

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE  
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Chapter

——— Now behold it came to pass that I Jacob haveing ministered much unto my People in word & I cannot write but *a* little of my words because of the difficulty **100** of engraveing our words upon plates & we know that the things which we write upon plates must remain

but whatsoever things we write upon any thing save it be upon pl-ates must perish & vanish away but we can write a few words upon plates whi-ch will give our children & also our beloved Brethren a small degree of knowledge con()cerning us or concerning their fathers

now in this thing we do rejoice & we labour dilig-ently to engraven these words upon plates hoping that our beloved Brethren & our child-ren will receive them with thankful hearts & look upon them that they may learn with joy & not with sorrow neither with contempt concerning their first **parents**

*for* for this intent have we written these things that they may know *that we* kn-ew of Christ & we had a hope of his glory many hundred years *before his* comeing & not only we ourselves had a hope of his glory but *also all the* holy Prophets which were be-fore us

behold they believed in Christ & worshiped the Father in his name & also we worship the Father in his name & for this intent we keep the law of Moses it point-ing our souls to him & for this cause it is sanctified unto us for righteousness even as it was accounted unto Abraham in the wilderness to be obedient unto the com-mands of God in offering up his Son Isaac which is a similitude of God & his only be-gotten Son

wherefore we search the Prophets & we have many revelations & the spirit of Prophecy & haveing all these witnesses we obtain a hope & our faith becometh uns-haken insomuch that we truly can command in the name of Jesus & the verry trees obey us or the mountains or the waves of the Sea

**CHAPTER 4 [X]**

*All the prophets worshiped the Father in the name of Christ—Abraham's offering of Isaac was in similitude of God and His Only Begotten—Men should reconcile themselves to God through the Atonement—The Jews will reject the foundation stone. About 544–421 B.C.*

[ ] <sup>1</sup>Now behold, it came to pass that I, Jacob, hav[ ]ing ministered much unto my **p**eople in word, (**and** I cannot write but a little of my words, because of the difficulty of engrav[ ]ing our words upon plates) **and** we know that the things which we write upon plates must remain;

<sup>2</sup>But whatsoever things we write upon any[ ]thing save it be upon pl[-]ates must perish **and** vanish away; but we can write a few words upon plates, whi[-]ch will give our children, **and** also our beloved **brethren**, a small degree of knowledge con()cerning us, or concerning their fathers—

<sup>3</sup>Now in this thing we do rejoice; **and** we labo[ ]r dilig[-]ently to engraven these words upon plates, hop[ ]ing that our beloved **brethren** **and** our child[-]ren will receive them with thankful hearts, **and** look upon them that they may learn with joy **and** not with sorrow, neither with contempt, concerning their first **parents**.

<sup>4</sup>For, for this intent have we written these things, that they may know *that we* kn[-]ew of Christ, **and** we had a hope of his glory many hundred years *before his* com[ ]ing; **and** not only we ourselves had a hope of his glory, but **also all the** holy **p**rophets which were be[-]fore us.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, they believed in Christ **and** worshiped the Father in his name, **and** also we worship the Father in his name. **And** for this intent we keep the law of Moses, it point-ing our souls to him; **and** for this cause it is sanctified unto us for righteousness, even as it was accounted unto Abraham in the wilderness to be obedient unto the com[-]mands of God in offering up his **son** Isaac, which is a similitude of God **and** his **Only Be[-]gotten** Son.

<sup>6</sup>Wherefore, we search the **p**rophets, **and** we have many revelations **and** the spirit of **p**rophecy; **and** hav[ ]ing all these witnesses we obtain a hope, **and** our faith becometh uns[-]haken, insomuch that we truly can command in the name of Jesus **and** the ver[ ]y trees obey us, or the mountains, or the waves of the **sea**.

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nevertheless the Lord God sheweth us our weakness that we may know that it is by his grace & his great conde-sensions unto the children of men that we have power to do these things

behold great & marvelous are the works of the Lord how unsearchible are the debths of the mysteri-es of him & it is impossible that man should find out all his ways & no man know-eth of his ways save it be revealed unto him wherefore Brethren despise not the reve-lations of God

for behold by the power of his word man came upon the face of the earth which earth was created by the power of his word wherefore if God being able to speak & the world was & to speak & man was (created) O then why not able to command the earth or the workmanship of his hands upon the face of it according to his will & pleasure

wh-erefore Brethren seek not to counsel the Lord but to take counsel from his hand for beho-ld ye yourselves know that he counseleth in wisdom & in Justice & in great mercy over all his works

wherefore beloved be reconciled unto him through the atonement of Christ his only begotten Son that ye may obtain a resurrection according to the power of the resurrection which is in Christ & be presented as the first fruits of Christ unto God haveing faith & obtained a good hope of glory in him before he manifesteth himse-lf in the flesh

