

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE

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The Book of Nephi
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An account **I** of Lehi & his Wife Sariah & his four Sons being called beginning at the eldest Laman Lemuel Sam & Nephi— the Lord warns Lehi to depart out of the land of Jerusalem because he prophesieth unto the people concerning their iniquity— & they seek to destroy his life— he taketh three days journey ~~un~~ into the wilderness with his family— Nephi taketh his Brethren & returns to the land of Jerusalem after the record of the Jews— the account of their sufferings— they take the Daughters of Ishmael to wife— they take their families & depart into the wilderness— their sufferings & afflictions in the wilderness— the cours of their travels— they come to the large waters— Nephis Brethren rebelleth against him he confoundeth them & buildeth a ship— they call the place Bountiful— they cross the large waters into the promised land .&C. this is according to the account of Nephi or in other words I Nephi wrote this record—

I Nephi haveing been ~~bor~~ born of goodly parents therefore I was taught somewhat in all the learning of my father & haveing seen many afflictions in the cours of my days nevertheless haveing been highly favored of the Lord in all my days yea haveing had a great knowledg of the goodness & the mysteries of God therefore I make a record of my procedings in my days

yea I make a record in the language of my father which consists of the learning of the Jews & the language of the Egyptians

& I know that the record which I make to be true & I make it with mine own hand & I make it according to my knowledge

THE FIRST BOOK OF NEPHI HIS REIGN AND MINISTRY[]

An account of Lehi **and** his wife Sariah, **and** his four sons, being called, (beginning at the eldest) Laman, Lemuel, Sam, **and** Nephi.[] The Lord warns Lehi to depart out of the land of Jerusalem, because he prophesieth unto the people **con**cerning their iniquity [] **and** they seek to destroy his life.[] **He** taketh three days' journey [] into the wilderness with his family.[] Nephi taketh his **brethren and** return**eth** to the land of Jerusalem after the record of the Jews.[] **The** account of their sufferings.[] **They** take the **da**ughters of Ishmael to wife.[] **They** take their families **and** depart into the wilderness.[] **Their** sufferings **and** afflictions in the wilderness.[] **The** course of their travels.[] **They** come to the large waters[] Nephi's **brethren** rebel[_ _] against him. **He** confoundeth them, **and** buildeth a ship.[] **They** call the **name of the** place Bountiful.[] **They** cross the large waters into the promised land, **and so forth**. **This** is according to the account of Nephi or in other words, I, Nephi, wrote this record.[]

CHAPTER 1

Nephi begins the record of his people—Lehi sees in vision a pillar of fire and reads from a book of prophecy—He praises God, foretells the coming of the Messiah, and prophesies the destruction of Jerusalem—He is persecuted by the Jews. About 600 B.C.

¹I, Nephi, hav[]ing been [_ _] born of goodly parents, therefore I was taught somewhat in all the learning of my father; **and** hav[]ing seen many afflictions in the course of my days, nevertheless, hav[]ing been highly favored of the Lord in all my days; yea, hav[]ing had a great knowled**e** of the goodness **and** the mysteries of God, therefore I make a record of my proce**ed**ings in my days.

²Yea, I make a record in the language of my father, which consists of the learning of the Jews **and** the language of the Egyptians.

³**And** I know that the record which I make **[X] is** true; **and** I make it with mine own hand; **and** I make it according to my knowledge.

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for it came to pass in the commencement of the first year of the reign of Zedekiah King of Judah my father Lehi haveing dwelt at Jerusalem in all his days & in that same year there came many prophits prophesying unto the people that they must repent of ~~tha~~^{the} great City Jerusalem must be destroid

wherefore it came^{to} pass that my father Lehi as he went forth prayed unto the Lord yea even with all his heart in behalf of his People

& it came to pass as he prayed unto the Lord there came a pillar of fire & dwelt upon a rock before him & he saw & heard much & because of the things which he saw & heard he did quake & tremble excedingly

& it came to pass that he returned to his own house at Jerusalem & he cast himself upon his bed being overcome with the spirit & the things which he had seen

& being thus overcome with the spirit he was carried away in a vision even that he saw the Heavens open & he thought he saw God sitting upon his throne surrounded with numberless ² concourses of angels in the attitude of singing & praising their God

& it came to pass that he saw one descending out of the midst of Heaven & he beheld that his luster was above that of the Sun at noonday

& he also saw twelve others following him & their brightness did excede that of the Stars in the firmament

& they came down & went forth upon the face of the earth & the first came & stood before my father & gave unto him a Book & ~~ade~~^{bade} him that he should ^{read it}

& it came to pass that as he read he was filled with the spirit of the Lord

& he read saying wo wo unto Jerusalm for I have seen thine abominations yea & many things did my father read concerning Jerusalem that it shoul be destroid & the inhabitants thereof many should perish by the sword & many should be carried away captive into Babylon

⁴For it came to pass in the commencement of the **first year of the** reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah, (my father, Lehi, hav[]ing dwelt at Jerusalem in all his days); **and** in that same year there came many prophets, prophesying unto the people that they must repent, or [_ _]**the**[] great city Jerusalem must be destroyed.

⁵Wherefore it came **to** pass that my father, Lehi, as he went forth prayed unto the Lord, yea, even with all his heart, in behalf of his **people**.

