

# THE BOOK OF JACOB



## THE BROTHER OF NEPHI

*The words of his preaching unto his brethren.  
He confoundeth a man who seeketh to overthrow  
the doctrine of Christ.  
And a few words concerning the history of the people  
of Nephi.*

1 545 BC

a 1N 2:6

b 1N 2:93-99

- 1** FOR BEHOLD, it came to pass that <sup>1</sup>fifty and five years had passed away from the time that Lehi left Jerusalem; Wherefore, Nephi gave me, Jacob, a <sup>a</sup>commandment concerning these <sup>b</sup>small plates upon which these things are engraven;
- 2 And he gave me, Jacob, a commandment that I should write upon these plates a few of the things which I considered to be most precious, That I should not touch, save it were lightly, concerning the history of this people, which are called the people of Nephi;
- 3 For he said that the history of his people should be engraven upon his other plates, And that I should preserve these plates and hand them down unto my seed from generation to generation;
- 4 And if there were preaching which was sacred, or revelation which was great, or prophesying, That I should engraven the <sup>2</sup>heads of them upon these plates, And touch upon them as much as it were possible, for Christ's sake and for the sake of our people.
- 5 For because of faith and great anxiety, it truly had been made manifest unto us concerning our people, what <sup>c</sup>things should happen unto them;
- 6 And we also had many revelations and the spirit of much prophecy; Wherefore, we knew of Christ and His kingdom which should come;

2 heads = best,  
foremost,  
uniquely finest  
1N 5:223

c 1N 3:96-256;  
4:14-34;  
7:12-22  
2N 1:6-25

- 7 Wherefore, we labored diligently among our people  
that we might persuade them to come unto Christ  
and partake of the goodness of God,  
that they might enter into His rest,  
Lest by any means He should swear in His wrath  
they should not enter in, as in the provocation  
in the days of temptation while the children of Israel  
were in the wilderness.
- 8 Wherefore, we would to God that we could persuade all  
men not to rebel against God, to provoke Him to anger,  
But that all men would believe in Christ  
and view His death and suffer His cross  
and bear the shame of the world;  
Wherefore, I, Jacob, take it upon me to fulfill  
the commandment of my brother Nephi.
- 9 Now Nephi began to be old and he saw  
that he must soon die;  
Wherefore, he anointed a man to be a king  
and a ruler over his people;  
Now according to the reigns of the kings,
- 10 The people having loved Nephi exceedingly—  
he having been a great protector for them,  
having wielded the sword of Laban in their defense  
and having labored in all his days for their welfare—  
Wherefore, the people were desirous  
to retain in remembrance his name;
- 11 And whoso should reign in his stead were called  
by the people Second Nephi, Third Nephi, etc.,  
according to the reigns of the <sup>a</sup>kings;  
And thus they were called by the people, let them  
be of whatsoever name they would.
- 12 And it came to pass that Nephi died.
- 13 Now the <sup>b</sup>people which were not Lamanites were Nephites;  
Nevertheless, they were called Nephites, Jacobites,  
Josephites, Zoramites; Lamanites, Lemuelites  
and Ishmaelites;
- 14 But I, Jacob, shall not hereafter distinguish them  
by these names,  
But I shall call them Lamanites, they that seek  
to destroy the people of Nephi,  
And they which are friendly to Nephi I shall call Nephites,

a 2N 4:27-28

b 4N 1:40-42

or the people of Nephi, according to the reigns of the kings.

a Jac 2:30-33  
Mos 7:2-5  
Eth 4:48

15 And now it came to pass that the people of Nephi under the reign of the second king began to grow hard in their hearts, And indulge themselves somewhat in wicked practices, such as like unto David of old, desiring many <sup>a</sup>wives and concubines, and also Solomon his son;

1 recorded in ch 2  
b 2N 4:22

16 Yea, and they also began to search much gold and silver and began to be lifted up somewhat in pride;  
17 Wherefore, I, Jacob, gave unto them these <sup>1</sup>words as I taught them in the <sup>b</sup>temple, having firstly obtained mine errand from the Lord.

c 2N 4:42

18 For I, Jacob, and my brother Joseph had been <sup>c</sup>consecrated priests and teachers of this people by the hand of Nephi,  
19 And we did magnify our office unto the Lord, taking upon us the responsibility, answering the sins of the people upon our own heads if we did not teach them the word of God with all diligence;

d 2N 6:88  
Mos 1:65  
Mn 4:101  
Eth 5:39

20 Wherefore, by laboring with our mights, their <sup>d</sup>blood might not come upon our garments—  
Otherwise their blood would come upon our garments and we would not be found spotless at the last day.

**2** *The words which Jacob, the brother of Nephi, spake unto the people of Nephi after the death of Nephi.*

2 **NOW MY** beloved brethren, I, Jacob, according to the responsibility which I am under to God to magnify mine office with soberness, and that I might rid my garments of your sins, I come up into the temple this day that I might declare unto you the word of God;

3 And ye yourselves know that I have hitherto been diligent in the office of my calling;  
But I, this day, am weighed down with much more desire and anxiety for the welfare of your souls than I have hitherto been.

4 For behold, as yet ye have been obedient unto the word of the Lord which I have given unto you—

- 5 But behold, hearken ye unto me and know that by the help  
of the all-powerful Creator of heaven and earth,  
I can tell you concerning your thoughts,  
How that ye are beginning to labor in sin,  
which sin appeareth very abominable unto me,  
yea, and abominable unto God.
- 6 Yea, and it grieveth my soul and causeth me to shrink  
with shame before the presence of my Maker  
that I must testify unto you concerning  
the wickedness of your hearts;
- 7 And also it grieveth me that I must use so much boldness  
of speech concerning you before your wives and your  
children, many of whose feelings are exceeding tender  
and chaste and delicate before God,  
which thing is pleasing unto God;
- 8 And it supposeth me that they have come up hither  
to hear the pleasing word of God, yea,  
the word which healeth the <sup>a</sup>wounded soul.
- 9 Wherefore, it burdeneth my soul that I should be  
constrained, because of the strict commandment  
which I have received from God, to admonish you  
according to your crimes, to enlarge the wounds  
of those which are already wounded, instead  
of consoling and healing their wounds;
- 10 And those which have not been wounded,  
instead of feasting upon the pleasing word of God,  
have daggers placed to pierce their souls  
and wound their delicate minds;
- 11 But notwithstanding the greatness of the task, I must  
do according to the strict commands of God  
and tell you concerning your wickedness  
and abominations in the presence of the pure  
in heart and the broken heart and under the  
glance of the piercing eye of the Almighty God;
- 12 Wherefore, I must tell you the truth, according  
to the <sup>b</sup>plainness of the word of God.
- 13 For behold, as I inquired of the Lord, thus  
came the word unto me, saying:  
“Jacob, get thou up into the temple on the morrow  
and declare the word which I shall give thee  
unto this people.”

a 1N 3:179

b 2N 11:6;  
15:7

a 2N 4:21

14 And now behold, my brethren, this is the word  
 which I declare unto you:  
 That many of you have begun to search for gold and for  
 silver and all manner of precious ores in the which this  
 land, which is a Land of Promise unto you and to your  
 seed, doth <sup>a</sup>abound most plentifully;

15 And the hand of providence hath smiled upon you most  
 pleasingly, that you have obtained many riches;

16 And because that some of you have obtained  
 more abundantly than that of your brethren,  
 Ye are lifted up in the pride of your hearts  
 and wear stiff necks and high heads,  
 because of the costliness of your apparel,  
 And persecute your brethren, because that  
 ye suppose that ye are better than they.

17 And now my brethren, do ye suppose  
 that God justifieth you in this thing?  
 Behold, I say unto you, Nay;

18 But He condemneth you;  
 And if ye persist in these things, His judgments  
 must speedily come unto you.

19 O that He would show you that He can pierce you  
 and with one glance of His eye  
 He can smite you to the dust!

20 O that He would rid you from this  
 iniquity and abomination!

21 And O that ye would listen unto the word  
 of His commands and let not this pride  
 of your hearts destroy your souls!

b Mos 2:36

22 Think of your brethren like unto yourselves and  
 be familiar with all and <sup>b</sup>free with your substance,  
 that they may be rich like unto you;

23 But before ye seek for riches,  
 seek ye for the kingdom of God;

c Deut 8:18

24 And after that ye have obtained a hope in Christ,  
 ye shall obtain <sup>c</sup>riches—if ye seek them,  
 And ye will seek them for the intent to do good:

d Mos 2:43

to <sup>d</sup>clothe the naked,  
 and to feed the hungry,  
 and to liberate the captive,  
 and administer relief to the sick and the afflicted.

25 And now my brethren, I have spoken unto you  
 concerning pride;  
 And those of you which have afflicted your neighbor  
 and persecuted him because that ye were proud  
 in your hearts of the things which God hath given you,  
 what say ye of it?

