

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE
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Chapter —

And now it came to pass ^{that} according to our record & we know our record to be true for behold it was a just man which did keep the record for he truly did many miracles in the name of Jesus & there was not any man which could do a miracle in the name of Jesus save he were cleansed every whit from his iniquity

& now it came to pass if there was no mistake made by this man in the reckoning of our time the thirty & third year had passed away

& the people began to look with great earnestness for the sign which had been ~~given~~^{given} by the prophet Samuel the Lamanite yea for the ~~sign~~^{time} that there should be darkness for the space of three days over the face of the land

& there began to be great doubtings & disputations among the people notwithstanding so many signs had been given

& it came to pass [that] in the thirty & fourth year in the first month in the fourth day of the month there arose a great storm such an one as never had been known in all the land

& there was also a great & terrible tempest & there was terrible thunder insomuch that it did shake the whole earth as if it was about to divide a sunder

& there was exceeding sharp lightnings such as never had been known in all the land

& the City of Zarahemla did take fire

& the City of Moroni did sink into the depths of the Sea & the inhabitants thereof were drowned

& the earth was carried up upon the city of Moronihah that in the place of the city thereof there became a great Mountain

& there were a great & terrible destruction in the land southward

CHAPTER 8 [X] []

Tempests, earthquakes, fires, whirlwinds, and physical upheavals attest the crucifixion of Christ—Many people are destroyed—Darkness covers the land for three days—Those who remain bemoan their fate. About A.D. 33–34.

¹And now it came to pass **that** according to our record, **and** we know our record to be true, for behold, it was a just man **who** did keep the record— for he truly did many miracles in the name of Jesus; **and** there was not any man **who** could do a miracle in the name of Jesus save he were cleansed every whit from his iniquity—

²**And** now it came to pass, if there was no mistake made by this man in the reckoning of our time, the thirty **and** third year had passed away;

³**And** the people began to look with great earnestness for the sign which had been [_ _]**given**[_ _] by the prophet Samuel, the Lamanite, yea, for the [_ _]**time**[_] that there should be darkness for the space of three days over the face of the land.

⁴**And** there began to be great doubtings **and** disputations among the people, notwithstanding so many signs had been given.

⁵**And** it came to pass [X] in the thirty **and** fourth year, in the first month, **on** the fourth day of the month, there arose a great storm, such an one as never had been known in all the land.

⁶**And** there was also a great **and** terrible tempest; **and** there was terrible thunder, insomuch that it did shake the whole earth as if it was about to divide a [_]sunder.

⁷**And** there **were** exceedingly sharp lightnings, such as never had been known in all the land.

⁸**And** the **city** of Zarahemla did take fire.

⁹**And** the **city** of Moroni did sink into the **depths** of the **sea**, **and** the inhabitants thereof were drowned.

¹⁰**And** the earth was carried up upon the city of Moronihah, that in the place of the city there [_ _] [X] became a great **mountain**.

¹¹**And** there **was** a great **and** terrible destruction in the land southward.

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but behold there were a more great & terrible destruction in the land northward for behold the whole face of the land was changed because of the tempests & the whirlwinds & the thunderings & the lightnings & the exceding great quaking of the whole earth

& the highways were broken up & the level roads were spoiled & many smothe places became rough

& many great & notable cities were sunk & many were burned & many were shook till the buildings thereof had fallen to the earth & the inhabitants thereof were slain & the places were left desolate

& there were some cities which remained but the damage thereof was exceding great & there were many in them which were slain

& there were some which were carried away in **377** the whirlwind & ~~wh~~e whither they went no man knoweth save they know that they were carried away

& **thus** the face of the whole earth became deformed because of the tempests & the thunderings & the lightnings & the quakeing of the earth

& behold the rocks were went in twain yea they were broken up upon the face of the whole earth insomuch that they were found in broken fragments & in seams & in cracks upon all the face of the land

& it came to pass that when the thunderings & the lightnings & the storm & the tempest & the quakeings of the earth did cease for behold they did last for about the space of three hours & it was said by some that the time was greater nevertheless all these great & terrible things were done in about the space of three hours & then behold there was darkness upon the face of the land

& it came to pass that there was thick darkness upon the face of all the land insomuch that the inhabitants thereof which had **not** fallen could feel the vapour of darkness

¹²**But** behold, there **was** a more great **and** terrible destruction in the land northward; for behold, the whole face of the land was changed, because of the tempest[] **and** the whirlwinds, **and** the thunderings **and** the lightnings, **and** the **excedingly** great quaking of the whole earth;

¹³**And** the highways were broken up, **and** the level roads were spoiled, **and** many smooth places became rough.

