoken, concerning Joseph, who was carried into Egypt.

²For behold, he truly prophesied concerning all his seed. **And** the prophecies which he wrote, [X] there are not many greater. **And** he prophesied concerning us, **and** our future generations; **and** they are written upon the plates of brass.

³Wherefore, after my father had made an end of speaking concerning the prophecies of Joseph, he called the children of Laman, his sons, **and** his daughters, **and said** unto them: Behold, my sons, **and** my da[-]ughters, **who** are the sons **and** the daughters of my first[_]born, I would that ye should gi[-]ve ear unto my words.

⁴For the Lord God hath said that: **Inasmuch** as ye shall keep my commandments ye shall prosper in the land; **and** in[_]as[_]much as ye will not keep m[-]y commandments ye shall be cut off from my presence.

⁵But behold, my sons **and** my daughters, I cannot go down to my grave save I should leave a blessing upon you; for behold, I know that if ye are brought up in the [X] way [X] ye should go ye will not depart from it.

⁶Wherefore, if ye are cursed, behold, I leave my ble[-]ssing upon you, that the cursing may be taken from you **and** be answered upon the heads of your parents.

⁷Wherefore, because of my blessing the Lord God will not suffer that ye shall perish; wherefore, he will be merciful unto you **and** unto yo[-]ur seed forever.

⁸**And** it came to pass that after my father had made an end of speakin[-]g to the sons **and** daughters of Laman, he caused [X] the sons **and** daughters of Le[-]muel to be brought before him.

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& he spake unto them saying behold
‡(my)he Sons & ‡(my)he Daughters which are
the Sons & the Daughters of my Second Son behold
I leave unto you the Same blessing which I left unto
the Sons & Daughters of Laman wherefore thou
shalt not utterly be destroyed but in the end thy
se-ed shall be blessed

& it came to pass that (when) my father (had)
made an end of speaking # unto them Behold
it came to pass that he spake unto the Sons of
Ishmael yea & even all his household

& after that he had made an end of speaking unto
them he spake unto Sam saying blessed art thou
& thy Seed for thou shalt inher-it the land
like unto thy Brother Nephi & thy seed shall be
number-ed with his seed & thou shalt be even
like unto thy Brother & thy seed like unto his
seed & thou shalt be blessed in all thy days

& it came to **55** pass that after Lehi had
spake unto all his household according to the
feelings of his heart & the spirit of the Lord which
was in him he waxed old & it came to pass
th-at he died & was buried

& it came to pass that not many days after his
Death La-man & Lemuel & the Sons of
Ishmael were angry with me because of the
adm-onitions of the Lord

for I Nephi was constrained to speak unto them
according to the word for I had spake many things
unto them & also my father before his death
many of w-hich sayings are written upon mine
other plates for a more history part are writ-ten
upon mine other plates

& upon these I write the things of my Soul &
many of the Scriptures which are engraven upon
the plates of Brass for my Soul deliteth in the
Scriptures & my heart pondereth (them) &
writeth them for the learning & the profit of
my children

behold my Soul deliteth in the things of the
Lord & my heart pondereth continually upon
the things which I have seen & heard

neverthe-ss notwithstanding the great
goodness of the Lord in shewing me his great &
marvelous works my heart exclaimeth O wretched
man that I am yea my heart sorroweth because of
mine flesh my Soul grieveth because of mine
iniquity

⁹And he spake unto them, saying: Behold,
[]my[] sons and []my[] daughters, who are
the sons and the daughters of my second son; behold
I leave unto you the same blessing which I left unto
the sons and daughters of Laman; wherefore, thou
shalt not utterly be destroyed; but in the end thy
se[-]ed shall be blessed.

¹⁰And it came to pass that when my father had
made an end of speaking [] unto them, behold,
[X X X X X] he spake unto the sons of
Ishmael, yea, and even all his household.

¹¹And after [X] he had made an end of speaking unto
them, he spake unto Sam, saying: Blessed art thou,
and thy seed; for thou shalt inher[-]it the [X] land
like unto thy brother Nephi. And thy seed shall be
number[-]ed with his seed; and thou shalt be even
like unto thy brother, and thy seed like unto his
seed; and thou shalt be blessed in all thy days.

