

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE
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The Book of Jarom

Chapter first

Now Behold I Jarom write a few words according to the commandment of my father En--os that our genealogy may be kept

& as these plates are small & as these things are writt-en for the intent of the benefit of our Brethren the Lamanites wherefore it must needs be that I write a little but I shall not write the things of my prophesying nor of my reve-lations for what could I write more then my fathers have written for have not they re-vealed the plan of salvation I say unto you yea & this suffiseth me

behold it is exp-edi-ant that much should be done among this People because of the hardness of their hearts & the deafness of their ears & the blindness of their minds & the stiffness of th-eir necks nevertheless God is exceding merciful unto them & hath not as yet swept them off from the face of the land

& there are many among us which have many rev-elations for they are not all stiffnecked & as many as are not stiffnecked & have faith have communion with the Holy spirit which maketh manifest unto the children of m-en according to their faith

& now behold two hundred years had passed away & the People of Nephi had waxed strong in the land they had observed to keep the law of Moses & the sabbath day Holy unto the Lord & they profaned not neither did they blaspheme & the laws of the land were exceding strict

& they were scattered upon much of the face of the land & the Lamanites also & they were exceding more numerous then were they of the Nephites & the loved murder & would drink the blood of beasts

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CHAPTER 1 [X_X]

The Nephites keep the law of Moses, look forward to the coming of Christ, and prosper in the land— Many prophets labor to keep the people in the way of truth. About 399–361 B.C.

¹Now **behold**, I, Jarom, write a few words according to the commandment of my father, En[-][-]os, that our genealogy may be kept.

²**And** as these plates are small, **and** as these things are writt[-]en for the intent of the benefit of our **brethren** the Lamanites, wherefore, it must needs be that I write a little; but I shall not write the things of my prophesying, nor of my reve[-]lations. **For** what could I write more **than** my fathers have written? **For** have not they re[-]vealed the plan of salvation? I say unto you, **Yea**; **and** this sufficeth me.

³**Behold**, it is exp[-]edient that much should be done among this **people**, because of the hardness of their hearts, **and** the deafness of their ears, **and** the blindness of their minds, **and** the stiffness of th[-]eir necks; nevertheless, God is **exceedingly** merciful unto them, **and** has[-] not as yet swept them off from the face of the land.

⁴**And** there are many among us **who** have many rev[-]elations, for they are not all stiffnecked. **And** as many as are not stiffnecked **and** have faith, have communion with the Holy **Spirit**, which maketh manifest unto the children of m[-]en, according to their faith.

⁵**And** now, behold, two hundred years had passed away, **and** the **people** of Nephi had waxed strong in the land. **They [X]** observed to keep the law of Moses **and** the sabbath day **holy** unto the Lord. **And** they profaned not; neither did they blaspheme. **And** the laws of the land were **exceedingly** strict.

⁶**And** they were scattered upon much of the face of the land, **and** the Lamanites also. **And** they were **exceedingly** more numerous **than** were they of the Nephites; **and** they loved murder **and** would drink the blood of beasts.

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& it came to pass that they came many times against us the Nephites to battle but our Kings & our leaders were mighty men in the faith of the Lord & they taught the People the ways of the Lord wherefore we withstood the Lamanites & swept them away out of our lands & began to fortify our cities or whatsoever place of our inheritance

& we multiplied exceedingly & spread upon the face of the land & became exceeding rich in gold & in silver & in precious things & in fine workmanship of wood in buildings & in machinery & also in iron & copper & brass & steel making all manner of tools of every kind to till the ground & weapons of war yea the sharp pointed arrow & the quiver & the dart & the Javelin & all preparation(s) for war

& thus being prepared to meet the Lamanites they did not prosper against us but the word of the Lord was verified which he spake unto our fathers saying that inasmuch as ye will keep my commandments ye shall prosper in the land

& it came to pass that the Prophets of the Lord did threaten the People of Nephi according to the word of the Lord God that if they did not keep the commandments but should fall into transgression they should be destroyed from off the face of the land

wherefore the Prophets & the Priests & the teachers did labour diligently exhorting with all long suffering the People to diligence teaching the law of Moses & the intent for which it was given persuading them to look forward unto the messiah **113** & believe in him to come as though he already was & after this manner did they teach them

& it came to pass that by so doing they kept them from being destroyed upon the face of the land for they did prick their hearts with the word continually stirring them up unto repentance

& it came to pass that two hundred & thirty & eight years had passed away after the manner of wars & contentions & dissensions for the space of much of the time

⁷**And** it came to pass that they came many times against us, the Nephites, to battle. **But** our **kings and** our lea[-]ders were mighty men in the faith of the Lord; **and** they taught the **people** the ways of the Lord; wherefore, we withstood the Lamanites **and** swept them away out of our lands, **and** be[-]gan to fortify our cities, or whatsoever place of our inheritance.

⁸**And** we multiplied exceedi[-]ngly, **and** spread upon the face of the land, **and** became exceedingly rich in gold, **and** in silver, **and** in preci[-]ous things, **and** in fine workmanship of wood, in buildings, **and** in machinery, **and** also in iron **and** cop[-]per, **and** brass **and** steel, making all manner of tools of every kind to till the ground, **and** weap[-]ons of war—yea, the sharp pointed arrow, **and** the quiver, **and** the dart, **and** [] the **javelin, and** all preparations for war.

⁹**And** thus being prepared to meet the Lamanites, they did not prosper against us. **But** the word of the Lord was ver[]ified, which he spake unto our fathers, saying that: **Inas[]**much as ye will keep my commandments ye shall prosper in the land.

¹⁰**And** it came to pass that the **prophets** of the Lord did threaten the **people** of Nephi, according to the word of [X_X] God, that if they did not keep the commandments, but should fall into transgression, they should be destroy**ed** from off the face of the land.

¹¹Wherefore, the **prophets, and** the **priests, and** the teachers, did labo[]r diligent[-]ly, exhorting with all long-suffering the **people** to diligence; teaching the law of Moses, **and** the intent for which it was given; persuad[]ing them to look forward unto the **Messiah, and** believe in him to come as though he already was. **And** after this manner did they teach them.

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& I Joram do not write more for the plates are small but behold my Brethren ye can go to the other plates of Nephi for beh-old upon them the records of our wars are engraven according to the writings of the Kings or that which they caused to be written

& I deliver these plates into the hands of my Son Omni that they may be kept according (to)the commandments of my fathers

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¹⁴And I, Jarom, do not write more, for the plates are small. But behold, my brethren, ye can go to the other plates of Nephi; for beh[-]old, upon them the records of our wars are engraven, according to the writings of the kings, or those which they caused to be written.

¹⁵And I deliver these plates into the hands of my son Omni, that they may be kept according to[_]the commandments of my fathers.