

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE

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The Book of Jacob ^{Chapter}
The Brother of Nephi

the words of his preaching unto his Brethren—He confoundeth a man who seeketh to overthrow the doctrine of Christ—A few words concerning the history of the People of Nephi—

for behold it came to pass that fifty & five years had passed away from the time Lehi left Jerusalem wherefore Nephi gave me Jacob a commandment concerning these things plates upon which these things are engraven

& he gave me Jacob a commandment that I should write upon these plates a few of the things which I considered to be most precious that I should not touch save it were lightly concerning the history of this People which are called the People of Nephi

for he said that the history of his People should be engraven upon his other Plates & that I should preserve these Plates & hand them down **unto my Seed** from generation to generation

& if there were preaching which **was sacred or revelation** which was great or prophesying that I should engraven the **heads of them** upon these plates & touch upon them as much as it were possible **for Christs Sake** & for the sake of our People

for because of faith & great **anxiety it truly had been made manifest** unto us concerning our People **what things should happen** unto them

& we also had many revelations & **the spirit of much prophesy** wherefore we knew **of Christ** & his Kingdom which should come

wherefore we laboured diligently among our People that we might persuade them to come unto Christ & partake of the goodness of God that they might enter into his rest lest by any means he should swear in his wrath they should not enter in as in the ~~days~~^{provocation} ~~of~~ in the days of temptation while the children of Israel were in the wilderness

THE BOOK OF JACOB [X]
THE BROTHER OF NEPHI

The words of his preaching unto his **brethren**.**[]**He confoundeth a man who seeketh to overthrow the doctrine of Christ.**[]**A few words concerning the history of the **p**eople of Nephi.**[]**

CHAPTER 1

Jacob and Joseph seek to persuade men to believe in Christ and keep His commandments—Nephi dies—Wickedness prevails among the Nephites. About 544–421 B.C.

¹**F**or behold, it came to pass that fifty **and** five years had passed away from the time **that** Lehi left Jerusalem; wherefore, Nephi gave me, Jacob, a commandment concerning the**[_]** **small** plates, upon which these things are engraven.

²**A**nd he gave me, Jacob, a commandment that I should write upon these plates a few of the things which I considered to be most precious; that I should not touch, save it were lightly, concerning the history of this **p**eople which are called the **people of Nephi**.

³**F**or he said that the history of his **p**eople should be engraven upon his other **p**lates, **and** that I should preserve these **p**lates **and** hand them down **unto my seed, from** generation to generation.

⁴**A**nd if there were preaching which **was sacred, or revelation** which was great, or prophesying, that I should engraven the **heads of them** upon these plates, **and** touch upon them as much as it were possible, **for Christ's sake, and** for the sake of our **people**.

⁵**F**or because of faith **and** great **anxiety, it truly had been made manifest** unto us concerning our **people, what things should happen** unto them.

⁶**A**nd we also had many revelations, **and the spirit of much prophecy**; wherefore, we knew **of Christ and his kingdom**, which should come.

⁷**W**herefore we labo**[]**red diligently among our **p**eople, that we might persuade them to come unto Christ, **and** partake of the goodness of God, that they might enter into his rest, lest by any means he should swear in his wrath they should not enter in, as in the **[X]provocation[X]** in the days of temptation while the children of Israel were in the wilderness.

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wherefore we would to God that we could persuade all men not to rebel against God to provoke him to anger but that all men would believe in christ & view his death & suffer ^{his} ~~his~~ cross & bear the shame of the world wherefore I Jacob take it upon me to fulfil the commandment of my Brother Nephi

now Nephi began to be old & he saw that he must soon die wherefore he anointed a man **96** to be a King & a ruler over his People now according to the reigns of the Kings

the People haveing loved Nephi excedingly he haveing been a great protector for them haveing wealed the sword of Laban in their defence & haveing laboured in all his days for their wellfare

wherefore the People were desirous to retain in remembrance his name & whoso should Reign in his stead were calld by the People second Nephi & third Nephi .&C. according to the Reigns of the Kings & thus they were called by the People let them be of whatsoever name they would

& it came to pass that Nephi died

now the People which were not Lamanites were Nephites nevertheless they were called Nephites Jacobites Josephites Zoramites Lamanites Lemuelites & Ishmaelites

but I Jacob shall not hereafter distinguish them by these names but I shall call them Lamanites they that seek to destroy the People of Nephi & they which are friendly to Nephi I shall call Nephites or the People of Nephi according to the reigns of the Kings

& now it came to pass that the People of Nephi under the reign of the second king began to grow hard in their hearts & indulge themselves somewhat in wicked practices such as like unto David of Old desiring many wives & concubines & also Solomon his Son

yea & they also began to search much gold & Silver & began to be lifted up somewhat in pride

wherefore I Jacob gave unto them these words as I taught them in the temple haveing firstly obtained mine errand from the Lord

8Wherefore, we would to God that we could persuade all men not to rebel against God, to provoke him to anger, but that all men would believe in **Christ, and** view his death, **and** suffer **his** cross **and** bear the shame of the world; wherefore, I, Jacob, take it upon me to fulfil the commandment of my **brother** Nephi.

9Now Nephi began to be old, **and** he saw that he must soon die; wherefore, he anointed a man to be a **king and** a ruler over his **people** now, according to the reigns of the **kings**.

10The **people** hav ing loved Nephi excedingly, he hav ing been a great protector for them, hav ing **wielded** the sword of Laban in their defence, **and** hav ing labo red in all his days for their wel fare—

11Wherefore, the **people** were desir ous to retain in rememb rance his name. **And** whoso should **reign** in his stead were called by the **people**, second Nephi, **[X]** third Nephi, **and so forth**, according to the **reigns** of the **kings**; **and** thus they were called by the **people**, let them be of what ever name they would.

12**And** it came to pass that Nephi died.

13Now the **people** which were not Lamanites were Nephites; nevertheless, they were called Nephites, Jacobites, Josephites, Zoramites, Lamanites, Lemuelites, **and** Ishmaelites.

14But I, Jacob, shall not hereafter distinguish them by these names, but I shall call them Lamanites **[X]** that seek to destroy the **people** of Nephi, **and those who** are friendly to Nephi I shall call Nephites, or the **people** of Nephi, according to the reigns of the **kings**.

15**And** now it came to pass that the **people** of Nephi, under the reign of the second king, began to grow hard in their hearts, **and** indulge themselves somewhat in wicked practices, such as like unto David of **old** desir ing many wives **and** concubines, **and** also Solomon, his **son**.

16Yea, **and** they also began to search much gold **and** silver, **and** began to be lifted up somewhat in pride.

17Wherefore I, Jacob, gave unto them these words as I taught them in the temple, hav ing first obtained mine err **and** from the Lord.

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for I Jacob & my Brother Joseph had been consecrated priests & teachers of this People by the hand of Nephi

& we did magnify our office unto the Lord takeing upon us the responceability answering the Sins of the people upon our own heads if we did not teach them the word of God with all diligence wherefore by labouring with our mights their blood might not come upon our garments otherwise their blood would come upon our garments & we would not be found spotless at the last day

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¹⁸For I, Jacob, **and** my **b**rother Joseph had been consecrated priests **and** teachers of this **p**eople, **by** the hand of Nephi.

¹⁹**And** we did magnify our office unto the Lord, tak[]ing upon us the responsibility, answering the sins of the people upon our own heads if we did not teach them the word of God with all diligence; wherefore, by labo[]ring with our might[] their blood might not come upon our garments; otherwise their blood would come upon our garments, **and** we would not be found spotless at the last day.