

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE
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Chapter —

And now I Nephi speak concerning the prophesies of ~~my~~^{which} ~~fa~~ my father hath spoken concerning Joseph who was carried into Egypt

for behold he truly prophesied concerning all his Seed & the prophesies which he wrote ~~there~~ there are not many greter & he prophesied concerning us & our future Generations & they are written upon the plates of Brass

wherefore after my father had made an end of speaking concerning the prophesies of Joseph he called the children of Laman his Sons & his daughters & sayeth unto them behold my Sons & my daughters which are the Sone & the daughters of my first born I would that ye should give ear unto my words

for the Lord God hath said that inasmuch as ye shall keep my Commandments ye shall prosper in the land & in as much as ye will not keep my commandments ye shall be cut off from my presence

but behold my Sons & my Daughters I cannot go down to my grave save I should leave a blessing upon you for behold I know that if ye are brought up in the right way that ye should go ye will not depart ~~om~~ it

wherefore if ye are curse~~d~~ behold I leave my blessing upon you that the Cursing may be taken ~~om~~ you & be answered upon the heads of your parents

wherefore because of my blessing the Lord God will not suffer that ye shall perish wherefore he will be merciful unto you & unto your seed forever

& it came to pass that after my father had made an end of speaking to the Sons & Daughters of Laman he caused ~~that~~ the Sons & daughters of Lemuel be brought before him

CHAPTER 4 [X] []

Lehi counsels and blesses his posterity—He dies and is buried—Nephi glories in the goodness of God—Nephi puts his trust in the Lord forever. About 588–570 B.C.

¹And now, I, Nephi, speak concerning the prophecies of [X]which[_ _] my father hath spoken, concerning Joseph, who was carried into Egypt.

²For behold, he truly prophesied concerning all his seed. And the prophecies which he wrote, [X] there are not many greater. And he prophesied concerning us, and our future generations; and they are written upon the plates of brass.

³Wherefore, after my father had made an end of speaking concerning the prophecies of Joseph, he called the children of Laman, his sons, and his daughters, and said unto them: Behold, my sons, and my daughters, who are the sons and the daughters of my first[]born, I would that ye should give ear unto my words.

⁴For the Lord God hath said that: Inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments ye shall prosper in the land; and in[]as[]much as ye will not keep my commandments ye shall be cut off from my presence.

⁵But behold, my sons and my daughters, I cannot go down to my grave save I should leave a blessing upon you; for behold, I know that if ye are brought up in the [X] way [X] ye should go ye will not depart from it.

⁶Wherefore, if ye are cursed, behold, I leave my blessing upon you, that the cursing may be taken from you and be answered upon the heads of your parents.

⁷Wherefore, because of my blessing the Lord God will not suffer that ye shall perish; wherefore, he will be merciful unto you and unto your seed forever.

⁸And it came to pass that after my father had made an end of speaking to the sons and daughters of Laman, he caused [X] the sons and daughters of Lemuel to be brought before him.

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& he spake unto them saying behold
†^{my}he Sons & †^{my}he Daughters which are
the Sons & the Daughters of my Second Son behold
I leave unto you the Same blessing which I left unto
the Sons & Daughters of Laman wherefore thou
shalt not utterly be destroyed but in the end thy
seed shall be blessed

& it came to pass that ^{when} my father ^{had}
made an end of speaking ~~in~~ unto them Behold
it came to pass that he spake unto the Sons of
Ishmael yea & even all his household

& after that he had made an end of speaking unto
them he spake unto Sam saying blessed art thou
& thy Seed for thou shalt inherit the ~~land~~ land
like unto thy Brother Nephi & thy seed shall be
numbered with his seed & thou shalt be even
like unto thy Brother & thy seed like unto his
seed & thou shalt be blessed in all thy days

& it came to **55** pass that after Lehi had
spake unto all his household according to the
feelings of his heart & the spirit of the Lord which
was in him he waxed old & it came to pass
th^{at} he died & was buried

& it came to pass that not many days after his
Death Laman & Lemuel & the Sons of
Ishmeel were angry with me because of the
admonitions of the Lord

for I Nephi was constrained to speak unto them
according to the word for I had spake many things
unto them & also my father before his death
many of which sayings are written upon mine
other plates for a more history part are written
upon mine other plates