26 Do ye not suppose that such things are abominable  
 unto Him who created all flesh?

27 And the one being is as precious in His sight as the other;  
 28 And all flesh is of the dust;  
 And for the selfsame end hath He created them,  
 that they should keep His commandments  
 and glorify Him forever.

29 And now I make an end of speaking unto you  
 concerning this pride;

30 And were it not that I must speak unto you concerning  
 a grosser <sup>a</sup>crime, my heart would rejoice exceedingly  
 because of you;

31 But the word of God burdens me  
 because of your grosser crimes;

32 For behold, thus saith the Lord:  
 “This people beginneth to wax in iniquity;  
 They understand not the scriptures,  
 For they seek to excuse themselves in committing  
 whoredoms because of the things which were  
 written concerning David and Solomon his son.

33 “Behold, David and Solomon truly had many <sup>b</sup>wives and  
 concubines, which thing was abominable before Me!”  
 saith the Lord;

34 Wherefore, thus saith the Lord:  
 “I have led this people forth out of the Land of Jerusalem  
 by the power of Mine arm, that I might raise up  
 unto Me a <sup>c</sup>righteous branch from  
 the fruit of the loins of Joseph;

35 Wherefore, I, the Lord God, will not suffer that  
 this people shall do like unto them of old.”

36 Wherefore my brethren, hear me and  
 hearken to the word of the Lord:  
 “For there shall not any man among you  
 have save it be one <sup>d</sup>wife,  
 And concubines he shall have none;  
 For I, the Lord God, delighteth in the chastity of women,

a Jac 1:15

b Mos 7:2-5  
 Eth 4:48

c 2N 2:6-7

d Jac 2:54-57

a A 21:17  
Eth 1:29-35

- 37 And whoredoms are abominations before Me!”  
Thus saith the Lord of Hosts.
- 38 “Wherefore, this people shall keep My commandments,”  
saith the Lord of Hosts, “or <sup>a</sup>cursed be the land  
for their sakes;
- 39 For if I will,” saith the Lord of Hosts, “raise up seed  
unto Me, I will command My people—  
Otherwise, they shall hearken unto these things!
- 40 “For behold, I, the Lord, have seen the sorrow  
and heard the mourning of the daughters  
of My people in the Land of Jerusalem,  
Yea, and in all the lands of My people, because of the  
wickedness and abominations of their husbands;
- 41 And I will not suffer,” saith the Lord of Hosts, “that the  
cries of the fair daughters of this people which I have  
led out of the Land of Jerusalem shall come up unto Me  
against the men of My people,” saith the Lord of Hosts;
- 42 “For they shall not lead away captive the daughters of My  
people because of their tenderness, save I shall visit  
them with a sore curse, even unto destruction,
- 43 For they shall not commit whoredoms like unto they  
of old,” saith the Lord of Hosts.
- 44 And now behold, my brethren, ye know that these  
commandments were given to our father Lehi;  
Wherefore, ye have known them before;  
And ye have come unto great condemnation, for ye have  
done these things which ye ought not to have done.
- 45 Behold, ye have done greater iniquity  
than the Lamanites, our brethren;
- 46 Ye have broken the hearts of your tender wives  
and lost the confidence of your children  
because of your bad examples before them,  
And the sobbings of their hearts  
ascendeth up to God against you;
- 47 And because of the strictness of the word of God  
which cometh down against you,  
many hearts died, pierced with deep wounds.
- 48 But behold, I, Jacob, would speak unto you  
that are pure in heart:
- 49 Look unto God with firmness of mind and pray  
unto Him with exceeding faith,

And He will console you in your afflictions,  
 And He will plead your cause and send down justice  
 upon those who seek your destruction;

50 O all ye that are pure in heart,  
 Lift up your heads and receive the pleasing word of God  
 and feast upon His love, for ye may  
 if your minds are <sup>a</sup>firm forever. a H 2:31

51 But wo, wo unto you that are not pure in heart,  
 that are filthy this day before God!  
 For except ye shall repent, the land  
 is cursed for your sakes;

52 And the Lamanites which are not filthy like unto you—  
 nevertheless, they are <sup>b</sup>cursed with a sore cursing— b 1N 1:57  
 shall scourge you even unto destruction;

53 And the time speedily cometh that except ye repent,  
 they shall possess the land of your inheritance;  
 And the Lord God will <sup>c</sup>lead away the righteous c O 1:20  
 out from among you.

54 Behold, the Lamanites, your brethren, whom ye hate  
 because of their filthiness and the cursings which hath  
 come upon their skins, are more righteous than you,

55 For they have not forgotten the commandments  
 of the Lord which were given unto our father  
 that they should have save it were one wife  
 and concubines they should have none,  
 And there should not be whoredoms  
 committed among them;

56 And now this commandment they observe to keep;  
 Wherefore, because of this observance in keeping this  
 commandment, the Lord God will not destroy them,  
 but will be merciful unto them,  
 And one day they shall become a <sup>d</sup>blessed people. d 1N 4:16-24

57 Behold, their husbands love their wives  
 and their wives love their husbands,  
 And their husbands and their wives love their children;

58 And their unbelief and their hatred toward you  
 is because of the iniquity of their fathers;  
 Wherefore, how much better are you than they  
 in the sight of your great Creator?

59 O my brethren, I fear that unless ye shall repent of your  
 sins, that their skins will be whiter than yours when ye

- shall be brought with them before the throne of God.
- 60 Wherefore, a commandment I give unto you  
which is the word of God,  
That ye revile no more against them because  
of the darkness of their skin,  
Neither shall ye revile against them  
because of their filthiness,
- 61 But ye shall remember your own filthiness and remember  
that their filthiness came because of their fathers;
- 62 Wherefore, ye shall remember your children, how that  
ye have grieved their hearts because of the example  
that ye have set before them,
- 63 And also remember that ye may, because of your filthiness,  
bring your children unto destruction and their sins  
be heaped upon your heads at the last day.
- 64 O my brethren, hearken unto my words!  
Arouse the faculties of your souls!  
Shake yourselves, that ye may awake  
from the slumber of death;
- 65 And loose yourselves from the pains of hell, that ye may  
not become angels to the devil, to be cast into that lake  
of fire and brimstone, which is the second death.
- 66 And now I, Jacob, spake many more things unto the  
people of Nephi, warning them against fornication  
and lasciviousness and every kind of sin, telling them  
of the awful consequences of them;
- 67 And a hundredth part of the proceedings of this people,  
which now began to be numerous, cannot be written  
upon these plates;
- 68 But many of their proceedings are written upon  
the larger plates, and their wars and their contentions  
and the reigns of their kings.
- 69 These plates are called the plates of Jacob  
and they were made by the hand of Nephi;
- 70 And I make an end of speaking these words.

**3** NOW BEHOLD, it came to pass that I, Jacob, having  
ministered much unto my people in word,  
And I cannot write but a little of my words because of the  
difficulty of <sup>a</sup>engraving our words upon plates,

<sup>a</sup> Mn 4:98-99

- And we know that the things which we write  
upon plates must remain,
- 2 But whatsoever things we write upon anything, save  
it be upon plates, must perish and vanish away,  
But we can write a few words upon plates which  
will give our children, and also our beloved brethren,  
a small degree of knowledge concerning us,  
or concerning their fathers.
- 3 Now in this thing we do rejoice,  
And we labor diligently to engraven these words upon  
plates, hoping that our beloved brethren and our  
children will receive them with thankful hearts,  
And look upon them, that they may learn with joy  
and not with sorrow, neither with contempt,  
concerning their first parents.
- 4 For, for this intent have we written these things:  
That they may know that we knew of Christ  
and we had a hope of His glory  
many hundred years before His coming,  
And not only we ourselves had a hope of His glory,  
but also all the holy prophets which were before us.
- 5 Behold, they believed in Christ and worshipped  
the Father in His name,  
And also we worship the Father in His name,
- 6 And for this intent we keep the <sup>a</sup>law of Moses,  
it pointing our souls to Him;  
And for this cause it is sanctified unto us for righteousness,  
Even as it was accounted unto Abraham in the wilderness  
to be obedient unto the commands of God in offering  
up his son Isaac, which was a similitude of God  
and His Only Begotten Son.
- 7 Wherefore, we search the prophets,  
And we have many revelations and the spirit of prophecy,  
And having all these witnesses, we obtain a hope,  
And our faith becometh unshaken, insomuch that we truly  
can <sup>b</sup>command in the name of Jesus,  
And the very trees obey us,  
or the mountains,  
or the waves of the sea;
- 8 Nevertheless, the Lord God showeth us our <sup>c</sup>weakness,  
that we may know that it is by His grace and His great

