

# THE BOOK *of* OMNI

## (The Son of Jarom)

### Chapter One.

I, Omni, complying with my father Jarom's directive to document our genealogy, share a glimpse of my life. In my time, I engaged in extensive sword fighting to safeguard my people, the Nephites, from falling into the hands of their enemies, the Lamanites. Regrettably, I acknowledge my own wickedness, as I have not kept the statutes and commandments of the Lord as I should.

Two hundred and seventy-six years passed, marked by alternating periods of peace and serious war with bloodshed. In total, two hundred and eighty-two years have elapsed, during which I faithfully kept these plates as per my father's commandments. I then passed them on to my son Amaron, concluding my record.

### **The Words of Amaron (the Son of Omni):**

Now I, Amaron, inscribe a few things in the book of my father. Three hundred and twenty years have transpired, witnessing the destruction of the more wicked faction of the Nephites. The Lord, after leading them out of Jerusalem and preserving them from their enemies, enforced the words He spoke to our fathers. He declared that unless they kept His commandments, they would not prosper in the land. In judgment, the Lord visited them, sparing the righteous from destruction and delivering them from their enemies. I entrusted the plates to my brother Chemish.

### **The Words of Chemish (the Brother of Amaron):**

Now, I, Chemish, inscribe the limited content that I write in the same book as my brother. I witnessed the last entry he made, personally penned on the day he handed these plates to me. This is our method of record-keeping, following the commandments of our fathers. And with this, I conclude.

### **The Words of Abinadom (the Son of Chemish):**

I, Abinadom, am the son of Chemish. I witnessed much war and contention between my people, the Nephites, and the Lamanites. With my own sword, I took the lives of many Lamanites in defense of my brethren. The record of our people is engraved upon plates held by the kings, tracing the generations. I know of no revelation or prophecy beyond what has been written. What is sufficient is inscribed. And I conclude.

### **The Words of Amaleki (the Son of Abinadom):**

I am Amaleki, the son of Abinadom. I will share something about Mosiah, who became king over the land of Zarahemla. Warned by the Lord to flee the land of Nephi, Mosiah departed with those who heeded the Lord's voice, journeying into the wilderness. They followed many preachings and prophecies, continually admonished by the word of God, led by the power of His arm until they reached the land called Zarahemla. There, they encountered the people of Zarahemla, causing great rejoicing on both sides.

Zarahemla rejoiced because the Lord sent Mosiah's people with the brass plates containing the record of the Jews. Mosiah learned that the people of Zarahemla came from Jerusalem when Zedekiah, the king of Judah, was carried captive to Babylon. They journeyed in the wilderness, guided by the Lord's hand across great waters to the land where Mosiah found them, and they settled there. At the time Mosiah discovered them, they had become numerous but had faced many wars and contentions, losing lives by the sword. Their language had become corrupted, and they denied the existence of their Creator. Mosiah and his people could not understand them. Mosiah had them taught in his language, and Zarahemla provided a genealogy of his fathers, although not on these plates. The people of Zarahemla and Mosiah united, and Mosiah became their king.

In Mosiah's days, a large stone with engravings was brought to him, and he interpreted it by the gift and power of God. It contained an account of Coriantumr and the slain of his people. Coriantumr was discovered by the people of Zarahemla and dwelt with them for nine moons. The stone also spoke of Coriantumr's first parents, who came out from the tower when the Lord confounded the people's language. The severity of the Lord's judgments fell upon them, and their bones were scattered in the land northward.

I was born in Mosiah's days and witnessed his death. Benjamin, his son, now reigns. In the days of King Benjamin, I saw a serious war and much bloodshed between the Nephites and Lamanites. Benjamin successfully drove the Lamanites out of Zarahemla.

I began to age, having no offspring, and recognizing King Benjamin's just nature before the Lord. Therefore, I deliver these plates to him, urging all to come to God, the Holy One of Israel. Believe in prophesying, revelations, ministering of angels, speaking with tongues, interpreting languages, and all that is good. For all good comes from the Lord, and evil from the devil.

I encourage my people to come to Christ, the Holy One of Israel, partake of His salvation, and the power of His redemption. Offer your whole souls to Him, continue in fasting and praying, endure to the end, and by the living Lord, you will be saved.

Now, a word about a group that went into the wilderness to return to the land of Nephi. A considerable number, desiring their inheritance, went up, led by a strong and stiffnecked leader. Contentions arose, resulting in the death of all but fifty, who returned to Zarahemla. These fifty attempted the journey again, this time taking additional people. My brother accompanied them, and since then, I have heard nothing about them. As I approach my grave, these plates are full, and thus, I conclude.