

Chapter—I

And now I Mormon make a record of the things which I have both seen & heard & call it the Book of Mormon—

And about the time that Ammaron hid up the records unto the Lord he came unto me I being about ten years of age & I began to be learned somewhat after the manner of the learning of my People & Ammaron say^oth unto me I perceive that thou art a sober Child & art quick to observe

therefore when ye are about twenty & four years old I would that ye should remember the things that ye have observed concerning this People & when ye are of that age go to the land of Antum unto a hill which shall be called Shim & there have I deposited unto the Lord all the sacred engravings concerning this People

& behold ye shall take the plates of Nephi unto yourself & the remainder shall ye leave in the place where they are & ye shall engrave upon the Plates of Nephi all the things that ye have observed concerning this People

& I Mormon being a descendant of Nephi & my Fathers name was Mormon [&] I remembered the things which Ammaron Commanded me

& it came to pass **414** that I being eleven years old was carried by my Father into the land southward even to the land of Zarahemla

the whole face of the land having become covered with buildings & the People were as numerous almost as it were the sand[s] of the Sea

& it came to pass [that] in this year there began to be a war between the Nephites which consisted of the Neptites & the Jacobites & the Josephites & the Zoramites & this war was between the Nephites & the Lamanites **and the** Lemuelites & the Ishmaelites

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CHAPTER 1 [X_ _]

Ammaron instructs Mormon concerning the sacred records—War commences between the Nephites and the Lamanites—The Three Nephites are taken away—Wickedness, unbelief, sorceries, and witchcraft prevail. About A.D. 321–26.

¹And now I, Mormon, make a record of the things which I have both seen **and** heard, **and** call it the Book of Mormon.[]

²And **about** the time that Ammaron hid up the records unto the Lord, he came unto me, (I being about ten years of age, **and** I began to be learned somewhat after the manner of the learning of my **people**) **and** Ammaron **said** unto me: I perceive that thou art a sober **child**, **and** art quick to observe;

³Therefore, when ye are about twenty **and** four years old I would that ye should **remember** the things that ye have observed concerning this **people**; **and** when ye are of that age go to the land [X] Antum, unto a hill which shall be called Shim; **and** there have I deposited unto the Lord all the sacred engrav[]ings concerning this **people**.

⁴**And** behold, ye shall take the plates of Nephi unto yourself, **and** the remainder shall ye leave in the place where they are; **and** ye shall engrave [] on the **plates** of Nephi all the things that ye have observed concerning this **people**.

⁵**And** I, Mormon, being a descendant of Nephi, (**and** my **father's** name was Mormon) [X] I **remembered** the things which Ammaron **commanded** me.

⁶**And** it came to pass that I, being eleven years old, was carried by my **father** into the land southward, even to the land of Zarahemla.

⁷The whole face of the land **had** become covered with buildings, **and** the **people** were as numerous almost, as it were the sand[] of the **sea**.

⁸**And** it came to pass [X] in this year there **began** to be a war between the Nephites, **who** consisted of the Nephites **and** the Jacobites **and** the Josephites **and** the Zoramites; **and** this war was between the Nephites, **and** the Lamanites **and the** Lemuelites **and** the Ishmaelites.

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now the Lamanites & the Lemuelites & the Ishmaelites were called Lamanites & the two parties were Nephites & Lamanites

& it came to pass that the war began to be among them in the borders of Zarahemla by the waters of Sidon

& it came to pass that the Nephites had gathered together a great number of men even to exceed the number of thirty thousand & it came to pass that they did have in this same year a number of Battles in the which the Nephites did beat the Lamanites & did slay many of them

& it came to pass that the Lamanites withdrew their design & there was peace settled in the Land & peace did remain for the space of about four years that there was no blood shed

but wickedness did prevail upon the **face of the** whole land insomuch that the Lord did take away his beloved Disciples. & the work of miracles & of healings did cease because of the iniquity of the people

& there were no gifts from the Lord & the Holy Ghost did not come upon any because of their wickedness & unbelief

& I being fifteen years of age & being somewhat of a sober mind therefore I was visited of the Lord & tasted and knew of the goodness of Jesus

& I did endeavor to preach unto the people but my mouth was shut & I were forbidden that I should preach unto them for behold they had willfully rebelled against their God & the beloved Disciples were taken away out of the land because of their iniquity

but I did remain among them but I were forbidden that I should preach unto them because of the hardness of their hearts & because of the hardness of their hearts the land was cursed for their sake

& these Gaddianton Robbers which were among the Lamanites did infest the land insomuch that the inhabitants thereof began to hide up their treasures in the earth & they became slippery because the Lord had cursed the land that they could not hold them nor retain them again

⁹Now the Lamanites **and** the Lemuelites **and** the Ishmaelites were called Lamanites, **and** the two parties were Nephites **and** Lamanites.

¹⁰**And** it came to pass that the war began to be among them in the borders of Zarahemla, by the waters of Sidon.

¹¹**And** it came to pass that the Nephites had gathered together a great number of men, even to exceed the number of thirty thousand. **And** it came to pass that they did have in this same year a number of **battles**, in **[X]** which the Nephites did beat the Lamanites **and** did slay many of them.

¹²**And** it came to pass that the Lamanites withdrew their design, **and** there was peace settled in the **land**; **and** peace did remain for the **space** of about four years, that there was no blood **[]**shed.

¹³**But** wickedness did prevail upon the **face of the** whole land, insomuch that the Lord did take away his beloved **disciples**, **and** the work of miracles **and** of healing **[]** did cease because of the iniquity of the people.

¹⁴**And** there were no gifts from the Lord, **and** the Holy Ghost did not come upon any, because of their wickedness **and** unbelief.

¹⁵**And I**, being fifteen years of age **and** being somewhat of a sober mind, therefore I was visited of the Lord, **and** tasted and **knew** of the goodness of Jesus.

¹⁶**And** I did endeavor to preach unto **this** people, but my mouth was shut, **and** I **was** forbidden that I should preach unto them; for behold they had wil **[]**fully rebelled against their God; **and** the beloved **disciples** were taken away out of the land, because of their iniquity.

¹⁷**But** I did remain among them, but I **was** forbidden **[X_X]** to preach unto them, because of the hardness of their hearts; **and** because of the hardness of their hearts the land was cursed for their sake.

¹⁸**And** these Gad **[]**ianton **robbers**, **who** were among the Lamanites, did infest the land, insomuch that the inhabitants thereof began to hide up their treasures in the earth; **and** they became slippery, because the Lord had cursed the land, that they could not hold them, nor retain them again.

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