

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE  
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Chapter II

And now it came to pass in the forty & third year of the reign of the Judges there was no contention among the People of Nephi save it were a little pride which was in the church which did cause some little dissension among the People which affairs were settled in the ending of the forty & third year

& there was no contention among the People in the forty~~th~~ & fourth year neither was there much contention in the forty & fifth year

& it came to pass in the forty & sixth year there were much contentions & many dissensions in the which there were an exceeding great many which dep-arted out of the land of Zarahemla & went forth unto the land Northward to inherit the land

& they did travel to an exceeding great distance inso much that they came to large boddies of Water & many Rivers

yea & even they did spread forth into all parts of the land into whatsoever parts it had not been rendered desolates & without timber because of the many inhabitants which had before inherited the land

& now no part of the land was desolates save it were for timber & C but because of the greatness of the destruction of the People which had before inhabited the land it was called desolate

& there being but little timber upon the face of the land nevertheless the people which went forth became exceeding expert in the working of cement therefore they did build houses of Cement in the which they did dwell

& it came to pass  
& C

that they did multiply & spread & did go forth from the land southward to the land Northward & did spread inso much that they began to cover the face of the whole earth from the Sea South to the Sea North from the Sea West to the Sea East

**CHAPTER 3 [X \_ \_]**

*Many Nephites migrate to the land northward—They build houses of cement and keep many records—Tens of thousands are converted and baptized—The word of God leads men to salvation—Nephi the son of Helaman fills the judgment seat. About 49–39 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>And now it came to pass in the forty **and** third year of the reign of the **j**udges, there was no contention among the **p**eople of Nephi save it were a little pride which was in the church, which did cause some little dissensions among the **p**eople, which affairs were settled in the ending of the forty **and** third year.

<sup>2</sup>**And** there was no contention among the **p**eople in the forty [ \_ \_ ] **and** fourth year; neither was there much contention in the forty **and** fifth year.

<sup>3</sup>**And** it came to pass in the forty **and** sixth, year, th[ ]ere **was** much contention [ ] **and** many dissensions; in the which there were an **exceedingly** great many **who** dep[-]arted out of the land of Zarahemla, **and** went forth unto the land **n**orthward to inherit the land.

<sup>4</sup>**And** they did travel to an **exceedingly** great distance, inso [ ] much that they came to large bod [ ] ies of **w**ater **and** many **r**ivers.

<sup>5</sup>**Yea, and** even they did spread forth into all pa[-]rts of the land, into what [ \_ ] ever parts it had not been rendered desolate [ ] **and** without timber, because of the many inhabitants **who** had before inherited the land.

<sup>6</sup>**And** now no pa[-]rt of the land was desolate [ ], save it were for timber; [X \_ \_] but because of the greatness of the destruction of the **p**eople **who** had before inhabited the land it was called desolate.

<sup>7</sup>**And** there being but little timber upon the face of the land, nevertheless the people **who** went forth became **exceedingly** expert in the working of cement; therefore they did build houses of **c**ement, in the which they did dwell.

<sup>8</sup>**And** it came to pass  
[X \_ ]

that they did multiply **and** spread, **and** did go forth from the land southward to the land **n**orthward, **and** did spread inso much that they began to cover the face of the whole earth, from the **s**ea **s**outh to the **s**ea **n**orth, from the **s**ea **w**est to the **s**ea **e**ast.

