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Chapter first—

¹Behold it came to pass that
I Omni being commanded by my father Jarom
that I should write somewhat upon these plates to preserve our genealogy
²wherefore in my days I would that ye should know
that I fought much with the sword to preserve my People the Nephites
from falling into the hands of their enemies the Lamanites
but behold I of myself am a wicked man
& I have not kept the statutes & the commandments of the Lord
as I ought to have h^old done

³& it came to pass that twohundred & ^oventy & six years had passed away
& we had many seasons of peace
& we had many seasons of serious war & bloodshed
yea & in fine twohundred & eighty & two years had passed away
& I had kept these plates according to the commandments of my fathers
& I confered them upon my Son Amaron
& I make an end.

⁴And now I Amaron write the things whatsoever I write
which are few in the Book of my father
⁵behold it came to pass that three hundred & twenty years had passed away
& the more wicked part of the Nephites were destroid
⁶for the L^ord would not suffer
after he had lead them out of the land of Jerusalem
& kept & preserved them from falling into the hands of their enemies
yea he would not suffer that the words
which he spake unto our fathers
saying inasmuch as ye will not keep my commandments
ye shall not prosper in the land
⁷wherefore the Lord did visit them in great Judgment
nevertheless he did spare the righteous that they should not perish
but did deliver them out of the hands of their enemies
⁸& it came to pass that I did deliver the plates unto my Brother Chemish

⁹Now I Chemish write what few things I write in the same Book with my Brother
for behold I saw the last which he wrote
that he wrote it with his own hand
& he wrote it in the day that he delivered them unto me
& after this manner we keep the ~~re~~ records
for it is according to the commandments of our fathers
& I make an end

¹⁰Behold I Abinadom I am the Son of Chemish
behold it came to pass that I saw much war & contention
between my People the Nephites & the Lamanites
& I with mine own sword have taken the lives of many of the Lamanites
in the defence of my Brethren

¹¹& behold the record of this People is engraven upon plates
which is had by the Kings according to the generations
& I know of no revelation save that which has been written neither prophesy
wherefore that which is sufficient is written
& I make an end

¹²Behold I am Amaleki the Son of Abinadom
behold I will speak unto you somewhat concerning Mosiah
which was made King over the land of Zarahemla
for behold he being warned of the Lord
that he should flee out of the land of Nephi
& as many as would hearken unto the voice of the Lord
should also depart out of the land with him into the wilderness
¹³& it came to pass that he did ^{according} as the Lord ^{had} commanded him
& they departed out of the land into the wilderness
as many as would hearken unto the voice of the Lord
& they were led by many preachings & prophesyings
& they were admonished continually by the word of God
& they were led by the power of his arm through the wilderness
untill they came down into the land which is called the land of Zarahemla
¹⁴& they discovered a People which was called a the People of Zarahemla

now there was great rejoicing among the People of Zarahemla
& also Zarahemla did rejoice exceedingly
because that the Lord had sent the People of Mosiah
with the plates of Brass which contained the record of the Jews
¹⁵behold it came to pass that Mosiah discovered
that the People of Zarahemla came out from Jerusalem at the time
that Zedekiah King of Judah was carried away captive into Babylon
¹⁶& they journeyed in the wilderness
& was brought by the hand of the Lord across the great waters
into the land where Mosiah discovered them
& they had dwelt there from that time forth
¹⁷& at the time that Mosiah discovered them
they had become exceeding numerous
nevertheless they had had wars & serious contentions
& had fallen by the sword from time to time
& their language had become corrupted
& they had brought no records with them
& they denied the being of their Creator
Mosiah nor the People of Mosiah could not understand them

¹⁸but it came to pass that Mosiah caused that they should be taught in his language
& it came to pass that after they were taught in the language of Mosiah
Zarahemla gave a genealogy of his fathers according to his memory
& they are written but not in these plates

¹⁹& it came to pass that the People of Zarahemla & of Mosiah did unite together
& Mosiah was appointed to be their king

²⁰& it came to pass in the days of Mosah
there was a large stone brought unto him with engraveings on it
& he did interpret the engravings by the gift & power of God

²¹& they gave an account of one Coriantumr & the slain of his People
& Coriantumr was discovered by the People of Zarahemla
& he dwelt with them for the space of nine Moons

²²it ~~as~~^{also} spake a few words concerning his fathers
& his first parents came out from the tower
at the time the Lord confounded the language of the People
& the severity of the Lord fell upon them
according to his Judgments which is Just
& their bones lay scattered in the land Northward

²³behold I Ameleki was born in the days of Mosiah
& I have lieved & Bengamin his Son reigneth in his stead

²⁴& behold I have seen in the days of King Bengani'n
a serious war & much bloodshed between the Nephites & the Lamanites
but behold the Nephites did obtain much advantage over them
yea insomuch that King Benjamin did drive them out of the land of Zarahemla

²⁵& it came to pass that I began to be old
& haveing no seed
& knoing King Benjamin to be a Just man before the Lord
wherefore I shall deliver up these plates unto him
exhorting all men to come unto God the Holy one of Israel
& believe in prophesying & in revelations
& in the ministering of Angels
& in the gift of speaking with tongues
& in the gift of interpreting languages
& in all things which is good
for there is nothing which is good save it comes from ~~God~~ the Lord
& that which is evil cometh from the Devil

²⁶& now my beloved Brethren
I would that ye should come unto Christ which is the Holy one of Israel
& partake of his salvation & the power of his redemption
yea come unto him & offer your whole souls as an offering unto him
& continue in fasting & proping & endure to the end
& as the Lord liveth ye will be saved

²⁷& now I would speak somewhat concerning a certain number
which went up into the wilderness to return to the land of Nephi
for there was a large number which were desirous
to possess the land of their inheritance

²⁸wherefore they went up into the wilderness
& their leader being a strong & a mighty man & a stiffnecked man
wherefore he caused a contention among them
& they were all slain save fifty in the wilderness
& they returned again to the land of Zarahemla

²⁹& & it came to pass that they also took others to a considerable number
& took their journey again into the wilderness

³⁰& I Amaleki had a Brother which also went with them
& I have not since known concerning them
& I am about to lay down in my grave
& these plates are full
& I make an end of my speaking——