& upon these I write the things of my Soul &
many of the Scriptures which are engraven upon
the plates of Brass for my Soul deliteth in the
Scriptures & my heart pondereth ^{them} &
writeth them for the ^larning & the profit of
my children

behold my Soul deliteth in the things of the
Lord & my heart pondereth continually upon
the things which I have seen & heard

⁹And he spake unto them, saying: Behold,
[]my[] sons and []my[] daughters, who are
the sons and the daughters of my second son; behold
I leave unto you the same blessing which I left unto
the sons and daughters of Laman; wherefore, thou
shalt not utterly be destroyed; but in the end thy
se[-]ed shall be blessed.

¹⁰And it came to pass that when my father had
made an end of speaking [X] unto them, behold,
[X X X X X] he spake unto the sons of
Ishmael, yea, and even all his household.

¹¹And after [X] he had made an end of speaking unto
them, he spake unto Sam, saying: Blessed art thou,
and thy seed; for thou shalt inherit the [X] land
like unto thy brother Nephi. And thy seed shall be
numbered with his seed; and thou shalt be even
like unto thy brother, and thy seed like unto his
seed; and thou shalt be blessed in all thy days.

¹²And it came to pass [X] after my father, Lehi, had
spoken unto all his household, according to the
feelings of his heart and the Spirit of the Lord which
was in him, he waxed old. And it came to pass
that he died, and was buried.

¹³And it came to pass that not many days after his
death, Laman and Lemuel and the sons of
Ishmael were angry with me because of the
admonitions of the Lord.

¹⁴For I, Nephi, was constrained to speak unto them,
according to his word; for I had spoken many things
unto them, and also my father, before his death;
many of which sayings are written upon mine
other plates; for a more history part are written
upon mine other plates.

¹⁵And upon these I write the things of my soul, and
many of the scriptures which are [] engraven upon
the plates of brass. For my soul delighteth in the
scriptures, and my heart pondereth them, and
writeth them for the learning and the profit of
my children.

¹⁶Behold, my soul delighteth in the things of the
Lord; and my heart pondereth continually upon
the things which I have seen and heard.

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nevertheless notwithstanding the great goodness of the Lord in shewing me his great & marvelous works my heart exclaimeth O wretched man that I am yea my heart sorroweth because of mine flesh my Soul grieveth because of mine iniquity

I am encompassed about because of the temptations & the Sins which doth so easily beset me

& when I desire to rejoice my heart groaneth because of my Sins nevertheless I know in whom I have trusted

my God hath been my support he hath lead me through mine afflictions in the wilderness & he hath preserved me upon the waters of the great d~~ee~~ep

he hath filled me with his love even unto the Consumeing of my flesh

he hath confounded mine enemies unto the causing of them to quake before me

behold he hath heard my cry by day & he hath given me knowledge by visions in the night time

& by day have I waxed bold in mighty prayer before him yea my voice have I sent upon high & Angels came down & ministered unto me

& upon the wings of his spirit hath my body been carried away upon exceding high Mountains & mine eyes hath beheld great things yea even to great for man therefore I was bidden that I should not write them

O then if I have seen so great things if the Lord in his condesension unto ~~m~~^{the}e children of men hath visited me in so much mercy why should my heart weep & my Soul linger in the vally of sorrow & my flesh waste away & my strength slacken because of mine afflictions

& why should I yield be sin because of my flesh yea why should I give way to temptations that the evil one have place in my heart to destroy my peace & afflict my soul why am I angry because of mine enemy

awake my soul no ~~lon~~ger droop in Sin rejoice O my heart & give place ~~56~~ no more for the enemy of my Soul

¹⁷Nevertheless, notwithstanding the great goodness of the Lord, in **showing** me his great **and** marvelous works, my heart exclaimeth: O wretched man that I am! **Yea**, my heart sorroweth because of **my** flesh; my soul grieveth because of mine iniquities.

¹⁸I am encompassed about, because of the temptations **and** the sins which do[] so easily beset me.

¹⁹**And** when I desire to rejoice, my heart groaneth because of my sins; nevertheless, I know in whom I have trusted.