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& the people which were in the *land Northward* did dwell in *tents* & in Houses of Cement & they did suffer *whatsoever tree should spring up upon the* face of the land that it should grow *up that in time they might have timber* to build their Houses yea their cities & *their Temples & their Synagogues & their Sanctuaries* & all manner of their *buildings*

& it came to pass as timber was *ex()*ceding scarce in the land *Northward* they did send forth much by the *sway of shipping*

& thus they did enable the *people* in the land *Northward* that they might build *ma()*ny Cities both of wood & of Cement

& it came to pass that there were many of *th(e) Peo()*ple of Ammon which were *Lamanites* by *Bearth* ~~#~~ did also go forth into *this land*

& now there are many records *kept of the* Proceedings of this People by many of this *peo()*ple which are particular & ~~very~~ very large *con* **335** (*)*cerning them

but behold a hundredth part of the proceedings of this *people* yea the account of the *Lamanites & of the Nephite(s)* & their wars & contentions & *dissensions & their Preaching & their Propesies & their Shi()*ping & their building of *Ships & their building of Temples & of Synagogues & their Sanctuaries & their righteousness & their wickedness & their murders & their robings & their plunderings & all manner of abominations & whoardoms* cannot be contained in *this work*

but behold there are many *Book(s)* & many *Reckord(s)* of every *kin()*d & they have been kept *Chiefly* by the Nephites

& they have been handed down from one *ge()*neration to another by the Nephites even until they have fallen into transgression & *ha()*ve been murdered plundered & hunted & driven forth & slain & scattered upon the face of the earth & mixed ~~#~~ with the *Lamanites* until they are no more called the *Nephi-*tes becoming wicked & wild & ferocious yea even becoming *Lamanite(s)*

<sup>9</sup>**And** the people **who** were in the land **northward** did dwell in tents, **and** in houses of cement, **and** they did suffer whatsoever tree should spring up upon the face of the land that it should grow up, that in time they might have timber to build their houses, yea, their cities, **and** their temples, **and** their synagogues, **and** their sanctuaries, **and** all manner of their buildings.

<sup>10</sup>**And** it came to pass as timber was *ex()*ceedingly scarce in the land **northward**, they did send forth much by the [ ]way of shipping.

<sup>11</sup>**And** thus they did enable [ ]e the people in the land **northward** that they might build *ma()*ny cities, both of wood **and** of cement.

<sup>12</sup>**And** it came to pass that there were many of the *peo()*ple of Ammon, **who** were Lamanites by **bi**[ ]rth, [ ] did also go forth into this land.

<sup>13</sup>**And** now there are many records kept of the **proceedings** of this **people**, by many of this *peo()*ple, which are particular **and** [X] very large, *con()*cerning them.

<sup>14</sup>**But** behold, a hundredth part of the **proceedings** of this people, yea, the account of the *Lamanites and of the Nephites*, **and** their wars, **and** contentions, **and** dissensions, **and** their preaching, **and** their prophecies, **and** their shi()**pping** **and** their building of **ships**, **and** their building of temples, **and** of synagogues **and** their sanctuaries, **and** their righteousness, **and** their wickedness, **and** their murders, **and** their robbings, **and** their plundering[ ], **and** all manner of abominations **and** whoredoms, cannot be contained in this work.

<sup>15</sup>**But** behold, there are many **books** **and** many **rec**[ ]ords of every *kin()*d, **and** they have been kept chiefly by the Nephites.

<sup>16</sup>**And** they have been handed down from one *ge()*neration to another by the Nephites, even until [ ] they have fallen into transgression **and** *ha()*ve been murdered, plundered, **and** hunted, **and** driven forth, **and** slain, **and** scattered upon the face of the earth, **and** mixed [ ] with the *Lamanites* until [ ] they are no more called the *Nephi*-tes, becom[ ]ing wicked, **and** wild, **and** ferocious, yea, even becom[ ]ing *Lamanites*.

