

# THE BOOK of JAROM

## (The Son of Enos)

### Chapter One.

**N**ow, I, Jarom, inscribe a brief account as per the directive of my father, Enos, to maintain our genealogy. Due to the limited space on these plates and with the primary purpose of benefiting our Lamanite brethren, I will provide a concise record. I won't delve into my prophecies or revelations, for what more could I convey than my forefathers? Have they not already revealed the plan of salvation? I affirm, yes, and that suffices for me.

Much needs to be accomplished among this people due to the hardness of their hearts, deafness of their ears, blindness of their minds, and the stiffness of their necks. Nevertheless, God extends exceptional mercy towards them, and thus far, He has not removed them from the face of the land. Among us, there are many who have received numerous revelations, for not all are stiffnecked. Those who are not and possess faith, commune with the Holy Spirit, which manifests according to their belief.

Two hundred years have elapsed, and the people of Nephi have thrived in the land. They diligently observe the law of Moses and sanctify the Sabbath unto the Lord. They avoid profanity and blasphemy, and the laws are exceedingly strict. They are dispersed across the land, as are the Lamanites, who outnumber the Nephites significantly. The Lamanites harbor a love for murder and partake in drinking the blood of beasts. Many times, the Lamanites come against us, the Nephites, in battle. However, our kings and leaders, mighty in the faith of the Lord, teach the people of His ways. Thus, we withstand the Lamanites, repel them from our lands, and commence fortifying our cities and inherited places.

We multiply abundantly, spread across the land, and amass great wealth in gold, silver, precious items, fine woodwork, buildings, machinery, iron, copper, brass, and steel. We manufacture all kinds of tools and weapons for tilling the ground and preparing for war. Well-prepared to face the Lamanites, they do not prevail against us. The Lord's promise is fulfilled: If we keep His commandments, we shall prosper in the land.

The prophets of the Lord warn the people of Nephi, in accordance with God's word, that transgression will lead to their destruction from the land. Prophets, priests, and teachers labor, urging the people to be diligent and teaching the law of Moses, its purpose, and encouraging them to look forward to the Messiah, believing in Him as though He were already present. This is their teaching method. Through these efforts, they prevent the people from being destroyed, stirring them continually unto repentance by pricking their hearts with the word.

Two hundred and thirty-eight years have now passed in wars, contentions, and dissensions for much of that time. I refrain from writing more, considering the small size of the plates. However, my brethren, you can refer to the other plates of Nephi, where the records of our wars are engraved according to the writings of the kings or those commissioned to record.

I entrust these plates into the hands of my son Omni, that they may be preserved as per the commandments of my fathers.