

Words of Mormon 1

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Chapter 2.d

¹And now I Mormon being about to deliver up the record
which I have been making
into the hands of my Son Moroni
behold I have witnessed almost all the destruction of my People the Nephites

²& it is many hundred years after the coming of Christ
that I deliver these records into the hands of my Son
& it supposeth me that he will witness the entire destruction of my People
but may God grant that he may survive them
that he may write somewhat concerning them
& somewhat concerning Christ
that perhaps some day it may profit them

³& now I speak somewhat concerning that which I have written
for after that I had made an abridgment from the plates of Nephi
down to the reign of this King Benjamin of which Amaleki spake
I searched among the records which had been delivered into my hands

& I found these plates which contained this small account of the Prophets
from Jacob down to the reign of this King Benjamin
& also many of the words of Nephi

⁴& the things which are upon these plates pleasing me
because of the Prophecies of the coming of Christ
& my fathers knowing that many of them have been fulfilled
yea & I also know that as many things ^{as} have been prophesied
Concerning us down to this day has been fulfilled
& as many as go beyond this day must surely come to pass

⁵wherefore I chose these things to finish my record upon them
which remainder of my record I shall take from the plates of Nephi
& I cannot write the hundredth part of the things of my People

⁶but behold I shall take these plates
which contain these prophesyings & revelations
& put them with the remainder of my record
for they are choice unto me
& I know they will be choice unto my Brethren

⁷& I do this for a wise purpose
for thus it whispereth me
according to the workings of the spirit of the Lord which is in me
& now I do not know all things
but the Lord knoweth all things which is to come
wherefore he worketh in me to do according to his will

⁸& my prayer to God is concerning my Brethren
that they may once again come to the knowledge of God
yea the redemption of Christ
that they may once again be a delightsome People

⁹& now I Mormon procede to finish out my record
which I take from the plates of Nephi
& I make it according to the knowledge & the understanding
which God hath given me

¹⁰wherefore it came to pass that
after Amaleki had delivered up these plates into the hands of King Benjamin
he took them & put them with the other plates
which contained records which had been handed down
by the Kings from Generation to Generation untill the days of King Benjamin
¹¹& they were handed down from King Benjamin from generation to generation
untill they have fallen into my hands
& I Mormon pray to God
that they may be preserved from this time hence forth
& I know that they will be preserved
for there are great things written upon them
out of which my People & their Brethren shall be Judged at the great & last day
according to the word of God which is written

¹²& now concerning this King Benjamin
he had somewhat contentions among his own People
¹³& it came to pass also that the armies of the Lamanites came down
out of the land of Nephi to battle against his People
but behold King Benjamin gathered together his armies
& he did stand against them
& he did fight with the strength of his own arm with the sword of Laban
¹⁴& in the strength of the Lord they did contend against their enemies
untill they had slain many thousand of the Lamanites
& it came to pass that they did contend against the Lamanites
untill they had driven them out of all the lands of their inheritance

¹⁵& it came to pass that after there had been fals Christs
& their mouths had been shut
& they punished according to their crimes
¹⁶& after their had been fals prophets
& fals preachers & teachers among the People
& all these haveing been punished according to their crimes
& after there haveing been much contentions
& many dissensions away unto the Lamanites
behold it came to pass that King Benjamin
with the assistance of the holy Prophets which were among his People

¹⁷for behold King Benjamin was a holy man
& he did reign over his People in righteousness
& there were many holy men in the land
& they did speak the word of God with power & with authority
& they did use much sharpness because of the stiffneckedness of the People
¹⁸wherefore with the help of these
King Benjamin by labouring with all the might of his body
& the faculty of his whole soul
& also the Prophets
wherefore they did once more establish peace in the land—