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& now I return again to mine account therefore what I have spoken had passed after th(ere had been great contentions & disterbences & wars & dissensions among the people of Nephi

the forty & sixth year of the Reign of the Judges ended

& it came to pass that there was still great contentions in the land yea even in the forty & seve(onth year & also in the forty & eight year

nevertheless Helaman did fill the Ju(dgment-seat with Justice & equity yea he did observe to keep the statutes & the Judgments & the commandments of God & he did do that which was right in the sight of God continual-ly & he did walk after the ways of his Father insomuch that he did prosper in the land

& it came to pas(s) that he had two Sons he gave unto the Eldest the name of Nephi & unto the youngest the name of Lehi & they began to grow up unto the Lord

& it came to pass that the wars & contentions began to cease in a small degree among the people of (the) Nephi (tes) & in the latter end of the forty & eighth year of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi

& it came to pass in the forty & ninth year of the reign of the Judges there was continual peace establish--ed in the land all save it were the secret combinations which Gadianon the robber had established in the more setteled parts of the land which at that time were not known unto those which were at the head of government therefore they were not destroyed out of the land

& it came to pass that in this same year there was exced--ing great prosperity in the church insomuch that there were thousands who did join themselves unto the church & were Baptised unto repentance

& so great was the ~~pro~~ prosperity of the church & so many the blessings which were poured out upon the pe--ople that even the high priests & the teachers were themselves astonished beyond me--asure

<sup>17</sup>**And** now I return again to mine account; therefore, what I have spoken had passed after th(ere had been great contentions, **and** disturbances, **and** wars, **and** dissensions, among the people of Nephi.

<sup>18</sup>The forty **and** sixth year of the **reign** of the **judges** ended;

<sup>19</sup>**And** it came to pass that there was still great contention[ ] in the land, yea, even in the forty **and** seve(onth year, **and** also in the forty **and** eighth year.

<sup>20</sup>Nevertheless Helaman did fill the **ju**(dgment[-]seat with **justice and** equity; yea, he did observe to keep the statutes, **and** the **judgments**, **and** the commandments of God; **and** he did do that which was right in the sight of God continual[-]ly; **and** he did walk after the ways of his **father**, insomuch that he did prosper in the land.

<sup>21</sup>**And** it came to pass that he had two sons. **He** gave unto the **eldest** the name of Nephi, **and** unto the youngest, the name of Lehi. **And** they began to grow up unto the Lord.

<sup>22</sup>**And** it came to pass that the wars **and** contentions began to cease, in a small degree, among the people of **the** Nephi[ ]tes, [X] in the latter end of the forty **and** eighth year of the reign of the **judges** over the people of Nephi.

<sup>23</sup>**And** it came to pass in the forty **and** ninth year of the reign of the **judges**, there was continual peace establish[-][-]ed in the land, all save it were the secret combinations which Gadianon the robber had established in the more sett[ ]led parts of the land, which at that time were not known unto those **who** were at the head of government; therefore they were not destroyed out of the land.

<sup>24</sup>**And** it came to pass that in this same year there was exce**ed**[-][-]ingly great prosperity in the church, insomuch that there were thousands who did join themselves unto the church **and** were **baptized** unto repentance.

<sup>25</sup>**And** so great was the [ \_ \_ ] prosperity of the church, **and** so many the blessings which were poured out upon the pe[-][-]ople, that even the high priests **and** the teachers were themselves astonished beyond me[-][-]asure.

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yea thus we see that the gate of Heaven is open unto all ~~ev~~(even)~~en~~ to those who will believe on the name of Jesus Christ which is the Son of God

~~yea~~ yea we see that who soever will lay hold upon the word of God which is quick & powerful which shall divide asunder all the cunning & the snares & the **336** wiles of the Devil & lead the man of christ in a strait & narrow course across that everlatsing gulf of misery which is prepared to engulf the wicked

& land their souls yea their immortal souls at the right hand of God in the Kingdom of Heaven to sit down with Abraham & Isaac & with Jacob & with all our Holy fa--thers to go no more out

& in this year there were continual rejoiceings in the land of Zarahemla & in all the regions round about even in all the land which was po--ssessed by the Nephites

& it came to pass that there was peace & exceding great joy in the remainder of the forty & ninth year yea & also there was continual peace & great joy in the *fiftieth* year of the reign of the Judges

& in the fifty & first year of the reign of the ~~re~~(~~J~~)~~ig~~n Judges there was peace also save it were the pride which began to enter into the church not into the church of God but into the hearts of the people who professed to belong to the church of God

& they were lifted up in pride even to the persecution of ma-ny of their brethren now *this* was a great evil which did cause the more humble part of the people to suffer great persecutions & to wade through much affliction

<sup>26</sup>**And** it came to pass that the work of the Lord did prosper unto the baptiz[ ]ing **and** [X] un[-][-]iting [ ] to the church of God, many souls, yea, even tens of thousands.

