

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE  
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Chapter — The record of Zeniff

An account of his people from the time they left the land of Zarahemla until the time that they were delivered out of the hands of the Lamanites—

I Zeniff having taught in all the language of the Nephites & having had a knowledge of the land of Nephi or of the land of our fathers first inheritance & I having been sent as a spie among the Lamanites that I might spie out their forces that our army might come upon them & destroy them but when I saw that which was good among them I was desireous that they should not be destroid

therefore I contended with my Brethren in the wilderness for I would that our ruler should make a treaty with them but he being an austere & a bloodthirsty man commanded that I should be slain but I was rescued by the shedding of much blood for father fought against father & brother against brother untill the greatest number of our army was ~~slain~~ destroid in the wilderness & we returned those of us that were spared to the land of Zarahemla to that tale to their wives & their children

& yet I being overzealous to inherit the land of our fathers ~~first~~ collected as many as were desireous to go up to <sup>possess</sup> the land & started again on our journey into the wilderness to go up to the land but we were smitten with famine & sore affliction for we were slow to remember the Lord our God

nevertheless after many days wandering in the wilderness we pitched our tents in the place ~~ea~~<sup>where</sup> ~~had~~ our brethren were slain which was near to the land of our fathers

& it came to pass that I went again with four of my men into the city in unto the king that I might know of the disposition of the king & that I might know if I might go in with my People & possess the land in peace

[X] [ ] **THE RECORD OF ZENIFF—**

An account of his **people**, from the time they left the land of Zarahemla until [ ] the time that they were delivered out of the hands of the Lamanites. [ ]  
*Comprising chapters 9 through 22.*

**CHAPTER 9**

*Zeniff leads a group from Zarahemla to possess the land of Lehi-Nephi—The Lamanite king permits them to inherit the land—There is war between the Lamanites and Zeniff's people. About 200–187 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>I, Zeniff, having **been** taught in all the language of the Nephites, **and** having had a knowledge of the land of Nephi, or of the land of our fathers' first inheritance, **and** [X] having been sent as a spy [ ] among the Lamanites that I might spy [ ] out their forces, that our army might come upon them **and** destroy them—but when I saw that which was good among them I was desir [ ]ous that they should not be destroyed.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore, I contended with my **brethren** in the wilderness, for I would that our ruler should make a treaty with them; but he being an austere **and** a blood-thirsty man commanded that I should be slain; but I was rescued by the shedding of much blood; for father **fought** against father, **and** brother against brother, until [ ] the greater [ ] number of our army was [X] destroyed in the wilderness; **and** we returned, those of us that were spared, to the land of Zarahemla, to **relate** that tale to their wives **and** their children.

<sup>3</sup>**And** yet, I being over-zealous to inherit the land of our fathers, [X] collected as many as were desir [ ]ous to go up to **possess** the land, **and** started again on our **journey** into the wilderness to go up to the land; but we were smitten with famine **and** sore afflictions; for we were slow to remember the Lord our God.

<sup>4</sup>Nevertheless, after many days' wandering in the wilderness we pitched our tents in the place [ ] **where** [ ] our brethren were slain, which was near to the land of our fathers.

<sup>5</sup>**And** it came to pass that I went again with four of my men into the city, in unto the king, that I might know of the disposition of the king, **and** that I might know if I might go in with my **people** **and** possess the land in peace.

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& I went in unto the king & he covenanted with me that I might possess the land of LehiNephi & the land of Shilom

& he also commanded that his People should depart out of that land & I & my People went into the land that we might possess it

& we began to build buildings & to repair the walls of the City yea even the walls of the City of LihiNephi & the City of Shilom

& we began to till the ground yea even with all manner of seeds with seeds of corn & of wheat & of barley & with neas & with Sheum & with seeds of all manner of fruits & we did begin to multiply & prosper in the land

now <sup>6</sup>it was the cunning & the craftiness of King Laman to bring my People into bondage that he yiended up the land that we might possess it

therefore it came to pass that after we had dwelt in the land for the space of twelve years that king **133** Laman began to grow uneasy lest by any means my People should wax strong in the land & that they could not overpower <sup>thems</sup> & bring them into bongage

now they were ~~& an~~ lazy & an Idoletrous People therefore they were desireous to bring us into bondage that they might dlut themselves with the labours of our hands yea that they might feast themselves upon the flocks of our fields

therefore it came to pass that king Laman began to stir up his People that they should contend with my People therefore there began to be wars & contentions in the land

for in the thirteenth year of my reign in the land of Nephi away on the South of the land of Shilom when my People were watering & feading their flocks & tilling their lands a numerous host of Lamanites came upon them & began to slay them & to take of their flocks & the corn of their fields

yea & it came to pass that they fled all that were not overtaken even into the City of Nephi & did call upon me for protection

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<sup>6</sup>**And** I went in unto the king, **and** he covenanted with me that I might possess the land of Lehi-Nephi, **and** the land of Shilom.