a 2N 11:45-51

b H 3:115-124

c Eth 5:28

- condescensions unto the children of men  
that we have power to do these things.
- 9 Behold, great and marvelous are the works of the Lord!  
10 How unsearchable are the depths of the mysteries of Him!  
And it is impossible that man should find out all His ways;  
11 And no man knoweth of His ways,  
save it be revealed unto him;  
Wherefore brethren, despise not the revelations of God.
- 12 For behold, by the power of His word man came  
upon the face of the earth,  
Which earth was created by the power of His word;  
13 Wherefore, if God being able to speak and the world was,  
and to speak and man was created,  
O then, why not able to command the earth, or the  
workmanship of His hands upon the face of it,  
according to His will and pleasure?
- 14 Wherefore brethren, seek not to counsel the Lord,  
but to take counsel from His hand;  
15 For behold, ye yourselves know that He counseleth  
in wisdom and in justice and in great mercy  
over all His works;
- 16 Wherefore beloved brethren, be reconciled unto Him  
through the atonement of Christ,  
His Only Begotten Son,  
17 That ye may obtain a resurrection, according to the power  
of the resurrection which is in Christ,  
And be presented as the firstfruits of Christ unto God,  
Having faith and obtained a good hope of glory in Him  
before He manifesteth Himself in the flesh.
- 18 And now beloved, marvel not that I tell you these things,  
For why not speak of the atonement of Christ and attain to  
a perfect knowledge of Him, as to attain to the  
knowledge of a resurrection and the world to come?
- 19 Behold, my brethren, he that prophesieth, let him prophesy  
to the understanding of men,  
For the Spirit speaketh the truth and lieth not;  
20 Wherefore, it speaketh of things as they really are  
and of things as they really will be;  
Wherefore, these things are manifested unto us plainly for  
the salvation of our souls.

- 21 But behold, we are not witnesses alone in these things, for  
 God also spake them unto prophets of old.
- 22 But behold, the Jews were a stiff-necked people,  
 And they despised the words of plainness  
 and killed the prophets and sought for things  
 that they could not understand;
- 23 Wherefore, because of their blindness, which blindness  
 came by looking beyond the mark, they must needs fall,  
 24 For God hath taken away His plainness from them  
 and delivered unto them many things which they  
 cannot understand, because they desired it;  
 25 And because they desired it, God hath done it,  
 that they may stumble.
- 26 And now I, Jacob, am led on  
 by the Spirit unto prophesying,  
 For I perceive by the workings of the Spirit which is in me  
 that by the <sup>a</sup>stumbling of the Jews they will  
<sup>b</sup>reject the <sup>c</sup>Stone upon which they might build  
 and have safe foundation;
- 27 But behold, according to the scriptures this Stone shall  
 become the great and the last and the only sure  
 foundation upon which the Jews can build.
- 28 And now my beloved, how is it possible that these, after  
 having rejected the sure foundation, can ever build upon  
 it, that it may become the head of their corner?
- 29 Behold, my beloved brethren, I will unfold this mystery  
 unto you, if I do not by any means get shaken  
 from my firmness in the Spirit and stumble  
 because of my overanxiety for you.
- 30 Behold, my brethren, do ye not remember to have read  
 the <sup>1</sup>words of the prophet <sup>d</sup>Zenos which spake  
 unto the house of Israel, saying:  
 Harken, O ye house of Israel, and hear the words of me,  
 a prophet of the Lord;
- 31 For behold, thus saith the Lord:  
 “I will liken thee, O house of Israel, like unto a tame <sup>e</sup>olive  
 tree which a man took and nourished in his vineyard,  
 And it grew and waxed old and began to decay.
- 32 “And it came to pass that the Master of the vineyard went  
 forth and He saw that His olive tree began to decay;

a 2N 9:52

b 2N 1:22-23

c Matt 21:44 [42]

1 vv 30-153 =  
 Zenos' parable =  
 source of  
 Rom 11:16-24  
 d 1N 5:242-255

e 1N 3:16-19;  
 4:14-24

- And He saith:  
 ‘I will prune it and dig about it and nourish it,  
 that perhaps it may shoot forth young  
 and tender branches and it perish not.’
- 33 “And it came to pass that He pruned it and digged about it  
 and nourished it according to His word.
- 34 “And it came to pass that after many days it began to put  
 forth somewhat a little, young and tender branches;  
 But behold, the main top thereof began to perish.
- 35 “And it came to pass that the Master of the vineyard  
 saw it and He saith unto His Servant:  
 ‘It grieveth Me that I should lose this tree;
- 36 Wherefore, go and pluck the branches from a wild olive  
 tree and bring them hither unto Me,  
 And We will pluck off those main branches  
 which are beginning to wither away,  
 And We will cast them into the fire  
 that they may be burned.
- 37 ‘And behold,’ saith the Lord of the vineyard,  
 ‘I take away many of these young and tender branches  
 and I will graft them whithersoever I will;
- 38 And it mattereth not that if it so be that the root  
 of this tree will perish, I may preserve  
 the fruit thereof unto Myself;
- 39 Wherefore, I will take these young and tender branches  
 and I will graft them whithersoever I will;
- 40 Take Thou the branches of the wild olive tree  
 and graft them in, in the stead thereof;
- 41 And these which I have plucked off I will cast into the fire  
 and burn them, that they may not cumber  
 the ground of My vineyard.’
- 42 “And it came to pass that the Servant of the Lord  
 of the vineyard did according to the word of the Lord  
 of the vineyard and grafted in the branches  
 of the wild olive tree;
- 43 And the Lord of the vineyard caused that it should  
 be digged about and pruned and nourished,  
 saying unto His Servant:  
 ‘It grieveth Me that I should lose this tree;
- 44 Wherefore, that perhaps I might preserve the roots thereof,

- that they perish not, that I might preserve them  
unto Myself, I have done this thing;
- 45 Wherefore, go Thy way;  
Watch the tree and nourish it according to My words;
- 46 And these will I place in the nethermost part of My vine-  
yard, whithersoever I will—it mattereth not unto Thee;
- 47 And I do it that I may preserve unto Myself  
the natural branches of the tree,  
And also that I may lay up fruit thereof against the season  
unto Myself, for it grieveth Me that I should lose  
this tree and the fruit thereof.’
- 48 “And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard went  
His way and hid the natural branches of the tame  
olive tree in the nethermost parts of the vineyard,  
Some in one and some in another,  
according to His will and pleasure.
- 49 “And it came to pass that a long time passed away;  
And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto His Servant:  
‘Come, let Us go down into the vineyard  
that We may labor in the vineyard.’
- 50 “And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard, and  
also the Servant, went down into the vineyard to labor.
- 51 “And it came to pass that the Servant  
saith unto His Master:  
‘Behold, look here! Behold the tree!’
- 52 “And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard looked  
and beheld the tree in the which the wild olive branches  
had been grafted;  
And it had sprung forth and began to bear fruit;
- 53 And He beheld that it was good;  
And the fruit thereof was like unto the natural fruit.
- 54 “And He saith unto the Servant:  
‘Behold, the branches of the wild tree hath taken hold  
of the moisture of the root thereof, that the root  
thereof hath brought forth much strength;
- 55 And because of the much strength of the root thereof,  
the wild branches hath brought forth tame fruit;
- 56 Now if We had not grafted in these branches,  
the tree thereof would have perished;
- 57 And now behold, I shall lay up much fruit

- which the tree thereof hath brought forth,  
 And the fruit thereof I shall lay up against the season  
 unto Mine own self.’
- 58 “And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard  
 saith unto the Servant:  
 ‘Come, let us go to the nethermost parts of the vineyard  
 and behold if the natural branches of the tree  
 hath not brought forth much fruit also,  
 That I may lay up of the fruit thereof against the season  
 unto Mine own self.’
- 59 “And it came to pass that they went forth whither  
 the Master of the vineyard had hid  
 the natural branches of the tree;  
 And He saith unto the Servant, ‘Behold these.’
- 60 “And He beheld the first, that it had  
 brought forth much fruit,  
 And He beheld also that it was good.
- 61 “And He saith unto the Servant:  
 ‘Take of the fruit thereof and lay it up against the season,  
 that I may preserve it unto Mine own self;
- 62 For behold,’ saith He, ‘this long time have I nourished it  
 and it hath brought forth much fruit.’
- 63 “And it came to pass that the Servant  
 saith unto His Master:  
 ‘How comest Thou hither to plant this tree,  
 or this branch of the tree?  
 For behold, it was the poorest spot in all the land  
 of Thy vineyard.’
- 64 “And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto Him:  
 ‘Counsel Me not;  
 I knew that it was a poor spot of ground;  
 Wherefore I said unto Thee, I have nourished it  
 this long time,  
 And Thou beholdest that it hath brought forth much fruit.’
- 65 “And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard  
 saith unto His Servant:  
 ‘Look hither;  
 Behold, I have planted another branch of the tree also,  
 And Thou knowest that this spot of ground