²⁰**My** God hath been my support; he hath le[]d me through mine afflictions in the wilderness; **and** he hath preserved me upon the waters of the great d[]eep.

²¹He hath filled me with his love, even unto the consum[]ing of my flesh.

²²He hath confounded mine enemies, unto the caus[]ing of them to quake before me.

²³**Behold**, he hath heard my cry by day, **and** he hath given me knowledge by visions in the night-time.

²⁴**And** by day have I waxed bold in mighty prayer before him; yea, my voice have I sent up[]on high; **and** angels came down **and** ministered unto me.

²⁵**And** upon the wings of his **Spirit** hath my body been carried away upon **exceedingly** high **mountains**. **And** mine eyes **have** beheld great things, yea, even **too** great for man; therefore I was bidden that I should not write them.

²⁶O then, if I have seen so great things, if the Lord in his **condescension** unto []**the**[] children of men hath visited **men** in so much mercy, why should my heart weep **and** my **soul** linger in the **valley** of sorrow, **and** my flesh waste away, **and** my strength slacken, because of mine afflictions?

²⁷**And** why should I yield **to** sin, because of my flesh? **Yea**, why should I give way to temptations, that the evil one have place in my heart to destroy my peace **and** afflict my soul? **Why** am I ang[]ry because of mine enemy?

²⁸Awake, my soul! No [] longer droop in **sin**. **Rejoice**, O my heart, **and** give place no more for the enemy of my soul.

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do not anger again because of mine enemies do not slacken my strength because of mine afflictions

rejoice O my heart & cry unto the Lord & say O Lord I will praise thee forever yea my Soul will rejoice in thee my God & the rock of my Salvation

O Lord wilt thou redeem my Soul wilt thou deliver me out of the hands of mine enemies wilt thou make me that I may shake at the appearance of Sin

may the gates of hell be shut continually before me because that my heart is broken & my spirit is contrite O Lord wilt thou not shut the gates of thy righteousness before me that I may walk in the path of the low vally that I may be strict in the plane road

O Lord wilt thou ensircle me around in the robe of thy righteousness O Lord wilt thou make a way for mine escape before mine enemies wilt thou make my path strait before me wilt thou not place a stumbling block in my way but that thou wouldst clear my way before & hedge not up way way but the ways of mine enemy

O Lord I have trusted in thee & I will trust in thee forever I will not put my trust in the arm of flesh for I know that cursed is he that putteth his trust in the arm of flesh yea cursed is he that putteth his trust in man or maketh flesh his arm

yea I know that God will give liberally to him that asketh yea my God will give me if I ask not amiss therefore I will lift up my voice unto thee I will cry unto thee my God the rock of my righteousness behold my voice shall forever ascend up unto thee my Rock & mine everlasting God Amen —

²⁹Do not anger again because of mine enemies. Do not slacken my strength because of mine afflictions.

³⁰Rejoice, O my heart, and cry unto the Lord, and say: O Lord, I will praise thee forever; yea, my soul will rejoice in thee, my God, and the rock of my salvation.

³¹O Lord, wilt thou redeem my soul? Wilt thou deliver me out of the hands of mine enemies? Wilt thou make me that I may shake at the appearance of sin?

³²May the gates of hell be shut continually before me, because that my heart is broken and my spirit is contrite! O Lord, wilt thou not shut the gates of thy righteousness before me, that I may walk in the path of the low valley, that I may be strict in the plain road!

³³O Lord, wilt thou encircle me around in the robe of thy righteousness! O Lord, wilt thou make a way for mine escape before mine enemies! Wilt thou make my path straight before me! Wilt thou not place a stumbling block in my way—but that thou wouldst clear my way before me, and hedge not up my way, but the ways of mine enemy.

³⁴O Lord, I have trusted in thee, and I will trust in thee forever. I will not put my trust in the arm of flesh; for I know that cursed is he that putteth his trust in the arm of flesh. Yea, cursed is he that putteth his trust in man or maketh flesh his arm.

³⁵Yea, I know that God will give liberally to him that asketh. Yea, my God will give me, if I ask not amiss; therefore I will lift up my voice unto thee; yea, I will cry unto thee, my God, the rock of my righteousness. Behold, my voice shall forever ascend up unto thee, my rock and mine everlasting God. Amen. []