

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE

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yea & we also see the great wickedness one (verry) wicked man can cause to take place among the children of men

yea we see that *Amelickiah* because he was a man of cunning devises & a man of many flattering words that he lead away the hearts of many People to do wickedly yea & to seek to destroy the church of God & to destroy the foundation (⊗) of liberty which God had granted unto them or which blessing God had sent upon the face of the land for the righteous sake

& now it came to pass that when Moroni which was the chief commander of the armie(s) of the Nephites had heard of these dissensions he was angary with Amelickiah

& it came to pass that he rent his Coat & he took 283 a piece thereof & wrote upon it in memory of our God our Religion & freedom & our peace our wives & our children & he fastened it upon the end of a pole thereoff

& he fastened on his head plate & his breastplate & his shealds & gerged on his armour about his loin(s) & he took the pole which had on the end thereof (his rent coat) & he called it the ~~title~~ title of liberty & (he) bowed himself to the earth & he prayed mightily unto his God for the blessings of liberty to rest upon (his brethren) so long as there should a band of Christ-ians remain to posses the land

for thus were all the true believers of Christ which belonged to the church of God called by those who did not belong to the ch-urch

& those who did belong to the church were faithful yea all those who were tr-ue believers in Christ took upon them gladly the name of Christ~~z~~ or Christians as they were called because of their belief in Christ which should come

& therefore at this time Moroni prayed hthat the cause of the Christian s & the freedom of the la-nd might be favoured

& ~~#~~ it came to pass that when he had poured out his so~~u~~-ul to God he gave all the land which was south of the land desolations yea & in fine all the land both on the North & on the South & ~~he~~ a chosen lands & the lan-d of liberty

⁹Yea, and we also see the great wickedness one ver[]y wicked man can cause to take place among the children of men.

¹⁰Yea, we see that Amalickiah, because he was a man of cunning device[] and a man of many flattering words, that he le[]d away the hearts of many people to do wickedly; yea, and to seek to destroy the church of God, and to destroy the foundation [X] of liberty which God had granted unto them, or which blessing God had sent upon the face of the land for the righteous' sake.

¹¹And now it came to pass that when Moroni, who was the chief commander of the armies of the Nephites, had heard of these dissensions, he was ang[]ry with Amalickiah.

¹²And it came to pass that he rent his coat; and he took a piece thereof, and wrote upon it—In memory of our God, our religion, and freedom, and our peace, our wives, and our children—and he fastened it upon the end of a pole [_ _ _ _ _].

¹³And he fastened on his head-plate, and his breastplate, and his shields, and girded on his armo[]r about his loins; and he took the pole, which had on the end thereof [] his rent coat, (and he called it the [_ _ _ _ _] title of liberty) and he bowed himself to the earth, and he prayed mightily unto his God for the blessings of liberty to rest upon his brethren, so long as there should a band of Christ[-]ians remain to possess the land—

¹⁴For thus were all the true believers of Christ, who belonged to the church of God, called by those who did not belong to the ch[-]urch.

¹⁵And those who did belong to the church were faithful; yea, all those who were tr[-]ue believers in Christ took upon them, gladly, the name of Christ[], or Christians as they were called, because of their belief in Christ who should come.

¹⁶And therefore, at this time, Moroni prayed that the cause of the Christian[]s, and the freedom of the la[-]nd might be favo[]red.

¹⁷And [X] it came to pass that when he had poured out his so[][-]ul to God, he named all the land which was south of the land Desolation[], yea, and in fine, all the land, both on the north and on the south—[X_X] A chosen land[], and the lan[-]d of liberty.

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& he sayeth surely God shall not suffer that we who are despised because we take upon us the name of Christ shall be trodden down & destroyed Moroni's Covenant & until(I) we bring it upon us by our own transgressions

& when Moroni had said *these word(s) he went forth among the People* waving the rent of his garment in the air that all might see the writing which he had wrote upon the rent & crying with a loud voice saying

behold *whosoever will maintain this title upon the land let them come forth in the strength of the Lord & enter into a covenant that they will maintain their rights & their religion that the Lord God may bless them*

& it came to pass that when Moroni had proclaimed these words (behold) the People came running together with their armours girted about their loins rending their garments in token or as a covenant that they would not forsake the Lord their God or in other words if they should transgress the commandments of God or fall into transgression & be ashamed to take upon them the name of Christ the Lord should rend them even as they had rents their garments

now this was the cov-~~en~~ant which the(y) made & they cast their garments at the feet of Moroni saying ~~we~~ we covenant with our God that we shall be destroyed even as our brethren (in the land) Northward if we shall fall into transgression yea he may cast us at the feet of our enemies even as we have cast our garments at their feet to be trodden under foot if we should fall into transgression

Moroni sayeth unto them behold we are a remnant of the seed of Jacob yea we are a remnant of the seed of Joseph whose coat was rent by his Brethren into many pieces yea & now behold let us remember to keep the commandments of God or our garments shall be rent by our Brethren & we be cast into Prisons or be sold or be slain

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¹⁸And he said: Surely God shall not suffer that we, who are despised because we take upon us the name of Christ, shall be trodden down and destroyed, [_ _ _ _ _ X _ X] until [] we bring it upon us by our own [] transgressions.

¹⁹And when Moroni had said these words, he went forth among the people, waving the rent part of his garment in the air, that all might see the writing which he had written upon the rent part, and crying with a loud voice, saying:

²⁰Behold, whosoever will maintain this title upon the land, let them come forth in the strength of the Lord, and enter into a covenant that they will maintain their rights, and their religion, that the Lord God may bless them.