<sup>27</sup>**T**hus we may see that the Lord is merciful unto all who will, in the **sincerity** of their hearts, call upon his holy name.

<sup>28</sup>**Y**ea, thus we see that the gate of **heaven** is open unto all, [ ] **even** [ ] to those who will believe on the name of Jesus Christ, **who** is the Son of God.

<sup>29</sup>[X] **Y**ea, we see that who [ ] soever will **may** lay hold upon the word of God, which is quick **and** powerful, which shall divide asunder all the cunning **and** the snares **and** the wiles of the **devil**, **and** lead the man of **Christ** in a strait **and** narrow course across that everlast[ ]ing gulf of mis[ ]ry which is prepared to engulf the wicked—

<sup>30</sup>**And** land their souls, yea, their immortal souls, at the right hand of God in the **kingdom** of **heaven**, to sit down with Abraham, **and** Isaac, **and** with Jacob, **and** with all our **holy** fa[-][-]thers, to go no more out.

<sup>31</sup>**And** in this year there **was** continual rejoic[ ]ing [ ] in the land of Zarahemla, **and** in all the regions round about, even in all the land which was po[-][-]ssessed by the Nephites.

<sup>32</sup>**And** it came to pass that there was peace **and** **exceedingly** great joy in the remainder of the forty **and** ninth year; yea, **and** also there was continual peace **and** great joy in the fiftieth year of the reign of the **judges**.

<sup>33</sup>**And** in the fifty **and** first year of the reign of the [ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] judges there was peace also, save it were the pride which began to enter into the church—**not** into the church of God, **but** into the hearts of the people who professed to belong to the church of God—

<sup>34</sup>**And** they were lifted up in pride, even to the persecution of ma[-]ny of their brethren. **Now** this was a great evil, which did cause the more humble part of the people to suffer great persecutions, **and** to wade through much affliction.

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neverthe--less they did fast & pray oft & did wax stronger & stronger (in) & their humility & firmer & firmer in the faith of Christ unto the filling their souls with joy & consolation yea even to the purifying & the sanctification of their hearts which sanctification cometh because of their yielding their hearts unto God

& it came to pass that the fifty & second year ended in peace also save it were the exceding great pride which had got into the hearts of the people & it was because of their exceding great riches & their prosperity in the land & it did grow upon them from day to day

& it came to pass in the fifty & third year of the reign of the Judges Helaman died & his eldest Son Nephi began to reign in his stead & it came to pass that he did fill the Judgment--seat with justice & equity yea he did keep the commandments of God & did walk in the ways of his father

<sup>35</sup>Neverthe[-][-]less they did fast **and** pray oft, **and** did wax stronger **and** stronger **in[X]** their humility, **and** firmer **and** firmer in the faith of Christ, unto the filling their souls with joy **and** consolation, yea, even to the purifying **and** the sanctification of their hearts, which sanctification cometh because of their yielding their hearts unto God.

<sup>36</sup>**And** it came to pass that the fifty **and** second year ended in peace also, save it were the exceedingly great pride which had gotten into the hearts of the people; **and** it was because of their exceedingly great riches **and** their prosperity in the land; **and** it did grow upon them from day to day.

<sup>37</sup>**And** it came to pass in the fifty **and** third year of the reign of the judges, Helaman died, **and** his eldest son Nephi began to reign in his stead. **And** it came to pass that he did fill the judgment[-][-]seat with justice **and** equity; yea, he did keep the commandments of God, **and** did walk in the ways of his father.