- was poorer than the first;
- 66 But behold the tree;  
I have nourished it this long time and it hath  
brought forth much fruit;  
Therefore, gather it and lay it up against the season,  
that I may preserve it unto Mine own self.’
- 67 “And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard  
saith again unto His Servant:  
‘Look hither and behold another branch also  
which I have planted;  
Behold that I have nourished it also  
and it hath brought forth fruit.’
- 68 “And He saith unto the Servant:  
‘Look hither and behold the last;  
Behold, this have I planted in a good spot of ground,  
And I have nourished it this long time and only  
a part of the tree hath brought forth tame fruit,  
And the other part of the tree hath brought forth wild fruit;  
Behold, I have nourished this tree like unto the others.’
- 69 “And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard  
saith unto the Servant:  
‘Pluck off the branches that have not brought forth  
good fruit and cast them into the fire.’
- 70 “But behold, the Servant saith unto Him:  
‘Let Us prune it and dig about it and nourish it a little  
longer, that perhaps it may bring forth good fruit unto  
Thee, that Thou canst lay it up against the season.’
- 71 “And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard  
and the Servant of the Lord of the vineyard  
did nourish all the fruit of the vineyard.
- 72 “And it came to pass that a long time had passed away;  
And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto His Servant:  
‘Come, let Us go down into the vineyard,  
that We may labor again in the vineyard;
- 73 For behold, the time draweth near  
and the end soon cometh;  
Wherefore, I must lay up fruit against the season  
unto Mine own self.’
- 74 “And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard

- and the Servant went down into the vineyard;  
 And They came to the tree whose natural branches  
 had been broken off and the wild branches  
 had been grafted in;  
 And behold, all sorts of fruit did cumber the tree.
- 75 “And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard did  
 taste of the fruit, every sort according to its number;
- 76 And the Lord of the vineyard saith:  
 ‘Behold, this long time have We nourished this tree,  
 And I have laid up unto Myself against the season  
 much fruit;
- 77 But behold, this time it hath brought forth much fruit  
 and there is none of it which is good;
- 78 And behold, there are all kinds of bad fruit,  
 And it profiteth Me nothing,  
 notwithstanding all Our labor;  
 And now it grieveth Me that I should lose this tree.’
- 79 “And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto the Servant:  
 ‘What shall We do unto the tree, that I may preserve again  
 good fruit thereof unto Mine own self?’
- 80 “And the Servant saith unto His Master:  
 ‘Behold, because Thou didst graft in the branches  
 of the wild olive tree, they have nourished the roots,  
 that they are alive and they have not perished;  
 Wherefore, Thou beholdest that they are yet good.’
- 81 “And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard  
 saith unto His Servant:  
 ‘The tree profiteth Me nothing,  
 And the roots thereof profiteth Me nothing,  
 so long as it shall bring forth evil fruit;
- 82 Nevertheless, I know that the roots are good and  
 for Mine own purpose I have preserved them;  
 And because of their much strength, they have hitherto  
 brought forth from the wild branches good fruit,
- 83 But behold, the wild branches have grown  
 and have overrun the roots thereof;  
 And because that the wild branches have overcome the  
 roots thereof, it hath brought forth much evil fruit;
- 84 And because that it hath brought forth so much evil fruit,  
 Thou beholdest that it beginneth to perish,  
 And it will soon become ripened that it may be

cast into the fire, except We should  
do something for it to preserve it.’

- 85 “And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard  
saith unto His Servant:  
‘Let Us go down into the nethermost parts of the vineyard  
and behold if the natural branches  
have also brought forth evil fruit.’
- 86 “And it came to pass that They went down  
into the nethermost parts of the vineyard.
- 87 “And it came to pass that They beheld that the fruit  
of the natural branches had become corrupt also,  
yea, the first and the second and also the last;  
And they had all become corrupt;
- 88 And the wild fruit of the last had overcome that part  
of the tree which brought forth good fruit,  
even that the branch had withered away and died.
- 89 “And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard wept  
and saith unto the Servant:  
‘What could I have done more for My vineyard?  
90 Behold, I knew that all the fruit of the vineyard,  
save it were these, had become corrupted;  
91 And now these which have once brought forth good fruit  
have also become corrupted;  
92 And now all the trees of My vineyard are good for nothing,  
save it be to be hewn down and cast into the fire;  
93 And behold, this last, whose branch hath withered away,  
I did plant in a good spot of ground—  
Yea, even that which was <sup>a</sup>choice unto Me above  
all other parts of the land of My vineyard;
- 94 And Thou beheldest that I also cut down that which  
cumbered this spot of ground, that I might  
plant this tree in the stead thereof;
- 95 And Thou beheldest that a part thereof brought forth good  
fruit and a part thereof brought forth wild fruit;
- 96 And because that I plucked not the branches thereof  
and cast them into the fire,  
Behold, they have overcome the good branch,  
that it hath withered away.
- 97 ‘And now behold, notwithstanding all the care  
which We have taken of My vineyard,

a 2N 7:31

- The trees thereof hath become corrupted,  
 that they bring forth no good fruit;
- 98 And these I had hope to preserve, to have laid up fruit  
 thereof against the season unto Mine own self.
- 99 ‘But behold, they have become like unto  
 the wild olive tree and they are of no worth  
 but to be hewn down and cast into the fire;  
 And it grieveth Me that I should lose them;
- 100 But what could I have done more in My vineyard?  
 101 Have I slackened Mine hand, that I have not nourished it?  
 102 Nay, I have nourished it and I have digged it,  
 and I have pruned it and I have dunged it,  
 And I have stretched forth Mine hand  
 almost all the day long,  
 And the end draweth nigh,
- 103 And it grieveth Me that I should hew down  
 all the trees of My vineyard and cast them  
 into the fire, that they should be burned;
- 104 Who is it that hath corrupted My vineyard?’
- 105 “And it came to pass that the Servant  
 saith unto His Master:  
 ‘Is it not the loftiness of Thy vineyard?  
 106 Hath not the branches thereof overcome  
 the roots which are good?  
 107 And because that the branches have  
 overcome the roots thereof—  
 For behold, they grew faster than the strength of the roots  
 thereof, taking strength unto themselves—
- 108 Behold I say, is not this the cause that the trees  
 of Thy vineyard hath become corrupted?’
- 109 “And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard  
 saith unto the Servant:  
 ‘Let Us go to and hew down the trees of the vineyard and  
 cast them into the fire, that they shall not cumber the  
 ground of My vineyard, for I have done all—  
 What could I have done more for My vineyard?’
- 110 “But behold, the Servant saith  
 unto the Lord of the vineyard:  
 ‘Spare it a little longer.’
- 111 “And the Lord saith:

- ‘Yea, I will spare it a little longer, for it grieveth Me  
that I should lose the trees of My vineyard;
- 112 Wherefore, let Us take of the branches of these which I  
have planted in the nethermost parts of My vineyard and  
let Us graft them into the tree from whence they came;
- 113 And let Us pluck from the tree those branches  
whose fruit is most bitter and graft in the natural  
branches of the tree in the stead thereof;
- 114 And this will I do that the tree may not perish,  
that perhaps I may preserve unto Myself the roots  
thereof for Mine own purpose.
- 115 ‘And behold, the roots of the natural branches of the tree,  
which I planted whithersoever I would, are yet alive;
- 116 Wherefore, that I may preserve them also for Mine  
own purpose, I will take of the branches of this tree  
and I will graft them in unto them;
- 117 Yea, I will graft in unto them the branches of their  
mother tree, that I may preserve the roots also  
unto Mine own self,  
That when they shall be sufficiently strong, that perhaps  
they may bring forth good fruit unto Me and I may yet  
have glory in the fruit of My vineyard.
- 118 “And it came to pass that They took from the natural tree  
which had become wild and grafted in unto  
the natural trees which also had become wild;
- 119 And They also took of the natural trees which had  
become wild and grafted into their mother tree.
- 120 “And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto the Servant:  
‘Pluck not the wild branches from the trees,  
save it be those which are most bitter,  
And in them Ye shall graft according to  
that which I have said;
- 121 And We will nourish again the trees of the vineyard,  
And We will trim up the branches thereof,  
And We will pluck from the trees those branches which are  
ripened that must perish and cast them into the fire.
- 122 ‘And this I do that perhaps the roots thereof may  
take strength because of their goodness and  
because of the change of the branches,  
that the good may overcome the evil,
- 123 And because that I have preserved the natural branches

- and the roots thereof,  
 And that I have grafted in the natural branches again  
 into their mother tree and have preserved  
 the roots of their mother tree,  
 That perhaps the trees of My vineyard  
 may bring forth again good fruit,  
 124 And that I may have joy again in the fruit of My vineyard,  
 And perhaps that I may rejoice exceedingly that I have  
 preserved the roots and the branches of the first fruit.
- 125 'Wherefore, go to and call servants that we may labor  
 diligently with our mights in the vineyard,  
 That we may prepare the way that I may bring forth again  
 the natural fruit, which natural fruit is good  
 and the most precious above all other fruit.
- 126 'Wherefore, let Us go to and labor  
 with Our mights this last time,  
 For behold, the end draweth nigh,  
 And this is for the last time that I shall prune My vineyard;  
 127 Graft in the branches;  
 Begin at the last, that they may be first,  
 and that the first may be last;  
 And dig about the trees—  
 both old and young,  
 the first and the last,  
 and the last and the first—  
 That all may be nourished once again for the last time.
- 128 'Wherefore, dig about them and prune them  
 and dung them once more for the last time,  
 For the end draweth nigh;  
 129 And if it so be that these last grafts shall grow and  
 bring forth the natural fruit, then shall Ye prepare  
 the way for them that they may grow;  
 130 And as they begin to grow, Ye shall clear away the  
 branches which bring forth bitter fruit, according  
 to the strength of the good and the size thereof;  
 131 And Ye shall not clear away the bad thereof all at once,  
 lest the roots thereof should be too strong for the graft,  
 And the graft thereof shall perish  
 and I lose the trees of My vineyard;  
 132 For it grieveth Me that I should  
 lose the trees of My vineyard.

