

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE
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The Book of Enos

Chapter [first](#)

Behold it came to pass that I Enos [knowing my father that he](#) was a just man for he taught me in his language & also in the nurture & admonition of the Lord & blessed be the name of my God for it

& I will tell you of the wrestle which I had before God before that I received a remission of my sins

behold I went to hunt beasts in the forest & the words which I had often heard my father speak concerning eternal life & the joy of the saints & the words of my father sunk deep into my heart

& my soul hungered & I kneeled down before my maker & I cried unto him in mighty prayer & supplic^ation for mine own soul & all the day long did I cry unto him yea & when the night came I did still raise my voice high that it reached the heavens

& there came a voice unto me saying Enos thy Sins are forgiven thee & thou shalt be blessed

& I Enos knew that God could not lie wherefore my guilt was swept away

& I sayeth Lord how is it done

& he sayeth unto me because of thy faith in Christ whom thou hast not heard nor seen & many years passeth away before that he shall manifest himself in ^{the} feesh wherefore go to it thy faith hath made thee whole

now it came to pass that when I had heard [114](#) [these words I began to feel a desire for the welfare of my Brethren the Nephites wherefore I did pour out my whole](#) soul unto God for them

THE BOOK OF ENOS

CHAPTER 1 [X_X]

Enos prays mightily and gains a remission of his sins—The voice of the Lord comes into his mind, promising salvation for the Lamanites in a future day—The Nephites sought to reclaim the Lamanites—Enos rejoices in his Redeemer. About 420 B.C.

¹Behold, it came to pass that I, Enos, [knowing my father that he](#) was a just man—for he taught me in his language, **and** also in the nurture **and** admonition of the Lord—**and** blessed be the name of my God for it—

²**And** I will tell you of the wrestle which I had before God, before **[X]** I received a remission of my sins.

³Behold, I went to hunt beasts in the forests; **and** the words which I had often heard my father speak concerning eternal life, **and** the joy of the saints, **[X_X_X_X_X_X]** sunk deep into my heart.

⁴**And** my soul hungered; **and** I kneeled down before my **Maker**, **and** I cried unto him in mighty prayer **and** supplication for mine own soul; **and** all the day long did I cry unto him; yea, **and** when the night came I did still raise my voice high that it reached the heavens.

⁵**And** there came a voice unto me, saying: Enos, thy sins are forgiven thee, **and** thou shalt be blessed.

⁶**And** I, Enos, knew that God could not lie; wherefore, my guilt was swept away.

⁷**And I said:** Lord, how is it done?

⁸**And** he **said** unto me: **Because** of thy faith in Christ, whom thou hast **never before** heard nor seen. **And** many years pass[_ _] away before **[X]** he shall manifest himself in **the flesh**; wherefore, go to **[X]**, thy faith hath made thee whole.

⁹**Now**, it came to pass that when I had heard [these words I began to feel a desire for the wel\[\]fare of my brethren, the Nephites; wherefore, I did pour out my whole](#) soul unto God for them.

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& while I was thus struggleing in the spirit behold the voice of the Lord came into my mind again saying I will visit thy Brethren according to their diligence in keeping my commandments, I have given unto them this lard & it is a holy land & I curse it not save it be for the cause of iniquity wherefore I will visit thy Brethren according as I have said & their transgressions will I bring down with sorrow upon their ^{own}heads

& after that I Enos had heard these words my faith began to be unshaken in the Lord & I prayed unto him with many long struggleings for my Brethren the Lamanites

& it came to pass that after I had prayed & laboured with all diligence the Lord said unto me I will grant unto thee according to thy desires because of thy faith

& now behold this was the desire which I desired of him that if it should so be that my people the Nephites should fall into transgression & by any means be destroyed & the Lamanites should not be destroyed that the Lord God would preserve a record of my **111** People the Nephites even if it so be by the Power of his holy arm that it might be brought forth some future day unto the Lamanites that perhaps they might be brought unto Salvation

for at the presant our struggleings were vain in restoreng them to the true faith & they swore in their wrath that if it were possible they would destroy our records & us & also all the traditions of our fathers

wherefore I knowing that the Lord God was able to preserve our records I cried unto him continually for he had said unto me whatsoever ~~thing~~^{thing} ye shall ask in faith believeing that ye shall receive in the name of Christ ye shall receive it

& I had faith & I did cry unto God that he would preserve the records & he covenanted with me that he would bring them forth unto the Lamanites in his own due time

& I Enos knew that it would be according to the covenant which he had made wherefore my Soul did rest

¹⁰**And** while I was thus struggl[]ing in the spirit, behold, the voice of the Lord came into my mind again, say[]ing: I will visit thy brethren according to their diligence in keeping my commandments. I have given unto them this land, **and** it is a holy land; **and** I curse it not save it be for the cause of iniquity; wherefore, I will visit thy brethren according as I have said; **and** their transgressions will I bring down with sorrow upon their own[]heads.

¹¹**And** after [X] I, Enos, had heard these words, my faith began to be unshaken in the Lord; **and** I prayed unto him with many long struggl[]ings for my brethren, the Lamanites.

¹²**And** it came to pass that after I had prayed **and** labo[]red with all diligence, the Lord said unto me: I will grant unto thee according to thy desires, because of thy faith.