<sup>7</sup>**And** he also commanded that his **people** should depart out of the[ ] land, **and** I **and** my **people** went into the land that we might possess it.

<sup>8</sup>**And** we began to build buildings, **and** to repair the walls of the **city**, yea, even the walls of the **city** of **Lehi-Nephi**, **and** the **city** of Shilom.

<sup>9</sup>**And** we began to till the ground, yea, even with all manner of seeds, with seeds of corn, **and** of wheat, **and** of barley, **and** with neas, **and** with sheum, **and** with seeds of all manner of fruits; **and** we did begin to multiply **and** prosper in the land.

<sup>10</sup>Now [ ]it was the cunning **and** the craftiness of **king Laman**, to bring my **people** into bondage, that he **yielded** up the land that we might possess it.

<sup>11</sup>**Therefore** it came to pass, that after we had dwelt in the land for the space of twelve years that king Laman began to grow uneasy, lest by any means my **people** should wax strong in the land, **and** that they could not overpower [ ]**them**[ ] **and** bring them into **bondage**.

<sup>12</sup>Now they were [X\_]a[ ] lazy **and** an **idolatrous** **people**; therefore they were desir[ ]ous to bring us into bondage, that they might **glut** themselves with the labo[ ]rs of our hands; yea, that they might feast themselves upon the flocks of our fields.

<sup>13</sup>**Therefore** it came to pass that king Laman began to stir up his **people** that they should contend with my **people**; therefore there began to be wars **and** contentions in the land.

<sup>14</sup>**For**, in the thirteenth year of my reign in the land of Nephi, away on the **south** of the land of Shilom, when my **people** were watering **and** **feeding** their flocks, **and** tilling their lands, a numerous host of Lamanites came upon them **and** began to slay them, **and** to take **off** their flocks, **and** the corn of their fields.

<sup>15</sup>**Yea**, **and** it came to pass that they fled, all that were not overtaken, even into the **city** of Nephi, **and** did call upon me for protection.

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& it came to pass that I did arm them with bows & with arrows with swords & with simetres & with clubs & with slings & with all manner of weopons ~~of wa~~<sup>which</sup> we could invent & I & my People did go forth against the Lamanites to battle

yea in the strength of the Lord did we go forth to battle against the Lamanites for I & my People did cry mightily to the Lord that he would deliver us out of the hands of our enemies for we were awakened to a remembrance of the deliverance of our fathers

& God did hear our cries & did answer our prayers & we did go forth in his might yea we did go forth against the Lamanites & in one day & a night we did slay three thousand & forty three we did slay them even untill we had driven them out of our land

& I myself with mine own hands did help bury their dead & behold to our great sorrow & lamentation two hundred & seventy nine of our brethren were slain

<sup>16</sup>**And** it came to pass that I did arm them with bows, **and** with arrows, with swords, **and** with **cimeters**, **and** with clubs, **and** with slings, **and** with all manner of **weap**ons [X \_ \_] **which** [ \_ ] we could invent, **and** I **and** my **p**eople did go forth against the Lamanites to battle.

<sup>17</sup>**Yea**, in the strength of the Lord did we go forth to battle against the Lamanites; for I **and** my **p**eople did cry mightily to the Lord that he would deliver us out of the hands of our enemies, for we were awakened to a rememb[ \_ ]rance of the deliverance of our fathers.

<sup>18</sup>**And** God did hear our cries **and** did answer our prayers; **and** we did go forth in his might; yea, we did go forth against the Lamanites, **and** in one day **and** a night we did slay three thousand **and** forty-three; we did slay them even until [ \_ ] we had driven them out of our land.

<sup>19</sup>**And** I, myself, with mine own hands, did help **to** bury their dead. **And** behold, to our great sorrow **and** lamentation, two hundred **and** seventy-nine of our brethren were slain.