

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE
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Chapter

— Behold it came to pass that I Nephi did cry much unto the Lord my God because of the anger of my Brethren

but behold their anger did increase against me insomuch that they did seek to take away my life

yea they did murmur against me saying our younger Brother thinketh to rule over us & we have had much trial because of him wherefore now let us slay him that we may not be afflicted more because of his words for behold we will not that he shall be our ruler for it belongeth unto us which are the elder Brethren to rule over this People

now I do not write upon these plates all the words which they murmured against me but it sufficeth me to say that they did see^o to take away my life

& it came to pass that the Lord did warn me that I Nephi should depart from them & flee into the wilderness & all they which would go with me

wherefore it came to pass that I Nephi did take my family & also Zoram & his family & Sam mine elder Brother & his family & Jacob & Josep ~~min~~^{my}e younger Brethren & also my sisters & all they which would go with me & all they which would go with me were they which w^{ould} ~~go~~^{believed} in the warnings & the revelations of God wherefore they did hearken unto my words

& we did take our tents & whatsoever things were possible for us & did journey in the wilderness **57** for the space of many days & after that we had journeyed for the ^space of many days we did pitch our tents

& my People w^{ould} that we should call the name of the place Nephi wherefore we did call it Nephi

CHAPTER 5 [X]

The Nephites separate themselves from the Lamanites, keep the law of Moses, and build a temple—Because of their unbelief, the Lamanites are cut off from the presence of the Lord, are cursed, and become a scourge unto the Nephites. About 588–559 B.C.

[] ¹Behold, it came to pass that I, Nephi, did cry much unto the Lord my God, because of the anger of my **brethren**.

²But behold, their anger did increase against me, insomuch that they did seek to take away my life.

³Yea, they did murmur against me, saying: **Our** younger **brother** thinks[] to rule over us; **and** we have had much trial because of him; wherefore, now let us slay him, that we may not be afflicted more because of his words. **For** behold, we will not **have him to** be our ruler; for it belongs[] unto us, **who** are the elder **brethren**, to rule over this **people**.

⁴Now I do not write upon these plates all the words which they murmured against me. **But** it sufficeth me to say, that they did seek to take away my life.

⁵**And** it came to pass that the Lord did warn me, that I, Nephi, should depart from them **and** flee into the wilderness, **and** all **those who** would go with me.

⁶Wherefore, it came to pass that I, Nephi, did take my family, **and** also Zoram **and** his family, **and** Sam, mine elder **brother and** his family, **and** Jacob **and** Joseph, [] **my**[] younger **brethren, and** also my sisters, **and** all **those who** would go with me. **And** all **those who** would go with me were **those who** [] **believed**[] **X** in the warnings **and** the revelations of God; wherefore, they did hearken unto my words.

⁷**And** we did take our tents **and** whatsoever things were possible for us, **and** did journey in the wilderness for the space of many days. **And** after **[X]** we had journeyed for the **s**pace of many days we did pitch our tents.

⁸**And** my **people** would that we should call the name of the place Nephi; wherefore, we did call it Nephi.

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& all they which were with me did take it upon them to call themselves the People of Nephi

& we did observe to keep the Judgments & the statutes & the commandments of the Lord in all things according to the law of Moses

& the Lord was with us & we did prosper exceedingly for we did sow seed & we did reap again in abundance & we began to raise flocks & heards & animals of every kind

& I Nephi had also brought the records which were engraven upon the plates of Brass & **alls the Ball or the compass which was prepared for my father by the hand of the Lord according to that which is written**

& it came to pass that we began to prosper exceedingly & to multiply in the land

& I Nephi did take the sword of Laban & after the maneer of it did make many swords least by any means the people which now called Lamandes should come upon us & destroy us for I knew their hatred towards me & my Children & they which were called my people

& I dil teach my people that they should build bildengs & that they should work in all manner of wood & of iron & of Copper & of Brass & of steel & of Gold & of Silver & wa of precious ores which were en great abundance

& I Nephi did build a temple & I did construct it after the manner of the Temple of Solomon; save it were **not built** of so many precious things for they were not to be found upon the land wherefore it could not be built like unto Solomons Temple but the manner of the construction was like unto the Temple of Solomon & the workmanship thereof was exceding fine

& it came to pass that I Nephi did cause my People that they should be industrious & that they should labour with their hands

& it came to pass that they would that I should be their king but I Nephi was desireous that they should have no King nevertheless I did do for them according to that which was in my power

⁹**And all those who** were with me did take **[X]** upon them to call themselves the **p**eople of Nephi.

¹⁰**And** we did observe to keep the **j**udgments, **and** the statutes, **and** the commandments of the Lord in all things, according to the law of Moses.

¹¹**And** the Lord was with us; **and** we did prosper exceedingly; for we did sow seed, **and** we did reap again in abundance. **And** we began to raise flocks, **and** he[]rds, **and** animals of every kind.

¹²**And I, Nephi,** had also brought the records which were engraven upon the plates of **brass; and also the ball, or [X] compass,** which was prepared for my father by the hand of the Lord, according to that which is written.

