

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE

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The Book of Jacob (Chapter)
The Brother of Nephi

the words of his preaching unto his Brethren—He confoundeth a man who seeketh to overthrow the doctrine of Christ—A few words concerning the histo-ry of the People of Nephi—

for behold it came to pass that fifty & five years had passed away from the time Lehi left Jerusalem wherefore Nephi gave me Jacob a commandment con-cerning these things plates upon which these things are engraven

& he gave me Jacob a commandment that I should write upon these plates a few of the things which I consid-ered to be most precious that I should not touch save it were lightly concerning the histo(ry) of this People which are called the People of Nephi

for he said that the history of his People should be engraven upon his other Plates & that I should preserve these Plates & hand them *down unto my Seed from* generation to generation

& if there were preaching which *was sacred or revelation* which was great or prophesying that I should engraven the *heads of them* upon these pl-ates & touch upon them as much as it were possible *for Christs Sake* & for the sake of our Peop-le

for because of faith & great *anxiety it truly had been* made manifest unto us concerning ou-r *People what things should happen* unto them

& we also had many revelations & *the spirit of much prophesy* wherefore we knew *of Christ* & his Kingdom which should come

wherefo-re we laboured diligently among our People that we might persuade them to come unto Christ & partake of the goodness of God that they might enter into his rest lest by any means he should swear in his wrath they should not enter in as in the ~~days~~(provocation)-~~of~~ in the days of temptation while the children of Israel were in the wilderness

THE BOOK OF JACOB [X][]
THE BROTHER OF NEPHI

The words of his preaching unto his **brethren**.**[]**He confoundeth a man who seeketh to overthrow the doctrine of Christ.**[]**A few words concerning the histo**[-]**ry of the **p**eople of Nephi.**[]**

CHAPTER 1

Jacob and Joseph seek to persuade men to believe in Christ and keep His commandments—Nephi dies—Wickedness prevails among the Nephites. About 544–421 B.C.

¹**F**or behold, it came to pass that fifty **and** five years had passed away from the time **that** Lehi left Jerusalem; wherefore, Nephi gave me, Jacob, a commandment con**[-]**cerning the**[]** **small** plates, upon which these things are engraven.

²**A**nd he gave me, Jacob, a commandment that I should write upon these plates a few of the things which I consid**[-]**ered to be most precious; that I should not touch, save it were lightly, concerning the histo(ry) of this **p**eople which are called the **p**eople of Nephi.

³**F**or he said that the history of his **p**eople should be engraven upon his other **p**lates, **and** that I should preserve these **p**lates **and** hand them **down unto my seed, from** generation to generation.

⁴**A**nd if there were preaching which **was sacred, or revelation** which was great, or prophesying, that I should engraven the **heads of them** upon these pl**[-]**ates, **and** touch upon them as much as it were possible, **for Christ's sake, and** for the sake of our **p**eo**pl[-]**e.

⁵**F**or because of faith **and** great **anxiety, it truly had been** made manifest unto us concerning ou**[-]**r **p**eo**p**le, **what things should happen** unto them.

⁶**A**nd we also had many revelations, **and the spirit of much prophecy**; wherefore, we knew of **Christ and** his **k**ingdom, which should come.

⁷**W**herefo**[-]**re we labo**[]**red diligently among our **p**eople, that we might persuade them to come unto Christ, **and** partake of the goodness of God, that they might enter into his rest, lest by any means he should swear in his wrath they should not enter in, as in the **[X]provocation[X]** in the days of temptation while the children of Israel were in the wilderness.

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wherefore we would to God that we could persuade all men not to rebel against God to provoke him to anger but that all men would believe in Christ & view his death & suffer his cross & bear the shame of the world wherefore I Jacob take it upon me to fulfil the commandment of my Brother Nephi

now Nephi began to be old & he saw that he must soon die wherefore he anointed a man **96** to be a King & a ruler over his People now according to the reigns of the Kings

the People having loved Nephi exceedingly he having been a great protector for them having wielded the sword of Laban in their defence & having laboured in all his days for their welfare

wherefore the People were desirous to retain in remembrance his name & whoso should Reign in his stead were called by the People second Nephi & third Nephi .&C. according to the Reigns of the Kings & thus they were called by the People let them be of whatsoever name they would

& it came to pass that Nephi died

now the People which were not Lamanites were Nephites nevertheless they were called Nephites Jacobites Josephites Zoramites Lamanites Lemuelites & Ishmaelites

but I Jacob shall not hereafter distinguish them by these names but I shall call them Lamanites they that seek to destroy the People of Nephi & they which are friendly to Nephi I shall call Nephites or the People of Nephi according to the reigns of the Kings

& now it came to pass that the People of Nephi under the reign of the second king began to grow hard in their hearts & indulge themselves somewhat in wicked practices such as like unto David of Old desiring many wives & concubines & also Solomon his Son

yea & they also began to search much gold & Silver & began to be lifted up somewhat in pride

wherefore I Jacob gave unto them these words as I taught them in the temple having first obtained mine errand from the Lord

8Wherefore, we would to God that we could persuade all men not to rebel against God, to provoke him to anger, but that all men would believe in Christ, and view his death, and suffer his cross and bear the shame of the world; wherefore, I, Jacob, take it upon me to fulfil the commandment of my brother Nephi.

9Now Nephi began to be old, and he saw that he must soon die; wherefore, he anointed a man to be a king and a ruler over his people now, according to the reigns of the kings.

10The people having loved Nephi exceedingly, he having been a great protector for them, having wielded the sword of Laban in their defence, and having laboured in all his days for their welfare—

11Wherefore, the people were desirous to retain in remembrance his name. And whoso should reign in his stead were called by the people, second Nephi, **[X]** third Nephi, and so forth, according to the reigns of the kings; and thus they were called by the people, let them be of whatever name they would.

12And it came to pass that Nephi died.

13Now the people which were not Lamanites were Nephites; nevertheless, they were called Nephites, Jacobites, Josephites, Zoramites, Lamanites, Lemuelites, and Ishmaelites.

14But I, Jacob, shall not hereafter distinguish them by these names, but I shall call them Lamanites **[X]** that seek to destroy the people of Nephi, and those who are friendly to Nephi I shall call Nephites, or the people of Nephi, according to the reigns of the kings.

15And now it came to pass that the people of Nephi, under the reign of the second king, began to grow hard in their hearts, and indulge themselves somewhat in wicked practices, such as like unto David of old desiring many wives and concubines, and also Solomon, his son.

16Yea, and they also began to search much gold and silver, and began to be lifted up somewhat in pride.

17Wherefore I, Jacob, gave unto them these words as I taught them in the temple, having first obtained mine errand from the Lord.

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for I Jacob & my Brother Joseph had been consecrated priests & tea-chers of this People (by) the hand of *Nephi*

& we did magnify our *office unto* the Lord *take-ing* upon us *the responce* answering the *Sins of the people upon our own heads if we did not* teach them *the word of God with all diligence* *wherefore by labouring* with our mights their *blood might not come upon our* garments *otherwise their* blood would come *upon our* garments & we *would* not be found *spotless* at the last day

¹⁸For I, Jacob, **and** my **b**rother Joseph had been consecrated priests **and** tea[-]chers of this **p**eople, **by** the hand of *Nephi*.

¹⁹**And** we did magnify our *office unto* the Lord, tak[][-]ing upon us *the responce*, answering the **s**ins of the people upon our own heads if we did not teach them the word of God with all diligence; **wherefore**, by labo[]ring with our might[] their *blood might not come upon our* garments; **otherwise their** blood would come *upon our* garments, **and** we *would* not be found *spotless* at the last day.