

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE
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Chater III

And now I finish my record concerning the destruction of my People the Nephites & it came to pass that we did march forth before the Lamanites

& I Mormon wrote an Epistle unto the King of the Lamanites & desired of him that he wo[o]uld grant unto us that we might gather ^{together} our People unto the land of Camorah by a hill which was called Cumorah & there we would give them battle

& it came to pass that the King ~~did~~ of the Lamanites did grant unto me the thing which I desired

& it came to pass that we did march forth to the land of Cumorah & we did pitch our tents round about the hill Cumorah & it was in a land of many waters rivers & fountains & here we had hope to gain advantage over the Lamanites.

& when three hundred & eighty & four years had passed away we had gathered in all the remainder of our People unto the land Comorah

& it came to pass that when we had gathered in all our People in one to the lan^d of Cumorah behold I Mormon began to be Old & knowing it to be the last struggle of my People & haveing been Commanded of the Lord that I should no^t suffer that the records which had been handed down by our Fathers which were sacred to fall into the hands of the Lamanites for the Lamanites would destroy them therefore I made this record out of the plates of Nephi & hid up in the hill Cumorah all the Records which had been entrusted to me by the hand of the Lord save it were thse few plates which I gave unto my Son Moroni

& it came to pass that my People with their wives & their Children did now behold the armies of the Lamanites a marching towards them & with that awful fear of death which fills the breasts of all the wicked did they await to receive them

CHAPTER 6 [_ _ _ _ _]

The Nephites gather to the land of Cumorah for the final battles—Mormon hides the sacred records in the hill Cumorah—The Lamanites are victorious, and the Nephite nation is destroyed—Hundreds of thousands are slain with the sword. About A.D. 385.

¹And now I finish my record concerning the destruction of my **people**, the Nephites. **And** it came to pass that we did march forth before the Lamanites.

²**And** I, Mormon, wrote an **epistle** unto the **king** of the Lamanites, **and** desired of him that he wo[]uld grant unto us that we might gather **together** our **people** unto the land of **Cumorah**, by a hill which was called Cumorah, **and** there we **could** give them battle.

³**And** it came to pass that the **king** [X] of the Lamanites did grant unto me the thing which I desired.

⁴**And** it came to pass that we did march forth to the land of Cumorah, **and** we did pitch our tents **around** about the hill Cumorah; **and** it was in a land of many waters, rivers, **and** fountains; **and** here we had hope to gain advantage over the Lamanites.

⁵**And** when three hundred **and** eighty **and** four years had passed away, we had gathered in all the remainder of our **people** unto the land **of** **Cumorah**.

⁶**And** it came to pass that when we had gathered in all our **people** in one to the land of Cumorah, behold I, Mormon, began to be **old**; **and** knowing it to be the last struggle of my **people**, **and** hav[]ing been **commanded** of the Lord that I should **not** suffer [X] the records which had been handed down by our **fathers**, which were sacred, to fall into the hands of the Lamanites, **(for the Lamanites would destroy them)** therefore I made this record out of the plates of Nephi, **and** hid up in the hill Cumorah all the **records** which had been entrusted to me by the hand of the Lord, save it were **these** few plates which I gave unto my **son** Moroni.

⁷**And** it came to pass that my **people**, with their wives **and** their **children**, did now behold the armies of the Lamanites [X] marching towards them; **and** with that awful fear of death which fills the breasts of all the wicked, did they await to receive them.

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& it came to pass that th^ey came to battle against us & every soul was filled with terror because of the greatness of their numbers

& it came to pass that they did fall upon my People with the sword & with the bow & with the arrow & with the Axe & with all manner of weapons of war

& it came to pass that my men were hewn down yea [or] even my ten thousand which were with me & I fell wounded in the midst & they passed by me that they did not put an end to my life

& when they had gone through & hewn down all my People save it **were** twenty & four of us among whom was my son Moroni & we haveing survived the dead of our People did behold on the morrow^w when the Lamanites had returned unto their camps from the top of the hill Comorah the ten thousand of my People which were hewn down being lead in the front by me

& we also beheld the ten thousands of my People which were lead by my son moroni

& behold the ten thousand of Sidgiddonah had follen & he also **422** in the midst

& Lamah had fallen with his ten thousand & Gilgal had fallen with his ten thousand & Limhah had follen wⁱth his ten thousand & Joneam had fallen with his ten thousand & Cumenihah & moronihah & Antionum & shiblom & Shem & Josh had fallen with their tin thousan each