¹⁴**And** many great **and** notable cities were sunk, **and** many were burned, **and** many were **shaken** till the buildings thereof had fallen to the earth, **and** the inhabitants thereof were slain, **and** the places were left desolate.

¹⁵**And** there were some cities which remained; but the damage thereof was **exceedingly** great, **and** there were many in them **who** were slain.

¹⁶**And** there were some **who** were carried away in the whirlwind; **and** [_ _] whither they went no man knoweth, save they know that they were carried away.

¹⁷**And thus** the face of the whole earth became deformed, because of the tempests, **and** the thunderings, **and** the lightnings, **and** the quak[]ing of the earth.

¹⁸**And** behold, the rocks were []rent in twain; **[X]** they were broken up upon the face of the whole earth, insomuch that they were found in broken fragments, **and** in seams **and** in cracks, upon all the face of the land.

¹⁹**And** it came to pass that when the thunderings, **and** the lightnings, **and** the storm, **and** the tempest, **and** the quak[]ings of the earth did cease—for behold, they did last for about the space of three hours; **and** it was said by some that the time was greater; nevertheless, all these great **and** terrible things were done in about the space of three hours—**and** then behold, there was darkness upon the face of the land.

²⁰**And** it came to pass that there was thick darkness upon **all** the face of **[X]** the land, insomuch that the inhabitants thereof **who** had **not** fallen could feel the vapo[]r of darkness;

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& there could be no light because of the darkness neither candels neither torches neither could there be fire kindeled with their fine & exceding dry wood so that there could not be any light atal

& there was not any light seen neither fire nor glimmer neither the Sun nor the Moon nor the Stars for so great were the mists of darkness which were upon the face of the land

& it came to pass that it did last for the space of three ^{days} ~~days~~ that there was no light seen & there was great mourning & howling[&] ^{weeping} among all the people continually yea great were the **groanings** of the people because of the darkness & the great destruction which had come upon them

& in one place they were heard to cry saying O that we had repented before this great & terrible day & then would our brethren have been spared & they would not have ~~be~~ been burned in that great city Zarahemla

& in another place they were heard to cry & ~~m~~^{mou}orn saying O that we had repented before this great & terrible day & had not killed & stoned the prophets & cast them out then would our mothers & our fair daughters & our children have been spared & not have been ~~burne~~^{buried} up in that great City Moronihah & thus were the howlings of the people great & terrible

²¹**And** there could be no light, because of the darkness, neither candles, neither torches; neither could there be fire kind[]led with their fine **and** exceedingly dry wood, so that there could not be any light at[]all;

²²**And** there was not any light seen, neither fire, nor glimmer, neither the sun, nor the moon, nor the stars, for so great were the mists of darkness which were upon the face of the land.

²³**And** it came to pass that it did last for the space of three **days [X]** that there was no light seen; **and** there was great mourning **and** howling[]**and weeping** among all the people continually; yea, great were the **groanings** of the people, because of the darkness **and** the great destruction which had come upon them.

²⁴**And** in one place they were heard to cry, saying: O that we had repented before this great **and** terrible day, **and** then would our brethren have been spared, **and** they would not have [] been burned in that great city Zarahemla.

²⁵**And** in another place they were heard to cry **and** []**mou**[]**rn**, saying: O that we had repented before this great **and** terrible day, **and** had not killed **and** stoned the prophets, **and** cast them out; then would our mothers **and** our fair daughters, **and** our children have been spared, **and** not have been [] **buried**[] up in that great city Moronihah. **And** thus were the howlings of the people great **and** terrible.