

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE  
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The words of Mormon

(Chapter 2.d)

And now I Mormon being about to deliver up the record which I have been making into the hands of my Son Moroni behold I have witnessed almost all the destruction of my People the Nephites

& it is many hundred years after the coming of Christ that I deliver these records in-to the hands of my Son & it supposeth me that he will witness the entire destruction of my People but may God grant that he may survive them that he may write somewhat concerning them & somewhat concerning Christ that perhaps some day it may profit them

& now I speak somewhat concerning that which I have written for after that I had made an abridgment from the plates of Nephi down to the reign of this King Benjamin of which Amaleki spake I searched among the records which had been delivered into my hands & I found these plates which contained this small account of the Prophets from Jacob down to the reign of this King Benjamin & also many of the words of Nephi

& the things which are upon these plates pleasing me because of the Prophecies of the coming of Christ & my fathers knowing that many of them have been fulfilled yea & I also know that as many things (as) have been prophesied Concerning **116** us down to this day has been fulfilled & as many as go beyond this day must surely come to pass

wherefore I chose these things to finish my record upon them which remainder of my record I shall take from the plates of Nephi & I cannot write the hundred-th part of the things of my People

but behold I shall take these plates which contain these prophesyings & revelations & put them with the remainder of my record for they are choice unto me & I know they will be choice unto my Brethren

**THE WORDS OF MORMON**

**CHAPTER 1 [X \_ \_ \_]**

*Mormon abridges the large plates of Nephi—He puts the small plates with the other plates—King Benjamin establishes peace in the land. About A.D. 385.*

<sup>1</sup>And now I, Mormon, being about to deliver up the record which I have been making into the hands of my son **M**oroni, behold I have witnessed al[ ]most all the destruction of my **p**eople, the Nephites.

<sup>2</sup>**And** it is many hundred years after the com[ ]ing of Christ that I deliver these records in[-]to the hands of my **son**; **and** it supposeth me that he will witness the entire destruction of my **people**. **But** may God grant that he may survive them, that he may write som[-]ewhat concerning them, **and** somewhat concerning Christ, that perhaps some day it may profit them.

<sup>3</sup>**And** now, I speak somewhat concerning that which I have written; for after [**X**] I had made an abridgment from the plates of Nephi, down to the reign of this **king** Benjamin, of **whom** Amaleki spake, I searched among the records which had been delivered into my hands, **and** I found these plates, which contained this small accou[-]nt of the **prophets**, from Jacob down to the reign of this **king** Benjamin, **and** also many of the words of Nephi.

<sup>4</sup>**And** the things which are upon these plates pleasing me, because of the **prophecies** of the com[ ]ing of Christ; **and** my fathers knowing that many of them have been fulfilled; yea, **and** I also know that as many things **as** have been prophesied concerning us down to this day **have** been fulfilled, **and** as many as go beyond this day must surely come to pass—

<sup>5</sup>Wherefore, I chose[ ] these things, to finish my record upon them, which remainder of my record I shall take from the plates of Nephi; **and** I cannot write the hundred[-]th part of the things of my **people**.

<sup>6</sup>**But** behold, I shall take these plates, which contain these prophesyings **and** revelations, **and** put them with the remainder of my record, for they are choice unto me; **and** I know they will be choice unto my **brethren**.

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& I do this for a wise purpose for thus it whispereth me according to the workings of the spirit of the Lord which is in me & now I do not know all things but the Lord knoweth all things wh-ich is to come wherefore he worketh in me to do according to his will

& my prayer to God is concerning my Brethren that they may once again come to the knowledge of God yea the redemption of Christ that they may once again be a delightsome People~~¶~~

& now I Mormon *procede* to finish out my record which I take from the plates of Nephi & I make it according to the knowledge & the understanding which God hath given me

wherefore it came to pass that after Amaleki had delivered up these pla-tes into the hands of King Benjamin he took them & put them with the other plates which contained records which had been handed down by the Kings from Generation to Generation untill the days of King Benjamin

& they were handed down from King Benjamin from generation to generation untill they have fallen into my hands & I Mormon pray to God that they may be preserved from this time hence forth & I know that they will be preserved for there are great things written upon them out of which my People & their Brethren shall be Judged at the great & last day according to the word of God which is written

