

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE  
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Chapter —

Behold now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words he looked round about again on the multitude & he saith unto them <sup>Behold</sup> my time is at hand

I perceive that ye are weak that ye cannot understand all my words which I am commanded of the Father to speak unto you **390** at this time

therefore go ye unto your homes & ponder upon the things which I have said & ask of the Father in my name & <sup>that</sup> ye may understand & prepare your minds for the morrow & I come unto you again

but now I go unto the Father & also to shew myself unto the lost tribes of Israel for they are not lost unto the Father for he knoweth whither he hath taken them

And it came to pass that when Jesus had thus spoken he cast his eyes round about again on the multitude & behold they were in tears & did look steadfastly upon him as if they would ask him to tarry a little longer with them

& he saith unto them Behold my bowels is filled with compassion towards you

have ye any that are sick among you bring them hither have ye any that are lame or blind or halt or maimed or lepros or that are withered or that are deaf or that are afflicted in any manner bring them hither & I will heal them for I have compassion upon you my bowels is filled with mercy

for I perceive that ye desire that I should shew unto you what I have done unto your brethren at Jerusalem for I see that your faith is sufficient that I should heal you

And it came to pass that when he had thus spoken all the multitude with one accord did go forth with their sick & their afflicted & their lame & with their blind & with their dumb & with all they that were afflicted in any manner & he did heal them every one as they were brought forth unto him

**CHAPTER 17 [X] [ ]**

*Jesus directs the people to ponder His words and pray for understanding—He heals their sick—He prays for the people, using language that cannot be written—Angels minister to and fire encircles their little ones. About A.D. 34.*

<sup>1</sup>Behold, now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words he looked round about again on the multitude, **and** he said[ ] unto them: **Behold**, my time is at hand.

<sup>2</sup>I perceive that ye are weak, that ye cannot understand all my words which I am commanded of the Father to speak unto you at this time.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore, go ye unto your homes, **and** ponder upon the things which I have said, **and** ask of the Father, in my name, **[X]that** ye may understand, **and** prepare your minds for the morrow, **and** I come unto you again.

<sup>4</sup>But now I go unto the Father, **and** also to show myself unto the lost tribes of Israel, for they are not lost unto the Father, for he knoweth whither he hath taken them.

<sup>5</sup>And it came to pass that when Jesus had thus spoken, he cast his eyes round about again on the multitude, **and** beheld they were in tears, **and** did look steadfastly upon him as if they would ask him to tarry a little longer with them.

<sup>6</sup>**And** he said[ ] unto them: Behold, my bowels **are** filled with compassion towards you.

<sup>7</sup>Have ye any that are sick among you? **Bring** them hither. **Have** ye any that are lame, or blind, or halt, or maimed, or leprous, or that are withered, or that are deaf, or that are afflicted in any manner? **Bring** them hither **and** I will heal them, for I have compassion upon you; my bowels **are** filled with mercy.

<sup>8</sup>For I perceive that ye desire that I should show unto you what I have done unto your brethren at Jerusalem, for I see that your faith is sufficient that I should heal you.

<sup>9</sup>And it came to pass that when he had thus spoken, all the multitude, with one accord, did go forth with their sick **and** their afflicted, **and** their lame, **and** with their blind, **and** with their dumb, **and** with all **them** that were afflicted in any manner; **and** he did heal them every one as they were brought forth unto him.

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& they did all both they which had been healed  
& they which were whole did bow down at his feet  
& did worship him & as many as could come  
for[e] the multitude did kiss his feet insomuch that  
they did bathe his feet with<sup>their</sup> tears

And it came to pass that he commanded that their  
little children should be brought

so they brought their little children & sat them  
down upon the ~~gro~~<sup>ground</sup>~~un~~ round about him  
& Jesus stood in the midst & the multitude gave  
way till they had all been brought unto him

And it came to pass that when they had all been  
brought & Jesus stood in the midst he  
commanded the multitude that they should kneel  
down upon the ground

And it came to pass that when they had knelt upon  
the ground Jesus groaned within himself &  
saith Father I am troubled because of the  
wickedness of the people of the house of Israel

& when he had said these words he himself also  
knelt upon the earth & behold he prayed unto the  
Father & the things which he prayed cannot be  
written & the multitude did bear record **which** heard  
him

& after this manner do they bear record The eye  
hath never seen neither hath the ear heard before so  
great & marvellous things as we saw & heard  
Jesus speak unto the Father