& now beloved marvel not that I tell you these things for why not speak of the atonement of Christ & attain to a perfect knowledge of him as to attain to the knowledge of a resurrection & the world to come

behold my Brethren he that prophesieth let him prophesy to the understanding of men for the Spirit speaketh the truth & lieth not **-1.01-** wherefore it speaketh of things as they really are & of things as they really will be wherefore the-se things are manifested unto us plainly for the salvation of our Souls but behold we are not witnesses alone in these things for God also spake the<sup>m</sup> unto Prophets of old

<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, the Lord God showeth us our weakness that we may know that it is by his grace, **and** his great conde[-]scensions unto the children of men, that we have power to do these things.

<sup>8</sup>Behold, great **and** marvelous are the works of the Lord. How unsearchable are the depths of the mysteri[-]es of him; **and** it is impossible that man should find out all his ways. **And** no man know[-]eth of his ways save it be revealed unto him; wherefore, **brethren**, despise not the reve[-]lations of God.

<sup>9</sup>For behold, by the power of his word man came upon the face of the earth, which earth was created by the power of his word. **Wherefore**, if God being able to speak **and** the world was, **and** to speak **and** man was **created**, O then, why not able to command the earth, or the workmanship of his hands upon the face of it, according to his will **and** pleasure?

<sup>10</sup>Wh[-]erefore, **brethren**, seek not to counsel the Lord, but to take counsel from his hand. **For** beho[-]ld, ye yourselves know that he counseleth in wisdom, **and** in justice, **and** in great mercy, over all his works.

<sup>11</sup>Wherefore, beloved **brethren**, be reconciled unto him through the atonement of Christ, his **Only Begotten Son**, **and** ye may obtain a resurrection, according to the power of the resurrection which is in Christ, **and** be presented as the first-fruits of Christ unto God, hav[ing] faith, **and** obtained a good hope of glory in him before he manifesteth himse[-]lf in the flesh.

<sup>12</sup>**And** now, beloved, marvel not that I tell you these things; for why not speak of the atonement of Christ, **and** attain to a perfect knowledge of him, as to attain to the knowledge of a resurrection **and** the world to come?

<sup>13</sup>Behold, my **brethren**, he that prophesieth, let him prophesy to the understanding of men; for the Spirit speaketh the truth **and** lieth not. **Wherefore**, it speaketh of things as they really are, **and** of things as they really will be; wherefore, the[-]se things are manifested unto us plainly, for the salvation of our **souls**. **But** behold, we are not witnesses alone in these things; for God also spake the<sup>m</sup> unto **prophets** of old.

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but behold the Jews were a stiffnecked People & they despised the words of plainness & killed the Prophets & sought for things that they could not understand wherefore because of their blindness which blindness came by looking beyond the mark they must needs fall for God hath taken away his plainness from them & delivered unto them many things which they cannot understand because they desired it & because they desired it God hath done it that they may stumble

& now I Jacob am lead on by the spirit unto Propheying for I persieve by the workings of the spirit which is in me that by the stumbling of the Jews they will reject the stone upon which they might build & have safe foundation

but behold according to the Scriptures this stone shall become the gr(eat & the last & the only sure foundation upon which the Jews can build

& now my Beloved how is it possible that these after haveing rejected the sure foundation can ever build upon it that it may become the head of their corner

behold my beloved Brethren I will unfold this mystery unto you if I do not by any means get shaken from my firmness in the spirit & stumble because of my over anxiety for you

<sup>14</sup>But behold, the Jews were a stiffnecked people; and they despised the words of plainness, and killed the prophets, and sought for things that they could not understand. Wherefore, because of their blindness, which blindness came by looking beyond the mark, they must needs fall; for God hath taken away his plainness from them, and delivered unto them many things which they cannot understand, because they desired it. And because they desired it God hath done it, that they may stumble.

<sup>15</sup>And now I, Jacob, am led on by the Spirit unto prophesying; for I perceive by the workings of the Spirit which is in me, that by the stumbling of the Jews they will reject the stone upon which they might build and have safe foundation.

<sup>16</sup>But behold, according to the scriptures, this stone shall become the gr(eat, and the last, and the only sure foundation, upon which the Jews can build.

<sup>17</sup>And now, my beloved, how is it possible that these, after having rejected the sure foundation, can ever build upon it, that it may become the head of their corner?

<sup>18</sup>Behold, my beloved brethren, I will unfold this mystery unto you; if I do not, by any means, get shaken from my firmness in the Spirit, and stumble because of my over anxiety for you.