

Jarom 1

The Book of Jarom

Chapter first

¹Now Behold I Jarom write a few words
according to the commandment of my father Enos
that our genealogy may be kept
²& as these plates are small
& as these things are written
for the intent of the benefit of our Brethren the Lamanites
wherefore it must needs be that I write a little
but I shall not write the things of my prophesying nor of my revelations
for what could I write more then my fathers have written
for have not they revealed the plan of salvation
I say unto you yea
& this suffiseth me

³behold it is expediant that much should be done among this People
because of the hardness of their hearts & the deafness of their ears
& the blindness of their minds & the stiffness of their necks
nevertheless God is exceding merciful unto them
& hath not as yet swept them off from the face of the land
⁴& there are many among us which have many revelations
for they are not all stiffnecked
& as many as are not stiffnecked & have faith
have communion with the Holy spirit
which maketh manifest unto the children of men according to their faith

⁵& now behold two hundred years had passed away
& the People of Nephi had waxed strong in the land
they had observed to keep the law of Moses
& the sabbath day Holy unto the Lord
& they profaned not neither did they blaspheme
& the laws of the land were exceding strict
⁶& they were scattered upon much of the face of the land
& the Lamanites also
& they were exceding more numerous then were they of the Nephites
& the loved murder & would drink the blood of beasts
⁷& it came to pass that they came many times against us the Nephites to battle
but our Kings & our leaders were mighty men in the faith of the Lord
& they taught the People the ways of the Lord
wherefore we withstood the Lamanites
& swept them away out of our lands
& began to fortify our cities or whatsoever place of our inheritance

⁸& we multiplied exceedingly & spread upon the face of the land
& became exceeding rich in gold & in silver & in precious things
& in fine workmanship of wood in buildings & in mashinery
& also in iron & copper & brass & steel
making all manner of tools of every kind to till the ground
& weopons of war
yea the sharp pointed arrow & the quiver & the dart & ◇ the Javlin
& all preperation^s for war

⁹& thus being prepared to meet the Lamanites
they did not prosper against us
but the word of the Lord was verrified which he spake unto our fathers
saying that inas much as ye will keep my commandments
ye shall prosper in the land

¹⁰& it came to pass that the Prophets of the Lord
did threaten the People of Nephi according to the word of the Lord God
that if they did not keep the commandments but should fall into transgression
they should be destroid from off the face of the land

¹¹wherefore the Prophets & the Priests & the teachers did labour diligently
exhorting with all long suffering the People to diligence
teaching the law of Moses & the intent for which it was given
persuadeing them to look forward unto the messiah
& believe in him to come as tho he already was
& after this manner did they teach them

¹²& it came to pass that by so doing
they kept them from being destroid upon the face of the land
for they did prick their hearts with the word
continually stiring them up unto repentance

¹³& it came to pass that twohundred & thirty & eight years had passed away
after the manner of wars & contentions & dissensions
for the space of much of the time

¹⁴& I Joram do not write more
for the plates are small
but behold my Brethren ye can go to the other plates of Nephi
for behold upon them the record of our wars are engraven
according to the writings of the Kings
or that which they caused to be written

¹⁵& I deliver these plates into the hands of my Son Omni
that they may be kept according^{to} the commandments of my fathers