

# FOURTH NEPHI

## THE BOOK *of* NEPHI

(The Son of Nephi; one of Jesus Christ's disciples)

### AN INTRODUCTION:

An account of the people of Nephi, according to his record.

#### Chapter One.

The thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth years passed, and the disciples of Jesus established the Church of Christ in the surrounding lands. Those who came to them, truly repenting of their sins, were baptized in the name of Jesus and received the Holy Ghost.

In the thirty-sixth year, both Nephites and Lamanites were converted unto the Lord, and there was no contention among them. They lived justly, had all things in common, and became one people free from distinctions of rich and poor, bond and free.

The thirty-seventh year continued in peace, and great and marvelous works were performed by the disciples of Jesus. Miracles abounded, and the people prospered.

The thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, fortieth, forty-first, forty-second, and so on, up to the fifty-ninth year, passed with continued prosperity. Cities, including the great city Zarahemla, were rebuilt. The Lord greatly prospered them, and they flourished. However, some cities that had sunk could not be renewed.

The people of Nephi multiplied and became exceedingly fair and delightsome. They married, were given in marriage, and were blessed according to the promises of the Lord. They no longer followed the ordinances of the Law of Moses but adhered to the commandments from the Lord, fasting, praying, and meeting together to hear the word of the Lord.

The seventy-first and seventy-second years passed, and ultimately, after a hundred years, all the chosen disciples of Jesus, except the three who were to tarry, had gone to the paradise of God.

There was no contention in the land due to the love of God dwelling in the hearts of the people. They lived harmoniously, free from envy, strifes, tumults, whoredoms, lies, murders, and lasciviousness. It was a time of great happiness among them. There were no robbers, murderers, Lamanites, or any other factions. They were united as the children of Christ and heirs to the kingdom of God.

Nephi, the keeper of the record, died in the two hundred and tenth year, and his son Amos continued the record he kept for eighty-four years.

The people continued to multiply, and there was still peace in the land, except for a small group who revolted from the church and took on the name of Lamanites. Amos died in the one hundred and ninety-fourth year from the coming of Christ, and his son Amos took over the plates of Nephi.

Two hundred years had elapsed, and the second generation had almost entirely passed away. The people had multiplied, becoming exceedingly rich due to their prosperity in Christ.

In the two hundred and first year, there arose a division among the people. Some were lifted in pride, wearing costly apparel, and indulging in fine things. Class divisions emerged, and they began to build churches for gain, denying the true church of Christ.

By the two-hundred-and-ten-year mark, many churches had formed, some professing to know Christ but denying parts of his gospel. The people were led astray by false teachings and committed all manner of wickedness.

Another church arose, persecuting the true church due to their humility and belief in Christ. Despite mighty miracles, the people's hearts hardened, leading to persecution similar to what Jesus faced in Jerusalem.

The people continued to reject the disciples, casting them into furnaces and dens of wild beasts. Yet, the disciples emerged unharmed. The people dwindled in unbelief and wickedness, reaching two hundred and thirty years since the coming of Christ.

In the two hundred and thirty-first year, a great division occurred among the people. A group known as the Nephites emerged as true believers in Christ. The Lamanites called them Jacobites, Josephites, and Zoramites. Those who rejected the gospel were labeled Lamanites, Lemuelites, and Ishmaelites. They rebelled against Christ and taught their children to hate the followers of God, similar to the Lamanites' hatred for the Nephites.

By the two-hundred and forty-four-year mark, the more wicked part of the population grew stronger, surpassing the people of God in number.

In the two hundred and fifty-first through the two hundred and sixtieth years, the wicked people continued building churches for gain, accumulating precious things. The Gadianton robbers reappeared, spreading across the land, accumulating gold and silver, and dealing in all manner of trafficking. The disciples of Jesus remained the only righteous people.

After three hundred and five years, both Nephites and Lamanites became exceedingly wicked. Gadianton robbers covered the land, and the disciples of Jesus were the only righteous people. After three hundred and twenty years, constrained by the Holy Ghost, Ammaron hid up all the sacred records, including those handed down from generation to generation, according to the promises of the Lord. He hid them up unto the Lord, intending for them to come again unto the remnant of the house of Jacob, as prophesied. Thus, the record of Ammaron concludes.