¹³**And** now behold, this was the desire which I desired of him—that if it should so be, that my people, the Nephites, should fall into transgression, **and** by any means be destroyed, **and** the Lamanites should not be destroyed, that the Lord God would preserve a record of my people, the Nephites; even if it so be by the power of his holy arm, that it might be brought forth at some future day unto the Lamanites, that, perhaps, they might be brought unto salvation—

¹⁴**For** at the present our struggl[]ings were vain in restor[]ing them to the true faith. **And** they swore in their wrath that, if it were possible, they would destroy our records **and** us, **and** also all the traditions of our fathers.

¹⁵**Wherefore**, I knowing that the Lord God was able to preserve our records, I cried unto him continually, for he had said unto me: **Whatsoever** [X]**thing** ye shall ask in faith, believ[]ing that ye shall receive in the name of Christ, ye shall receive it.

¹⁶**And** I had faith, **and** I did cry unto God that he would preserve the records; **and** he covenanted with me that he would bring them forth unto the Lamanites in his own due time.

¹⁷**And** I, Enos, knew [X] it would be according to the covenant which he had made; wherefore my soul did rest.

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& the Lord said unto me thy fathers have also required of me this thing & it shall be done unto them according to their faith for their faith was like unto thine

& now it came to pass that I Enos went about among the People of Nephi prophesying of things to come & testifying of the things which I had heard & seen

& I bear record that the People of Nephi did seek diligently to restore the Lamanites unto the true faith in God but our labours were vain their hatred was fixed & they were lead by their evil nature that they became wild & ferocious & a bloodthirsty People full of idolitry & filthiness feading upon beasts of pray dwelling in tents & wandering about in the wilderness with a short skin girted about their loins & their heads shaven & their skill was in the bow & the Simeter & the Axe & may of them did eat nothing save it was raw meat & they were continually seeking to destroy us

& it came to pass that the People of Nephi did till the land & raise all manner of grain & of fruið & flocks of herds & flocks of all manner of cattle of every kind & goats & wild goats & also much horses

& there were exceding many prophets among us & the People were a stiff necked People hard to understand

& there was nothing save it was exceding harshness preaching & prophesying of wars & contentions & destructions & continually reminding them of death & of the duration of eternity & the Judgments & the power of God & all these things stiring them up continually to keep them in the fear of the Lord I say there was nothing short of these things & exceding great plainness of speach would keep them from going down speedily to destruction & after this manner do I write concerning them

& I saw wars between the Nephites & the Lamanites in the course of my days

& it came to pass that I began to be olð & an handred & seventy & nine years had passed away from the time that our father Lehilef left Jerusalem

¹⁸**And** the Lord said unto me: Thy fathers have also required of me this thing; **and** it shall be done unto them according to their faith; for their faith was like unto thine.

¹⁹**And** now it came to pass that I, Enos, went about among the **people** of Nephi, prophesying of things to come, **and** testifying of the things which I had heard **and** seen.

²⁰**And** I bear record that the **people** of Nephi did seek diligently to restore the Lamanites unto the true faithin God. **But** our labo[]rs were vain; their hatred was fixed, **and** they were le[]d by their evil nature that they became wild, **and** ferocious, **and** a blood-thirsty **people**, full of idolatry **and** filthiness; **feeding** upon beasts of prey; dwelling in tents, **and** wandering about in the wilderness with a short skin girdle about their loins **and** their heads shaven; **and** their skill was in the bow, **and** in the cimeter, **and** the ax[]. **And** many of them did eat nothing save it was raw meat; **and** they were continually seeking to destroy us.

²¹**And** it came to pass that the **people** of Nephi did till the land, **and** raise all manner of grain, **and** of fruit, **and** flocks of herds, **and** flocks of all manner of cattle of every kind, **and** goats, **and** wild goats, **and** also **many** horses.

²²**And** there were excedingly many prophets among us. **And** the **people** were a stiff[]necked **people**, hard to understand.

²³**And** there was nothing save it was exceding harshness, preaching **and** prophesying of wars, **and** contentions, **and** destructions, **and** continually reminding them of death, **and** [X] the duration of eternity, **and** the judgments **and** the power of God, **and** all these things—stiring them up continually to keep them in the fear of the Lord. I say there was nothing short of these things, **and** excedingly great plainness of spech, would keep them from going down speedily to destruction. **And** after this manner do I write concerning them.

²⁴**And** I saw wars between the Nephites **and** [X] Lamanites in the course of my days.

²⁵**And** it came to pass that I began to be old, **and** an hundred **and** seventy **and** nine years had passed away from the time that our father Lehi[_ _] left Jerusalem.

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& as I saw that I must soon go down to my grave haveing been wrought upon by the power of God that I must preach & prophesy unto this People & declare the word according to the truth which is in christ & I have declared it in all my days & have rejoiced in it above that of the world

& I soon go to the place of my rest which is with **112** my redeemer for I know that in him I shall rest & I rejoice in the day when my mortal shall put on immortality & shall stand before him then shall I see his face with pleasure & he will say unto me come unto me ye blessed there is a place prepared for you in the mansions of my Father. Amen —

²⁶**And [X]** I saw that I must soon go down to my grave, hav[]ing been wrought upon by the power of God that I must preach **and** prophesy unto this **people, and** declare the word according to the truth which is in **Christ. And** I have declared it in all my days, **and** have rejoiced in it above that of the world.

²⁷**And** I soon go to the place of my rest, which is with my **Redeemer;** for I know that in him I shall rest. **And** I rejoice in the day when my mortal shall put on immortality, **and** shall stand before him; then shall I see his face with pleasure, **and** he will say unto me: **Come unto me, ye blessed,** there is a place prepared for you in the mansions of my Father. Amen. []