‘Wherefore, Ye shall clear away the bad  
 according as the good shall grow,  
 That the root and the top may be equal in strength,  
 until the good shall overcome the bad,  
 And the bad be hewn down and cast into the fire,  
 that they cumber not the ground of My vineyard;  
 And thus will I sweep away the bad out of My vineyard.

- 133 ‘And the branches of the natural tree will I  
 graft in again into the natural tree;  
 And the branches of the natural tree will I  
 graft into the natural branches of the tree;  
 134 And thus will I bring them together again, that they shall  
 bring forth the natural fruit and they shall be one;  
 135 And the bad shall be cast away, yea,  
 even out of all the land of My vineyard;  
 For behold, only this once will I prune My vineyard.’
- 136 “And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard  
 sent His Servant,  
 And the Servant went and did as the Lord had commanded  
 Him and brought other servants, and they were few;  
 137 And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto them:  
 ‘Go to and labor in the vineyard with your mights,  
 138 For behold, this is the last time  
 that I shall nourish My vineyard,  
 For the end is nigh at hand and the season speedily cometh;  
 139 And if ye labor with your mights with Me, ye shall have  
 joy in the fruit which I shall lay up unto Myself  
 against the time which will soon come.
- 140 “And it came to pass that the servants  
 did go to it and labor with their mights,  
 And the Lord of the vineyard labored also with them,  
 And they did obey the commandments  
 of the Lord of the vineyard in all things;  
 141 And there began to be the natural fruit  
 again in the vineyard,  
 And the natural branches began  
 to grow and thrive exceedingly,  
 142 And the wild branches began to be plucked off  
 and to be cast away,  
 And they did keep the root and the top thereof equal,  
 according to the strength thereof.

- 143 “And thus they labored with all diligence according to the commandments of the Lord of the vineyard, Even until the bad had been cast away out of the vineyard and the Lord had preserved unto Himself, that the trees had become again the natural fruit;
- 144 And they became like unto one body, And the fruit were equal, And the Lord of the vineyard had preserved unto Himself the natural fruit which was most precious unto Him from the beginning.
- 145 “And it came to pass that when the Lord of the vineyard saw that His fruit was good and that His vineyard was no more corrupt, He calleth up His servants and saith unto them:  
 ‘Behold, for this last time have we nourished My vineyard, And thou beholdest that I have done according to My will,
- 146 And I have preserved the natural fruit, that it is good, even like as it was in the beginning; And blessed art thou,
- 147 For because that ye have been diligent in laboring with Me in My vineyard and have kept My commandments, And hath brought unto Me again the natural fruit, that My vineyard is no more corrupted and the bad is cast away, Behold, ye shall have joy with Me because of the fruit of My vineyard.
- 148 ‘For behold, for a long time will I lay up of the fruit of My vineyard unto Mine own self against the season which speedily cometh;
- 149 And for the last time have I nourished My vineyard and pruned it and dug about it and dunged it;
- 150 Wherefore, I will lay up unto Mine own self of the fruit for a long time, according to that which I have spoken.
- 151 ‘And when the time cometh that evil fruit shall again come into My vineyard, Then will I cause the good and the bad to be gathered;
- 152 And the good will I preserve unto Myself and the bad will I cast away into its own place;
- 153 And then cometh the season and the end, And My vineyard will I cause to be burned with fire.’”

4 AND NOW behold, my brethren, as I said unto you  
 that I would prophesy,  
 Behold, this is my prophecy:  
 2 That the things which this prophet Zenos spake concerning  
 the house of Israel, in the which he likened them  
 unto a tame olive tree, must surely come to pass;  
 3 And in the day that He shall set His hand again the <sup>a</sup>second  
 time to recover His people is the day, yea, even  
 the last time, that the servants of the Lord shall go forth  
 in His power to nourish and prune His vineyard;  
 And after that the end soon cometh.  
 4 And how blessed are they who have  
 labored diligently in His vineyard!  
 And how cursed are they which shall be  
 cast out into their own place!  
 5 And the world shall be burned with fire;  
 6 And how merciful is our God unto us! for He remembereth  
 the house of Israel, both roots and branches,  
 And He stretches forth His hands  
 unto them all the day long;  
 7 And they are a stiff-necked and a gainsaying people,  
 But as many as will not harden their hearts  
 shall be saved in the kingdom of God.  
 8 Wherefore my beloved brethren, I beseech of you  
 in words of soberness that ye would repent  
 and come with full purpose of <sup>b</sup>heart and cleave  
 unto God as He cleaveth unto you;  
 9 And while His arm of mercy is extended toward you  
 in the light of the day, harden not your hearts;  
 10 Yea, today, if ye will hear His voice,  
 harden not your hearts,  
 For why will ye die?  
 11 For behold, after that ye have been nourished  
 by the good word of God all the day long,  
 Will ye bring forth evil fruit, that ye must be  
 hewn down and <sup>c</sup>cast into the fire?  
 12 Behold, will ye reject these words?  
 13 Will ye reject the words of the prophets?  
 And will ye reject all the words which have been  
 spoken concerning Christ, after that so many have  
 spoken concerning Him?

a 2N 5:34-37;  
 9:126; 11:28;  
 12:42

b 2N 13:16  
 A 12:110

c Heb 6:8

- And deny the good word of Christ and the power of God and the gift of the Holy Ghost?  
And quench the Holy Spirit and make a mock of the great plan of redemption which hath been laid for you?
- 14 Know ye not that if ye will do these things, that the power of the redemption and the resurrection which is in Christ will bring you to stand with shame and awful guilt before the bar of God?
- 15 And according to the power of justice—for justice cannot be denied—that ye must go away into that lake of fire and brimstone,  
Whose flames are unquenchable and whose smoke ascendeth up forever and ever, which lake of fire and brimstone is endless torment?
- 16 O then, my beloved brethren, repent ye and enter ye in at the strait gate!  
And continue in the way which is narrow until ye shall obtain eternal life;
- 17 O be wise!  
What can I say more?
- 18 Finally, I bid you farewell until I shall meet you before the pleasing bar of God, which bar striketh the wicked with awful dread and fear. Amen.

**5** AND NOW it came to pass that after some years had passed away, there came a man among the people of Nephi whose name was Sherem.

- 2 And it came to pass that he began to preach among the people and to declare unto them that there should be no Christ;
- 3 And he preached many things which were flattering unto the people;  
And this he did that he might overthrow the doctrine of Christ;
- 4 And he labored diligently that he might lead away the hearts of the people, insomuch that he did lead away many hearts.
- 5 And he knowing that I, Jacob, had faith in Christ which should come,

- Wherefore, he sought much opportunity  
that he might come unto me;
- 6 And he was learned, that he had a perfect knowledge  
of the language of the people;  
Wherefore, he could use much flattery and much power  
of speech according to the power of the devil.
- 7 And he had hope to shake me from the faith, notwith-  
standing the many revelations and the many things  
which I had seen concerning these things;  
For I truly had seen angels and they  
had ministered unto me,
- 8 And also, I had heard the voice of the Lord speaking  
unto me in very word from time to time,  
Wherefore, I could not be shaken.
- 9 And it came to pass that he came unto me and  
on this wise did he speak unto me, saying:  
“Brother Jacob, I have sought much opportunity  
that I might speak unto you,  
For I have heard and also know that thou goest about  
much, preaching that which ye call the gospel,  
or the doctrine of Christ;
- 10 And ye have led away much of this people, that they  
pervert the <sup>a</sup>right way of God and keep not  
the law of Moses, which is the right way,  
And convert the law of Moses into the worship of a Being  
which ye say shall come many hundred years hence.
- 11 “And now behold, I, Sherem, declare unto you  
that this is blasphemy,  
For no man knoweth of such things,  
for he cannot tell of things to come.”
- 12 And after this manner did Sherem contend against me;
- 13 But behold, the Lord God poured in His Spirit into my  
soul, insomuch that I did confound him in all his words.
- 14 And I saith unto him:  
“Deniest thou the Christ which should come?”
- 15 And he saith:  
“If there should be a Christ, I would not deny Him;  
But I know that there is no Christ,  
neither hath been,  
nor never will be.”