& it came to pass that there were ten more which did fall by the sword with their ten thousand each yea even all my People save it were those twenty & four which were with me & also a few which had escaped into the south countries & a few which had deserted over into the Lamanites ~~had~~ had fallen & their flesh & b^ones & blood lay upon the face of the earth being left by the han^d of those who slew them to moulder upon the land & to crumble & to return to their mother earth

& my soul was wrent with anguist because of the slain of my People & I **cried**

O ye fair ones how could ye have departed from the ways of the Lord O ye fair ones how could ye have r^ejected that Jesus who stood with open arms to receive you

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⁸**And** it came to pass that **they** came to battle against us, **and** every soul was filled with terror because of the greatness of their numbers.

⁹**And** it came to pass that they did fall upon my people with the sword, **and** with the bow, **and** with the arrow, **and** with the **ax**[_], **and** with all manner of weapons of war.

¹⁰**And** it came to pass that my men were hewn down, yea, **[X]** even my ten thousand **who** were with me, **and** I fell wounded in the midst; **and** they passed by me that they did not put an end to my life.

¹¹**And** when they had gone through **and** hewn down all my **people** save it **were** twenty **and** four of us, (among whom was my son Moroni) **and** we hav[_]ing survived the dead of our **people**, did behold on the morrow, when the Lamanites had returned unto their camps, from the top of the hill **Cumorah**, the ten thousand of my **people who** were hewn down, being le[_]d in the front by me.

¹²**And** we also beheld the ten thousand[_] of my **people who** were le[_]d by my son **Moroni**.

¹³**And** behold, the ten thousand of **Gidgiddonah** had fallen, **and** he also in the midst.

¹⁴**And** Lamah had fallen with his ten thousand; **and** Gilgal had fallen with his ten thousand; **and** Limhah had fallen with his ten thousand; **and** **Jeneum** had fallen with his ten thousand; **and** Cumenihah, **and** **Moronihah**, **and** Antionum, **and** Shiblom, **and** Shem, **and** Josh, had fallen with their **ten thousand** each.

¹⁵**And** it came to pass **that** there were ten more **who** did fall by the sword, with their ten thousand each; yea, even all my **people**, save it were those twenty **and** four **who** were with me, **and** also a few **who** had escaped into the south countries, **and** a few **who** had deserted over **unto** the Lamanites, **[X]** had fallen; **and** their flesh, **and** bones, **and** blood lay upon the face of the earth, being left by the **hands** of those who slew them to mo[_]lder upon the land, **and** to crumble **and** to return to their mother earth.

¹⁶**And** my soul was [_]rent with angu**ish**, because of the slain of my **people**, **and** I **cried**:

¹⁷O ye fair ones, how could ye have departed from the ways of the Lord! O ye fair ones, how could ye have **re**jected that Jesus, who stood with open arms to receive you!

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behold if ye had not donee this ye would not have fallen but behold ye are fallen & I mourn your loss

O ye fair sons & daughters ye Fathers & Mothers ye husbands & wives ye fair Ones how is it that ye could have fallen

but behold ye are gone & my sorrows cannot bring your return

& the day soon come[e]th that your mortal must put on immortality & these bodies which are now mouldering in corruption must soon become incorruptable bodies & then ye must stand before the judgement seat of Christ to be judged according to your works & if it so be that ye are righteous then are ye blessed with your Fathers which have gone before you.

O that ye had repented before that this great destruction had come upon you but behold ye are gone & the Father yea the eternal Father of Heaven knoweth your State & he doeth with you according to his justece & mercy.

¹⁸Behold, if ye had not done[] this, ye would not have fallen. But behold, ye are fallen, and I mourn your loss.

¹⁹O ye fair sons and daughters, ye fathers and mothers, ye husbands and wives, ye fair ones, how is it that ye could have fallen!

²⁰But behold, ye are gone, and my sorrows cannot bring your return.

²¹And the day soon come[]th that your mortal must put on immortality, and these bodies which are now mouldering in corruption must soon become incorruptible bodies; and then ye must stand before the judgment-seat of Christ, to be judged according to your works; and if it so be that ye are righteous, then are ye blessed with your fathers who have gone before you.

²²O that ye had repented before [X] this great destruction had come upon you. But behold, ye are gone, and the Father, yea, the Eternal Father of heaven, knoweth your state; and he doeth with you according to his justice and mercy.