¹³**And** it came to pass that we began to prosper exceedingly, **and** to multiply in the land.

¹⁴**And I, Nephi,** did take the sword of Laban, **and** after the manner of it did make many swords, le[]st by any means the people **who were** now called Lamanites should come upon us **and** destroy us; for I knew their hatred towards me **and** my children **and those who** were called my people.

¹⁵**And I did** teach my people **[X_X] to build buildings, and [X_X] to work** in all manner of wood, **and of iron, and of copper, and of brass, and of steel, and of gold, and of silver, and []** of precious ores, which were **in** great abundance.

¹⁶**And I, Nephi,** did build a temple; **and I did construct it** after the manner of the temple of Solomon[] save it were **not built** of so many precious things; for they were not to be found upon the land, wherefore, it could not be built like unto Solomon's temple. **But** the manner of the construction was like unto the temple of Solomon; **and** the workmanship thereof was exceedingly fine.

¹⁷**And** it came to pass that I, Nephi, did cause my people **[X_X] to be industrious, and [X_X] to labo[]r** with their hands.

¹⁸**And** it came to pass that they would that I should be their king. **But** I, Nephi, was desir[]ous that they should have no king; nevertheless, I did **[X]** for them according to that which was in my power.

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& behold the words of the Lord had been fulfilled unto my Brethren which he spake concerning them that I should be their ruler & their teacher wherefore I had been their ruler & their teacher according to the commandments of the Lord until the time that they sought to take away my life

wherefore the word of the Lord was fulfilled which he spake unto me saying that in as much as they will not hearken unto thy words they shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord & behold they were cut off from his presence

& he had caused the cursing to come upon^{them} yea even a sore curseing because of their iniquity for behold they had hardened their hearts against him that they had become like unto a flint wherefore as they were white & exceeding fair & delightsome that they might not be enticing unto my People therefore the Lord God did cause a skin of blackness to come upon them **58**

& thus saith the Lord God I will cause that they shall be loathsome unto thy People save they shall repent of their iniquities

& cursed shall be the seed of him that mixeth with their so^lved for they shall be cursed even with the same cursing & the Lord **spake it** & it was done

& because of their curseing which was upon them **they did become** an idle People full of mischief & subtely & did seek in the wilderness for beasts of pray

& the Lord God said unto me they shall be a scourge unto thy seed to stir them up in remembrance of me & in as much as they will not remember me & hearken unto my words they shall scourge them even unto destruction

& it came to pass that I Nephi did consecrate Jacob & Joseph that they should be priests & teachers over the Land of my people

& it came to pass that we lived after the manner of happiness

& thirty years had passed **awy** away fro the time we left Jerusalem

¹⁹**And** behold, the words of the Lord had been fulfilled unto my **brethren**, which he spake concerning them, that I should be their ruler **and** their teacher. **Wherefore**, I had been their ruler **and** their teacher, according to the commandments of the Lord, until^[] the time **[X]** they sought to take away my life.

²⁰**Wherefore**, the word of the Lord was fulfilled which he spake unto me, saying that: **In^[]as^[]**much as they will not hearken unto thy words they shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord. **And** behold, they were cut off from his presence.

²¹**And** he had caused the cursing to come upon^[]**them**, yea, even a sore curs^[]ing, because of their iniquity. **For** behold, they had hardened their hearts against him, that they had become like unto a flint; wherefore, as they were white, **and** exceedingly fair **and** delightsome, that they might not be entic^[]ing unto my **people** **[X]** the Lord God did cause a skin of blackness to come upon them.

²²**And** thus saith the Lord God: I will cause that they shall be loathsome unto thy **people**, save they shall repent of their iniquities.

²³**And** cursed shall be the seed of him that mixeth with their se^[]ed; for they shall be cursed even with the same cursing. **And** the Lord **spake it**, **and** it was done.

²⁴**And** because of their curs^[]ing which was upon them **they did become** an idle **people**, full of mischief **and** subtely, **and** did seek in the wilderness for beasts of prey.

²⁵**And** the Lord God said unto me: **They** shall be a scourge unto thy seed, to stir them up in rememb^[]rance of me; **and** in^[]as^[]much as they will not remember me, **and** hearken unto my words, they shall scourge them even unto destruction.

²⁶**And** it came to pass that I, Nephi, did consecrate Jacob **and** Joseph, that they should be priests **and** teachers over the **land** of my people.

²⁷**And** it came to pass that we lived after the manner of happiness.

²⁸**And** thirty years had passed **[_ _]** away from the time we left Jerusalem.

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& it came to pass that the Lord God said unto
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many things upon them which are good in my sight
for the prorit of thy People

wherefore I Nephi to be obediant to the
commandments of the Lord went & made these
plates upon which I have engraven these things

& I engravened that which is pleasing unto
God & if my people be pleased with the things
of God they be pleased with mine
engraveings which are upon these plates

& if my People desire to know the more
particular part of the history of my People they
must search mine other Plates

& it sufficeth me to say that forty years had
passed away & we had already had wars &
contentions with our Brethren

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