a 2N 3:11

- 16 And I saith unto him:  
“Believest thou the scriptures?”
- 17 And he saith:  
“Yea.”
- 18 And I saith unto him:  
“Then ye do not understand them,  
for they truly testify of Christ;
- a 1N 1:162; 3:5 19 Behold, I say unto you that none of the <sup>a</sup>prophets  
have written nor prophesied, save they have  
spoken concerning this Christ;
- 20 And this is not all—  
It hath been made manifest unto me,  
for I have heard and seen;  
And it also hath been made manifest unto me  
by the power of the Holy Ghost;
- 21 Wherefore, I know if there should be no atonement made,  
all mankind must be lost.”
- b A 16:52-62 22 And it came to pass that he saith unto me:  
“Show me a <sup>b</sup>sign by this power of the Holy Ghost  
in the which ye know so much.”
- 23 And I said unto him:  
“What am I, that I should tempt God to show unto thee  
a sign in the thing which thou knowest to be true?
- 24 Yet thou wilt deny it because thou art of the devil;  
25 Nevertheless, not my will be done;  
But if God shall smite thee, let that be a sign unto thee  
that He hath power, both in heaven and in earth,  
And also, that Christ shall come;
- 26 And Thy will, O Lord, be done and not mine.”
- 27 And it came to pass that when I, Jacob, had spoken  
these words, the power of the Lord came upon him,  
insomuch that he fell to the earth.
- 28 And it came to pass that he was nourished  
for the space of many days.
- 29 And it came to pass that he saith unto the people:  
“Gather together on the morrow, for I shall die;  
Wherefore, I desire to speak unto the people  
before that I shall die.”

- 30 And it came to pass that on the morrow  
 that the multitude were gathered together,  
 And he spake plainly unto them and denied the things  
 which he had taught them,  
 And confessed the Christ and the power of the  
 Holy Ghost and the ministering of angels;
- 31 And he spake plainly unto them that he had been deceived  
 by the power of the devil;
- 32 And he spake of hell and of eternity  
 and of eternal punishment.
- 33 And he saith:  
 “I fear lest I have committed the unpardonable sin,  
 For I have lied unto God, for I denied the Christ  
 and said that I believed the scriptures—  
 And they truly testify of Him;
- 34 And because that I have thus lied unto God,  
 I greatly fear lest my case shall be awful;  
 But I confess unto God.”
- 35 And it came to pass that when he had said these words,  
 he could say no more and he gave up the ghost;
- 36 And when the multitude had witnessed that he spake  
 these things as he was about to give up the ghost,  
 they were astonished exceedingly,  
 Insomuch that the power of God came down upon them  
 and they were <sup>a</sup>overcome, that they fell to the earth.
- 37 Now this thing was pleasing unto me, Jacob, for I had  
 requested it of my Father which was in heaven,  
 For He had heard my cry and answered my prayer.
- 38 And it came to pass that peace and the love of God  
 was restored again among the people;  
 And they searched the scriptures and hearkened  
 no more to the words of this wicked man.
- 39 And it came to pass that many means were devised  
 to reclaim and restore the Lamanites  
 to the knowledge of the truth,  
 But it all was vain, for they delighted  
 in wars and bloodsheds,  
 And they had an eternal <sup>b</sup>hatred against us, their brethren;
- 40 And they sought by the power of their arms  
 to destroy us continually;

a 1N 1:6-7  
 Mos 11:177-185  
 A 12:122-147  
 3N 8:14-22

b En 1:22-31  
 Jar 1:14-16

- 41 Wherefore, the people of Nephi did fortify against them  
with their arms and with all their might, trusting  
in the God and the Rock of their salvation;  
Wherefore, they became as yet,  
conquerors of their enemies.
- 42 And it came to pass that I, Jacob, began to be old;  
And the record of this people being kept on the other  
plates of Nephi, wherefore, I conclude this record,  
Declaring that I have written according to  
the best of my knowledge by saying  
43 that the time passed away with us,  
And also our lives passed away,  
like as it were unto us a dream,  
We being a lonesome and a solemn people,  
wanderers cast out from Jerusalem,  
44 Born in tribulation in a wild wilderness and hated  
of our brethren, which caused wars and contentions;  
Wherefore, we did mourn out our days.
- 45 And I, Jacob, saw that I must soon go down to my grave;  
Wherefore, I said unto my son Enos:  
“Take these plates.”
- 46 And I told him the things which my brother Nephi  
had <sup>a</sup>commanded me;  
And he promised obedience unto the commands.
- 47 And I make an end of my writing upon these plates,  
which writing hath been small;  
48 And to the reader I bid farewell, hoping that many  
of my brethren may read my words;  
Brethren, adieu.

a Jac 1:1-4

THE BOOK OF  
ENOS



- 1 BEHOLD, IT came to pass that I, Enos, knowing  
my father, that he was a just man, for he taught me  
in his language and also in the nurture  
and <sup>a</sup>admonition of the Lord;
- 2 And blessed be the name of my God for it;
- 3 And I will tell you of the wrestle which I had before God,  
before that I received a remission of my sins.
- 4 Behold, I went to hunt beasts in the forest;  
And the words which I had often heard my father speak  
concerning eternal life and the joy of the saints—  
And the words of my father sunk deep into my heart;
- 5 And my soul hungered;  
And I kneeled down before my Maker  
and I cried unto Him in mighty prayer  
and supplication for mine own soul;
- 6 And all the day long did I cry unto Him;  
Yea, and when the night came, I did still raise  
my voice high, that it reached the heavens;
- 7 And there came a voice unto me, saying:  
“Enos, thy sins are forgiven thee  
and thou shalt be blessed.”
- 8 And I, Enos, knew that God could not <sup>b</sup>lie;  
Wherefore, my guilt was swept away.
- 9 And I saith:  
“Lord, how is it done?”
- 10 And He saith unto me:  
“Because of thy faith in Christ whom  
thou hast not heard nor seen;
- 11 And many years passeth away before that  
He shall manifest Himself in the flesh;  
Wherefore, go to it—thy faith hath made thee whole.”
- 12 Now it came to pass that when I had heard these words,  
I began to feel a desire for the welfare  
of my brethren the Nephites;

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a 2N 3:24

b 3N 12:31  
Eth 1:75

Wherefore, I did pour out my whole soul  
unto God for them.

13 And while I was thus struggling in the spirit, behold, the  
voice of the Lord came into my mind again, saying:

14 “I will visit thy brethren according to their diligence  
in keeping My commandments;

15 I have given unto them this <sup>a</sup>land and it is a holy land,  
And I curse it not, save it be for the cause of iniquity;

16 Wherefore, I will visit thy brethren  
according as I have said,  
And their transgressions will I bring down  
with sorrow upon their own heads.”

17 And after that I, Enos, had heard these words,  
my faith began to be <sup>b</sup>unshaken in the Lord,  
And I prayed unto Him with many long strugglings  
for my brethren the Lamanites.

18 And it came to pass that after I had prayed and labored  
with all diligence, the Lord said unto me:

“I will grant unto thee according to thy <sup>c</sup>desires  
because of thy faith.”

19 And now behold, this was the desire  
which I desired of Him:  
That if it should so be that my people the Nephites should  
fall into transgression and by any means be destroyed,  
and the Lamanites should not be destroyed,  
That the Lord God would <sup>d</sup>preserve a record  
of my people the Nephites,

20 Even if it so be by the power of His holy arm,  
That it might be brought forth at some future day  
unto the Lamanites, that perhaps they might  
be brought unto salvation;

21 For at the present our strugglings were vain  
in restoring them to the true faith,

22 And they swore in their wrath that if it were possible  
they would destroy our records and us,  
and also all the traditions of our fathers.

23 Wherefore, I, knowing that the Lord God was able to  
preserve our records, I cried unto Him continually,

24 For He had said unto me:  
“Whatsoever thing ye shall ask in faith, <sup>e</sup>believing that ye

a 1N 1:54, 150;  
3:176-177  
2N 1:6-26

b Jac 3:7

c Ps 37:4

d 1N 3:184-185  
2N 2:19-23;  
11:83-86;  
12:67-72,  
80-82  
A 7:18-23

e Mos 2:36  
A 13:51  
3N 8:51; 13:6  
Mn 4:84  
Mi 7:26

shall receive, in the name of Christ, ye shall receive it.”