¹²And it came to pass [X] after my father, Lehi, had
spoken unto all his household, according to the
feelings of his heart and the Spirit of the Lord which
was in him, he waxed old. And it came to pass
th[-]at he died, and was buried.

¹³And it came to pass that not many days after his
death, La[-]man and Lemuel and the sons of
Ishmael were ang[]ry with me because of the
adm[-]onitions of the Lord.

¹⁴For I, Nephi, was constrained to speak unto them,
according to his word; for I had spoken many things
unto them, and also my father, before his death;
many of w[-]hich sayings are written upon mine
other plates; for a more history part are writ[-]ten
upon mine other plates.

¹⁵And upon these I write the things of my soul, and
many of the scriptures which are [] engraven upon
the plates of brass. For my soul delighteth in the
scriptures, and my heart pondereth them, and
writeth them for the learning and the profit of
my children.

¹⁶Behold, my soul delighteth in the things of the
Lord; and my heart pondereth continually upon
the things which I have seen and heard.

¹⁷Neverthele[-]ss, notwithstanding the great
goodness of the Lord, in showing me his great and
marvelous works, my heart exclaimeth: O wretched
man that I am! Yea, my heart sorroweth because of
my flesh; my soul grieveth because of mine
iniquities.

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O Lord wilt thou redeem my Soul wilt thou deliver me out of the hands of mine enemies wi-lt thou make me that I may shake at the appearance of Sin

may the gates of hell be shut continually before me because that my heart is *broken* & my spirit is contrite O Lord *wilt thou not shut the gates of thy righte()ousness before me that I may walk in the path of the low vally that I may be str()ict in the plane road*

O Lord wilt thou ensircle me around in the robe of thy righteousness O Lord wilt thou make a way for mine escape before mine enemi-es wilt thou make my path strait before *me* wilt thou not place a stumbling *block* in my way but *that* thou wouldst clear my way before (me) & hedge *not up* my way but the ways of mine *enemy*

O Lord I have trusted in thee & I will trust in thee forever *I will not put my trust in the arm of flesh for I kno()w that cursed is he that putteth his trust in the arm of flesh yea cursed is he that putteth his trust in man or maketh flesh his arm*

yea I know *that God* will give liberally to him that asketh yea my God will give me if I ask not amiss therefore I will lift up my voice unto thee I will cry unto thee my God the rock of my righteousness behold my voice shall forever ascend up unto thee my Rock & mine everlasting God Amen —

³¹O Lord, wilt thou redeem my **soul**? **Wilt** thou deliver me out of the hands of mine enemies? **Wi[-]lt** thou make me that I may shake at the appearance of **sin**?

³²**May** the gates of hell be shut continually before me, because that my heart is **broken** **and** my spirit is contrite! O Lord, **wilt thou not shut the gates of thy righte()ousness before me, that I may walk in the path of the low valley, that I may be str()ict in the plain road!**

³³O Lord, wilt thou **encircle** me around in the robe of thy righteousness! O Lord, wilt thou make a way for mine escape before mine enemi[-]es! **Wilt** thou make my path **straight** before me! **Wilt** thou not place a stumbl[]ing block in my way—but that thou wouldst clear my way before **me, and** hedge not up my way, but the ways of mine enemy.

³⁴O Lord, I have trusted in thee, **and** I will trust in thee forever. I will not put my trust in the arm of flesh; for I kno()w that cursed is he that **putteth** his trust in the arm of flesh. **Yea, cursed is he** that **putteth** his trust in man or maketh flesh his arm.

³⁵**Yea**, I know **that God** will give liberally to him that asketh. **Yea**, my God will give me, if I ask not amiss; therefore I will lift up my voice unto thee; **yea**, I will cry unto thee, my God, the rock of my righteousness. **Behold**, my **voice** shall forever ascend up unto thee, my **rock** **and** mine everlasting God. Amen. []