²¹And it came to pass that when Moroni had proclaimed these words, behold, the people came running together with their armours girted about their loins, rending their garments in token, or as a covenant, that they would not forsake the Lord their God; or, in other words, [X] if they should transgress the commandments of God, or fall into transgression, and be ashamed to take upon them the name of Christ, the Lord should rend them even as they had rent [] their garments.

²²Now this was the cov[_ _ _ _] []enant which they made, and they cast their garments at the feet of Moroni, saying: [X] We covenant with our God, that we shall be destroyed, even as our brethren in the land northward, if we shall fall into transgression; yea, he may cast us at the feet of our enemies, even as we have cast our garments at their feet to be trodden under foot, if we shall fall into transgression.

²³Moroni said unto them: Behold, we are a remnant of the seed of Jacob; yea, we are a remnant of the seed of Joseph, whose coat was rent by his brethren into many pieces; yea, and now behold, let us remember to keep the commandments of God, or our garments shall be rent by our brethren, and we be cast into prison [], or be sold, or be slain.

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yea let us preserve our liber-ty as a remnant y of Joseph yea let ~~h~~ us remember the words of Jacob before his dea-th for behold he saw that a part of the remnant of ~~234~~ the coat (of Joseph) was preser-ved & had not decaied & he sayeth even as this remnant of garment of my Sons hath been preserved so shall a remnant of the Seed of my Son be preserved by the hand of God & be taken unto himself while the remainder of the se-ed of Joseph shall perish even ~~hke~~ as the remnant of his garm-ent

now behold this giveth my soul sorrow nevertheless my soul hath joy in my Son because of that part of his seed which shall be taken unto God

now behold this w-as the language of Jacob

& now who knoweth but what the remnant of the seed of Joseph which shall perish as his garment are those which have desented from us ye-a & even it shall be us if we do not stand fast in the faith of Christ

& now it came to pass that when Moroni had said these words he went forth & also sent forth in all the parts of the land where there were dissensions & gathered togeth-ere& all the People which were desireous to maintain their liberty to stand out (of) the land & C. against Am--alickiah & those which had di(sented from) which were called Ameleckiahites

& it came to pass that when Amalickiah saw that the People of Moroni were more numerous than the Amalickiahites & he also saw that his People were doubt-ful concerning the justice of the cause in which they had undertaken therefore fearing that he should not gain the point (he) took those of his People which wou()ld & departed into the land of Nephi

now Moroni thought it was not expedian(t) that the Lamanites should have any more strength therefore he thought to cut off the people of Amaleckiah or to take them & bring them back & put Ameleckiah to death yaa for he kn(n)ew ~~that he~~ that they would stir up the Lamanites to anger against them & (cause them to) come ~~down~~ to Battle against them & this he knew that Ameleckiah would do that he might obtain his purposes

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²⁴Yea, let us preserve our liber[-]ty as a remnant [] of Joseph; yea, let [] us remember the words of Jacob, before his dea[-]th, for behold, he saw that a part of the remnant of the coat of Joseph was preser[-]ved and had not decayed. And he said— Even as this remnant of garment of my son[] hath been preserved, so shall a remnant of the seed of my son be preserved by the hand of God, and be taken unto himself, while the remainder of the se[-]ed of Joseph shall perish, even [X] as the remnant of his garm[-]ent.

²⁵Now behold, this giveth my soul sorrow; nevertheless, my soul hath joy in my son, because of that part of his seed which shall be taken unto God.

²⁶Now behold, this w[-]as the language of Jacob.

²⁷And now who knoweth but what the remnant of the seed of Joseph, which shall perish as his garment, are those who have dissented from us? Ye[-]a, and even it shall be ourselves if we do not stand fast in the faith of Christ.

²⁸And now it came to pass that when Moroni had said these words he went forth, and also sent forth in all the parts of the land where there were dissensions, and gathered togeth[-]er[] all the people who were desir[]ous to maintain their liberty, to stand [X X X X X _ _] against Am[-]alickiah and those who had dissented [X], who were called Amalickiahites.

²⁹And it came to pass that when Amalickiah saw that the people of Moroni were more numerous than the Amalickiahites—and he also saw that his people were doubt[-]ful concerning the justice of the cause in which they had undertaken—therefore, fearing that he should not gain the point, he took those of his people who wou()ld and departed into the land of Nephi.

³⁰Now Moroni thought it was not expedient that the Lamanites should have any more strength; therefore he thought to cut off the people of Amalickiah, or to take them and bring them back, and put Amalickiah to death; yea, for he kn[]ew [X X] that he would stir up the Lamanites to anger against them, and cause them to come [X] to battle against them; and this he knew that Amalickiah would do that he might obtain his purpos[]es.

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Amalicksiah stirs up

qualities of the many plants & roots which God had pre--pared to move the (cause) of deseases which was subsequent to man by the nature of the climate

but there were many who died with old age & those who died in the faith of Christ are happy in him as ~~we~~ we must kneeds suppose

⁴⁰And there were some who died with fevers, which []at[] some seasons of the year were ver[]y frequent in the land—but not so much so with fe[]vers, because of the excell[-]ent

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qualities of the many plants and roots which God had pre[-][-]pared to remove the cause of diseases, to which [X X X] men were subject by the nature of the climate—

⁴¹But there were many who died with old age; and those who died in the faith of Christ are happy in him, as [] we must []needs suppose.