- 25 And I had faith and I did cry unto God  
that He would preserve the records;
- 26 And He covenanted with me that He would bring them  
forth unto the Lamanites in His own due time;
- 27 And I, Enos, knew that it would be according to  
the covenant which He had made,  
Wherefore, my soul did rest;
- 28 And the Lord said unto me:  
“Thy fathers have also required of Me this thing;  
And it shall be done unto them according to their faith,  
for their faith was like unto thine.”
- 29 And now it came to pass that I, Enos, went about among  
the people of Nephi prophesying of things to come and  
testifying of the things which I had heard and seen;
- 30 And I bear record that the people of Nephi  
did seek diligently to restore the Lamanites  
unto the true faith in God,
- 31 But our labors were vain—their hatred was fixed,  
And they were led by their evil nature, that they became  
wild and ferocious and a bloodthirsty people,  
Full of idolatry and filthiness,
- 32 feeding upon beasts of prey,  
dwelling in tents,  
And wandering about in the wilderness with a short skin  
girded about their loins and their heads shaven;  
And their skill was in the bow and the scimitar and the axe;
- 33 And many of them did eat nothing, save it was raw meat;  
And they were continually seeking to destroy us.
- 34 And it came to pass that the people of Nephi  
did till the land,  
And <sup>a</sup>raise all manner of grain and of fruit,  
and flocks of herds,  
and flocks of all manner of cattle of every kind,  
and goats,  
and wild goats,  
and also much horses.
- 35 And there were exceeding many prophets among us;
- 36 And the people were a stiff-necked people,  
hard to understand;
- 37 And there was nothing—save it was exceeding harshness,

a 1N 5:214-216

preaching and prophesying of wars  
 and contentions and destructions,  
 And continually reminding them of death and the duration  
 of eternity and the judgments and the power of God,  
 38 And all these things, stirring them up continually  
 to keep them in the fear of the Lord—  
 39 I say there was nothing short of these things and exceeding  
 great plainness of speech would keep them  
 from going down speedily to destruction.  
  
 40 And after this manner do I write concerning them;  
 41 And I saw wars between the Nephites and the Lamanites  
 in the course of my days.  
  
 42 And it came to pass that I began to be old;  
 And an <sup>1</sup>hundred and seventy and nine years had passed  
 away from the time that our father Lehi <sup>a</sup>left Jerusalem;  
 43 And as I saw that I must soon go down to my grave—  
 Having been wrought upon by the power of God that I  
 must preach and prophesy unto this people and declare  
 the word according to the truth which is in Christ,  
 44 And I have declared it in all my days and have rejoiced  
 in it above that of the world—  
 45 And I soon go to the place of my rest, which is with  
 my Redeemer, for I know that in Him I shall rest;  
 46 And I rejoice in the day when my mortal shall put on  
 immortality and shall stand before Him;  
 Then shall I see His face with pleasure  
 and He will say unto me:  
 “Come unto Me, ye blessed—  
 There is a <sup>b</sup>place prepared for you in the  
 mansions of My Father.” Amen.

<sup>1</sup> 421 BC

<sup>a</sup> 1N 1:3, 26-28

<sup>b</sup> Eth 5:32-38

THE BOOK OF  
JAROM



covers period  
c 400 BC - 362 BC

- 1 NOW BEHOLD, I, Jarom, write a few words  
according to the commandment of my father Enos,  
that our genealogy may be kept;
- 2 And as these plates are small, and as these things  
are written for the intent of the <sup>a</sup>benefit  
of our brethren the Lamanites,  
Wherefore, it must needs be that I write a little;  
But I shall not <sup>b</sup>write the things of my prophesying,  
nor of my revelations,
- 3 For what could I write more than my fathers have written?  
4 For have not they revealed the plan of salvation?  
5 I say unto you, Yea,  
And this sufficeth me.
- 6 Behold, it is expedient that much should be done  
among this people,  
Because of the hardness of their hearts,  
and the deafness of their ears,  
and the blindness of their minds,  
and the stiffness of their necks;
- 7 Nevertheless, God is exceeding merciful unto them and  
hath not as yet swept them off from the face of the land;
- 8 And there are many among us which have many  
revelations, for they are not all stiff-necked;
- 9 And as many as are not stiff-necked and have faith have  
communion with the Holy Spirit, which maketh mani-  
fest unto the children of men according to their faith.
- 10 And now behold, <sup>1</sup>two hundred years had passed away and  
the people of Nephi had waxed strong in the land;
- 11 They had observed to keep the law of Moses  
and the Sabbath day holy unto the Lord;
- 12 And they profaned not, neither did they blaspheme;
- 13 And the laws of the land were exceeding strict;
- 14 And they were scattered upon much of the face of the land,  
and the Lamanites also;
- 15 And they were exceeding more numerous  
than were they of the Nephites;

a En 1:20

b 1N 5:223-224

1 400 BC

And they loved murder and would drink  
the blood of beasts.

- 16 And it came to pass that they came many times  
against us, the Nephites, to battle,  
17 But our kings and our leaders were mighty men  
in the faith of the Lord,  
And they taught the people the ways of the Lord.

a A 22:1-6

- 18 Wherefore, we withstood the Lamanites and swept them  
away out of our lands and began to <sup>a</sup>fortify our cities,  
or whatsoever place of our inheritance;  
19 And we multiplied exceedingly and spread  
upon the face of the land,  
And became exceeding rich in gold and in silver,  
and in precious things,  
and in fine workmanship of wood,  
in buildings and in machinery,  
and also in iron and copper and brass and steel,  
Making all manner of tools of every kind  
to till the ground,  
And weapons of war—  
20 yea, the sharp-pointed arrow and the quiver,  
and the dart and the javelin,  
and all preparations for war;  
21 And thus being prepared to meet the Lamanites,  
they did not prosper against us.

- 22 But the word of the Lord was verified which  
He spake unto our fathers, saying that,  
“Inasmuch as ye will keep My commandments,  
ye shall prosper in the land.”

- 23 And it came to pass that the prophets of the Lord  
did threaten the people of Nephi  
according to the word of God,  
That if they did not keep the commandments, but should  
fall into transgression, they should be <sup>b</sup>destroyed  
from off the face of the land.

b 1N 3:128-130  
O 1:7  
A 21:9-15  
H 5:6-13  
3N 13:9-10

- 24 Wherefore, the prophets and the priests and the teachers  
did labor diligently, exhorting with all longsuffering  
the people to diligence,  
Teaching the law of Moses and the intent  
for which it was given,

- 25 Persuading them to <sup>a</sup>look forward unto the Messiah and  
believe in Him to come as though He already was;
- 26 And after this manner did they teach them.
- 27 And it came to pass that by so doing, they kept them  
from being destroyed upon the face of the land,
- 28 For they did prick their hearts with the word,  
continually stirring them up unto repentance.
- 29 And it came to pass that <sup>1</sup>two hundred and thirty  
and eight years had passed away, after the  
manner of wars and contentions and dissensions  
for the space of much of the time;
- 30 And I, Jarom, do not write more, for the plates are small.
- 31 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;
- 32 And I deliver these plates into the hands of my son Omni,  
that they may be kept according to the commandments  
of my fathers.

a Mos 1:109

1 362 BC

THE BOOK OF  
OMNI



1 324 BC

**1** BEHOLD, IT came to pass that I, Omni, being commanded by my father Jarom, that I should write somewhat upon these plates to preserve our genealogy,  
2 Wherefore in my days, I would that ye should know that I fought much with the sword to preserve my people the Nephites from falling into the hands of their enemies, the Lamanites.  
3 But behold, I, of myself, am a wicked man and I have not kept the statutes and the commandments of the Lord as I ought to have done.

2 318 BC

4 And it came to pass that <sup>1</sup>two hundred and seventy and six years had passed away;  
And we had many seasons of peace,  
And we had many seasons of serious war and bloodshed,  
5 Yea, and in fine, <sup>2</sup>two hundred and eighty and two years had passed away;  
And I had kept these plates according to the commandments of my fathers and I conferred them upon my son Amaron;  
And I make an end.

3 280 BC

6 And now I, Amaron, write the things whatsoever I write, which are few, in the book of my father;

a Jar 1:23

7 Behold, it came to pass that <sup>3</sup>three hundred and twenty years had passed away and the more wicked part of the Nephites were <sup>a</sup>destroyed,  
8 For the Lord would not suffer—after He had led them out of the Land of Jerusalem and kept and preserved them from falling into the hands of their enemies—  
Yea, He would not suffer that the words should not be verified which He spake unto our fathers, saying that, “Inasmuch as ye will not keep My commandments, ye shall not prosper in the land.”

b 1N 5:122

9 Wherefore, the Lord did visit them in great judgment; Nevertheless, He did spare the <sup>b</sup>righteous, that they should not perish, but did deliver them out

of the hands of their enemies.