& now concerning this King Benjamin he had somewhat co-ntentions among his own People

& it came to pass also that the armies of the Lamanites came down out of the land of Nephi to battle against his People but behold King Benjamin gathered together his armies & he did stand against them & he did fight with the strength of his own arm with the sword of Laban

& in the strength of the Lord they did con()tend against their enemies untill they had slain many thousand of the Lamanites & it came to pass that they did contend against the Lamanites untill they had driven them out of all the lands of their inheritance

& it came to pass that after there had been fals Christs & their mouths had been shut & they punished according to their crimes

<sup>7</sup>**And** I do this for a wise purpose; for thus it whispereth me, according to the workings of the Spirit of the Lord which is in me. **And** now, I do not know all things; but the Lord knoweth all things wh[-]ich **are** to come; wherefore, he worketh in me to do according to his will.

<sup>8</sup>**And** my prayer to God is concerning my brethren, that they may once again come to the knowledge of God, yea, the redemption of Christ; that they may once again be a delightsome people[ \_ ].

<sup>9</sup>**And** now I, Mormon, **proceed** to finish out my record, which I take from the plates of Nephi; **and** I make it according to the knowledge **and** the understanding which God has[ \_ ] given me.

<sup>10</sup>**Wherefore**, it came to pass that after Amaleki had delivered up these pla[-]tes into the hands of king Benjamin, he took them **and** put them with the other plates, which contained records which had been handed down by the kings, from generation to generation until[ \_ ] the days of king Benjamin.

<sup>11</sup>**And** they were handed down from king Benjamin, from generation to generation until[ \_ ] they have fallen into my hands. **And** I, Mormon, pray to God that they may be preserved from this time hence[ \_ ]forth. **And** I know that they will be preserved; for there are great things written upon them, out of which my people **and** their brethren shall be judged at the great **and** last day, according to the word of God which is written.

<sup>12</sup>**And** now, concerning this king Benjamin—he had somewhat **of** co[-]ntentions among his own people.

<sup>13</sup>**And** it came to pass also that the armies of the Lamanites came down out of the land of Nephi, to battle against his people. **But** behold, king Benjamin gathered together his armies, **and** he did stand against them; **and** he did fight with the strength of his own arm, with the sword of Laban.

<sup>14</sup>**And** in the strength of the Lord they did con()tend against their enemies, until[ \_ ] they had slain many thousands of the Lamanites. **And** it came to pass that they did contend against the Lamanites until[ \_ ] they had driven them out of all the lands of their inheritance.

<sup>15</sup>**And** it came to pass that after there had been false Christs, **and** their mouths had been shut, **and** they punished according to their crimes;

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& after their had been fals prophets & fals preachers & teachers among the People & all these haveing been punished according to their crimes & after there haveing been much contensions & many di-ssensions away unto the Lamanites behold it came to pass that King Benjamin with the assistance of the holy Prophets which were among his People

for behold King Benjamin was a holy man & he did reign over his People in righteousness & there were many holy men in the land & they did speak the word of God with power & with authority & they did use much sharpness because of the stiffneckedness of the People

wherefore with the help of these King Benjamin by labouring with all the might of his body & the **117** faculty of his whole soul & also the Prophets wherefore they did once more establish peace in the land—

<sup>16</sup>**And** after **there** had been **false** prophets, **and** **false** preachers **and** teachers among the **people**, **and** all these hav[ ]ing been punished according to their crimes; **and** after there hav[ ]ing been much contention[ ] **and** many di[-]ssensions away unto the Lamanites, behold, it came to pass that **king** Benjamin, with the assistance of the holy **prophets** **who** were among his **people**—

<sup>17</sup>**F**or behold, **king** Benjamin was a holy man, **and** he did reign over his **people** in righteousness; **and** there were many holy men in the land, **and** they did speak the word of God with power **and** with authority; **and** they did use much sharpness because of the stiffneckedness of the **people**—

<sup>18</sup>**W**herefore, with the help of these, **king** Benjamin, by labo[ ]ring with all the might of his body **and** the faculty of his whole soul, **and** also the **prophets**, **[X\_X]** did once more establish peace in the land.[ ]