& no tongue can[not] speak neither can there  
be written by any man neither can the hearts of men  
conceive so great & marvellous things as we  
both saw & heard Jesus speak & no one can  
conceive of the joy which filled our souls at the time  
we heard him pray for us unto the Father

& it came to pass that when Jesus had made an  
end of praying unto the Father he arose but so great  
was the joy of the multitude that they were  
overcome

And it came to pass that Jesus spake **391** unto them  
& bade them arise

& they arose from the earth & he saith unto  
them Blessed are ye because of your faith & now  
behold my joy is full

<sup>10</sup>**And** they did all, both they **who** had been healed  
**and** they **who** were whole, **[X]** bow down at his feet,  
**and** did worship him; **and** as many as could come  
for[ ] the multitude did kiss his feet, insomuch that  
they did bathe his feet with **their** tears.

<sup>11</sup>And it came to pass that he commanded that their  
little children should be brought.

<sup>12</sup>**So** they brought their little children **and** **set** them  
down upon the [ \_ \_ ]ground[ \_ \_ ] round about him,  
**and** Jesus stood in the midst; **and** the multitude gave  
way till they had all been brought unto him.

<sup>13</sup>And it came to pass that when they had all been  
brought, **and** Jesus stood in the midst, he  
commanded the multitude that they should kneel  
down upon the ground.

<sup>14</sup>And it came to pass that when they had knelt upon  
the ground, Jesus groaned within himself, **and**  
said[ ]: Father, I am troubled because of the  
wickedness of the people of the house of Israel.

<sup>15</sup>**And** when he had said these words, he himself also  
knelt upon the earth; **and** behold he prayed unto the  
Father, **and** the things which he prayed cannot be  
written, **and** the multitude did bear record **who** heard  
him.

<sup>16</sup>**And** after this manner do they bear record: The eye  
hath never seen, neither hath the ear heard, before, so  
great **and** marvel[ ]ous things as we saw **and** heard  
Jesus speak unto the Father;

<sup>17</sup>**And** no tongue can[ \_ \_ ] speak, neither can there  
be written by any man, neither can the hearts of men  
conceive so great **and** marvel[ ]ous things as we  
both saw **and** heard Jesus speak; **and** no one can  
conceive of the joy which filled our souls at the time  
we heard him pray for us unto the Father.

<sup>18</sup>**And** it came to pass that when Jesus had made an  
end of praying unto the Father, he arose; but so great  
was the joy of the multitude that they were  
overcome.

<sup>19</sup>And it came to pass that Jesus spake unto them,  
**and** bade them arise.

<sup>20</sup>**And** they arose from the earth, **and** he said[ ] unto  
them: Blessed are ye because of your faith. **And** now  
behold, my joy is full.

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& when he had said these words he wept & the multitude bear record of it & he took their little children one by one & blessed them & prayed unto the Father for them

& when he had done this he wept again

& he spake unto the multitude & saith unto them Behold your little ones

& as they looked to behold they cast their eyes towards Heaven & they saw the Heavens open & they saw angels descending out of Heaven as it were in the midst of fire & they came down & encircled those little ones about & they were encircled about with fire & the angels did minister unto them

& the multitude did see & hear & bear record & they know that their record is true for they all of them did see & hear every man for himself & they were in number about twothousand & five hundred souls & they did consist of men women & <sup>Children</sup> ~~children~~

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<sup>21</sup>**And** when he had said these words, he wept, **and** the multitude **bare** record of it, **and** he took their little children, one by one, **and** blessed them, **and** prayed unto the Father for them.

<sup>22</sup>**And** when he had done this he wept again;

<sup>23</sup>**And** he spake unto the multitude, **and** said[\_] unto them: Behold your little ones.

<sup>24</sup>**And** as they looked to behold they cast their eyes towards **heaven**, **and** they saw the **heavens** open, **and** they saw angels descending out of **h**eaven as it were in the midst of fire; **and** they came down **and** encircled those little ones about, **and** they were encircled about with fire; **and** the angels did minister unto them.

<sup>25</sup>**And** the multitude did see **and** hear **and** bear record; **and** they know that their record is true for they all of them did see **and** hear, every man for himself; **and** they were in number about two[\_]thousand **and** five hundred souls; **and** they did **consist** of men, women, **and** [\_]children[\_].