⁶**And** it came to pass as he prayed unto the Lord, there came a pillar of fire **and** dwelt upon a rock before him; **and** he saw **and** heard much; **and** because of the things which he saw **and** heard he did quake **and** tremble exceeingly.

⁷**And** it came to pass that he returned to his own house at Jerusalem; **and** he cast himself upon his bed, being overcome with the **Spirit** **and** the things which he had seen.

⁸**And** being thus overcome with the **Spirit**, he was carried away in a vision, even that he saw the **heavens open**, **and** he thought he saw God sitting upon his throne, surrounded with numberless concourses of angels in the attitude of singing **and** prais[]ing their God.

⁹**And** it came to pass that he saw **One** descending out of the midst of **heaven**, **and** he beheld that his luster was above that of the **sun** at noon-day.

¹⁰**And** he also saw twelve others following him, **and** their brightness did exceed that of the **stars** in the firmament.

¹¹**And** they came down **and** went forth upon the face of the earth; **and** the first came **and** stood before my father, **and** gave unto him a **book** **and** [_ _ _] **bade** him that he should **read** [X].

¹²**And** it came to pass that as he read, he was filled with the **Spirit** of the Lord.

¹³**And** he read, saying: **Wo**, wo, unto Jerusalem, for I have seen thine abominations! **Yea**, **and** many things did my father read concerning Jerusalem—that it should be destroyed, **and** the inhabitants thereof; many should perish by the sword, **and** many should be carried away captive into Babylon.

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& it came to pass that when my father had read & saw many great & marvelous things he did exclaim many things unto the Lord such as great & marvelous are thy works O Lord God Almighty thy throne is high in the Heavens & thy power & goodness ^{& mercy} is over all the in habitants of the earth & because that is merciful thou wilt not Suffer those who come unto thee that they shall perish

& after this manner was the language of my father in the praising of his God for his soul did rejoice & his whole heart was filled because of the things which he had seen yea which the Lord had shewn unto him

& now I Nephi do not make a full account of the things which my father hath written for he hath written many things which he ~~hath~~ saw in visions & in dreams & he also hath written many things which he prophesied & spake unto his children which I shall not make a full account

but I shall make an account of my proceedings in my days behold I make an abridgment of the record of my father upon plates which I have made with mine own hands wherefore after that I have abridged the cord of my father ~~of my father~~ then will I make an account of mine own life

therefore I would that ye should know that after the Lord had shewn so many ^{marvelous} things unto my father Lehi yea concerning the destruction of Jerusalem behold he went forth among the people & began to prophesy & to declare unto them concerning the things which he had both seen & heard

& it came to pass that the Jews did mock him because of the things which he testified of them for he truly testified of their wickedness & their abominations & he testified that the things which he saw & heard & also the things which he read in the Book manifested plainly of the coming of a Messiah & also the redemption of the world

¹⁴**And** it came to pass that when my father had read **and seen** many great **and** marvelous things, he did exclaim many things unto the Lord; such as: **Great and** marvelous are thy works, O Lord God **Almighty!** Thy throne is high in the **heavens, and** thy power, **and** goodness, **and mercy are** over all the in[_]habitants of the earth; **and**, because **thou art** merciful, thou wilt not **suffer** those who come unto thee that they shall perish!

¹⁵**And** after this manner was the language of my father in the praising of his God; for his soul did rejoice, **and** his whole heart was filled, because of the things which he had seen, yea, which the Lord had **sh**own unto him.

¹⁶**And** now I, Nephi, do not make a full account of the things which my father hath written, for he hath written many things which he **[X]** saw in visions **and** in dreams; **and** he also hath written many things which he prophesied **and** spake unto his children, **of** which I shall not make a full account.

¹⁷**But** I shall make an account of my **proceed**ings in my days. **Behold**, I make an abridgment of the record of my father, upon plates which I have made with mine own hands; wherefore, after **[X]** I have abridged the **record** of my father **[X_X_X]** then will I make an account of mine own life.

¹⁸**Therefore**, I would that ye should know, that after the Lord had **sh**own so many **marvelous** things unto my father, Lehi, yea, concerning the destruction of Jerusalem, behold he went forth among the people, **and** began to prophesy **and** to declare unto them concerning the things which he had both seen **and** heard.

¹⁹**And** it came to pass that the Jews did mock him because of the things which he testified of them; for he truly testified of their wickedness **and** their abominations; **and** he testified that the things which he saw **and** heard, **and** also the things which he read in the **book**, manifested plainly of the com[_]ing of a Messiah, **and** also the redemption of the world.

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& when the Jews heard these things they were angry with him yea even as with the prophets of Old whom they had cast out & stoned & slain & they also sought his life that they might take it away but behold I Nephi will shew unto you that the tender mercies of the lord is over all them whom he hath chosen because of their faith to make **3** them mighty even unto the power of deliverance

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²⁰**And** when the Jews heard these things they were ang[]ry with him; yea, even as with the prophets of **old**, whom they had cast out, **and** stoned, **and** slain; **and** they also sought his life, that they might take it away. **But** behold, I, Nephi, will **show** unto you that the tender mercies of the **Lord are** over all **those** whom he hath chosen, because of their faith, to make them mighty even unto the power of deliverance.