- 10 And it came to pass that I did deliver the plates  
unto my brother Chemish.
- 11 Now I, Chemish, write what few things I write  
in the same book with my brother;  
For behold, I saw the last which he wrote,  
that he wrote it with his own hand,  
And he wrote it in the day that he delivered them unto me;
- 12 And after this manner we keep the records, for it is  
according to the commandments of our fathers;  
And I make an end.
- 13 Behold, I, Abinadom, I am the son of Chemish;
- 14 Behold, it came to pass that I saw much war  
and contention between my people  
the Nephites and the Lamanites;
- 15 And I with mine own sword have taken the lives of many  
of the Lamanites in the defense of my brethren;
- 16 And behold, the record of this people is engraven  
upon plates which is had by the kings,  
according to the generations;
- 17 And I know of no revelation, save that which  
has been written, neither prophecy;  
Wherefore, that which is sufficient is written;  
And I make an end.
- 18 Behold, I am Amaleki, the son of Abinadom;
- 19 Behold, I will speak unto you somewhat  
concerning Mosiah, which was made king  
over the Land of Zarahemla;
- 20 For behold, he being <sup>a</sup>warned of the Lord that he  
should flee out of the Land of Nephi,  
And as many as would hearken unto the voice of the Lord  
should also <sup>b</sup>depart out of the land with him  
into the wilderness.
- 21 And it came to pass that he did according  
as the Lord had commanded him,
- 22 And they departed out of the land into the wilderness, as  
many as would hearken unto the voice of the Lord;  
And they were led by many preachings and prophesyings,
- 23 And they were admonished continually  
by the word of God;

a 2N 4:7

b Jac 2:53

OMNI 1:24

1 c 200 BC

a Mos 1:15;  
11:78-80

b H 3:56-57

c Mos 5:72-81

- And they were led by the power of His arm through the wilderness, until they <sup>1</sup>came down into the land which is called the Land of Zarahemla,
- 24 And they discovered a people which were called the <sup>a</sup>people of Zarahemla.
- 25 Now there was great rejoicing among the people of Zarahemla, And also Zarahemla did rejoice exceedingly because that the Lord had sent the people of Mosiah with the plates of brass which contained the record of the Jews.
- 26 Behold, it came to pass that Mosiah discovered that the <sup>b</sup>people of Zarahemla came out from Jerusalem at the time that Zedekiah, king of Judah, was carried away captive into Babylon;
- 27 And they journeyed in the wilderness and were brought by the hand of the Lord across the Great Waters into the land where Mosiah discovered them; And they had dwelt there from that time forth;
- 28 And at the time that Mosiah discovered them, they had become exceeding numerous.
- 29 Nevertheless, they had had many wars and serious contentions and had fallen by the sword from time to time;
- 30 And their language had become corrupted, And they had brought no records with them;
- 31 And they denied the being of their Creator; And Mosiah, nor the people of Mosiah, could not understand them.
- 32 But it came to pass that Mosiah caused that they should be taught in his language.
- 33 And it came to pass that after they were taught in the language of Mosiah, Zarahemla gave a genealogy of his fathers according to his memory; And they are written, but not in these plates.
- 34 And it came to pass that the people of Zarahemla and of Mosiah did unite together, And Mosiah was appointed to be their king.
- 35 And it came to pass in the days of Mosiah there was a large stone brought unto him with engravings on it, And he did <sup>c</sup>interpret the engravings

- by the gift and power of God;
- 36 And they gave an account of one <sup>a</sup>Coriantumr and the slain of his people; a Eth 5:1-3
- 37 And Coriantumr was <sup>b</sup>discovered by the people of Zarahemla, b Eth 6:21-23  
 And he dwelt with them for the space of nine moons.
- 38 It also spake a few words concerning his fathers,
- 39 And his first parents came out from the <sup>c</sup>Tower at the time the Lord confounded the language of the people; c Mos 12:22-23  
Eth 1:1-5  
 And the severity of the Lord fell upon them according to His judgments which are just,  
 And their <sup>d</sup>bones lay scattered in the Land Northward.
- 40 Behold, I, Amaleki, was born in the days of Mosiah, d Mos 5:61-71  
A 13:74  
Eth 4:95-96;  
6:57-58  
 And I have lived to see his death;  
 And Benjamin his son reigneth in his stead.
- 41 And behold, I have seen in the days of King Benjamin a serious war and much bloodshed between the Nephites and the Lamanites;
- 42 But behold, the Nephites did obtain much advantage over them,  
 Yea, insomuch that King Benjamin did <sup>e</sup>drive them out of the Land of Zarahemla. e WM 1:22
- 43 And it came to pass that I began to be old;  
 And having no seed and knowing King Benjamin to be a just man before the Lord,  
 Wherefore, I shall deliver up these plates unto him, Exhorting all men to <sup>f</sup>come unto God, f 1N 3:28  
 the Holy One of Israel,
- 44 And believe in prophesying,  
 and in revelations,  
 and in the ministering of angels,  
 and in the gift of speaking with tongues,  
 and in the gift of interpreting languages,  
 and in all things which are good;
- 45 For there is nothing which is <sup>g</sup>good, g Mi 7:10-15  
 save it comes from the Lord,  
 And that which is evil cometh from the devil.
- 46 And now my beloved brethren, I would that ye should come unto Christ, which is the Holy One of Israel, and partake of His salvation and the power

- of His redemption;
- 47 Yea, come unto Him,  
and offer your whole souls as an offering unto Him,  
and continue in fasting and praying,  
and endure to the end;  
And as the Lord liveth, ye will be saved.
- 48 And now I would speak somewhat concerning  
a certain number which went up into the  
wilderness to return to the Land of Nephi,
- 49 For there was a large number which were desirous  
to possess the land of their inheritance;  
Wherefore, they went up into the wilderness;
- 50 And their leader, being a strong and a mighty man  
and a stiff-necked man, wherefore,  
he caused a <sup>a</sup>contention among them,  
And they were all slain, save fifty, in the wilderness;  
And they returned again to the Land of Zarahemla.
- 51 And it came to pass that they also took others,  
to a considerable number, and took their  
journey again into the wilderness;
- 52 And I, Amaleki, had a brother which also went with  
them, and I have not since known concerning them.
- 53 And I am about to lay down in my grave;  
And these plates are full;
- 54 And I make an <sup>l</sup>end of my speaking.

a Mos 6:1-7

<sup>l</sup> end of Small  
Plates of Nephi  
WM 1:14-15

THE WORDS OF  
MORMON



- 1 AND NOW I, Mormon, being about to deliver up  
the record which I have been making  
into the hands of my son Moroni,  
Behold, I have witnessed almost all the destruction  
of my people, the Nephites,
- 2 And it is many hundred years after the coming of Christ  
that I deliver these <sup>a</sup>records into the hands of my son;  
And it supposeth me that he will <sup>b</sup>witness  
the entire destruction of my people;
- 3 But may God grant that he may survive them,  
that he may write somewhat concerning them  
and somewhat concerning Christ, that perhaps  
someday it may profit them.
- 4 And now I speak somewhat concerning  
that which I have written,  
For after that I had made an abridgment from  
the plates of Nephi down to the reign of this  
King Benjamin of which Amaleki spake,
- 5 I searched among the records which  
had been delivered into my hands,  
And I found these plates which contained this  
small account of the prophets from Jacob  
down to the reign of this King Benjamin,  
and also many of the words of Nephi.
- 6 And the things which are upon these plates pleasing me  
because of the prophecies of the coming of Christ,  
And my fathers knowing that many  
of them have been fulfilled,
- 7 Yea, and I also know that as many things  
as have been prophesied concerning us  
down to this day have been fulfilled,  
And as many as go beyond this day  
must surely come to pass—
- 8 Wherefore, I chose these things to finish my record  
upon them, which remainder of my record  
I shall take from the plates of Nephi;

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AD 384 - 385

a Mn 3:6-8

b Mn 4:1-2

WORDS OF MORMON 1:9

a H 2:13  
3N 2:91-93;  
12:1-5  
Eth 6:108

- And I cannot write a <sup>a</sup>hundredth part  
of the things of my people.
- 9 But behold, I shall take these plates which contain  
these prophesyings and revelations and put them  
with the remainder of my record,  
For they are choice unto me and I know  
they will be choice unto my brethren;
- 10 And I do this for a <sup>b</sup>wise purpose,  
For thus it whispereth me according to the workings  
of the Spirit of the Lord which is in me.
- 11 And now I do not know all things, but the Lord  
knoweth all things which are to come,  
Wherefore, He worketh in me to do according to His will;
- 12 And my prayer to God is concerning my brethren,  
that they may once again come to the knowledge  
of God, yea, the redemption of Christ,  
That they may once again be a <sup>c</sup>delightful people.
- 13 And now I, Mormon, proceed to <sup>1</sup>finish out my record  
which I take from the plates of Nephi,  
And I make it according to the knowledge and the  
understanding which God hath given me.
- 14 Wherefore, it came to pass that after Amaleki had  
<sup>2</sup>delivered up these plates  
into the hands of King Benjamin,  
He took them and put them with the other plates  
which contained records which had been handed  
down by the kings from generation to generation  
until the days of King Benjamin;
- 15 And they were handed down from King Benjamin  
from generation to generation until they have  
fallen into <sup>d</sup>my hands.
- 16 And I, Mormon, pray to God that they may  
be preserved from this time henceforth;
- 17 And I know that they will be preserved,  
For there are great things written upon them out  
of which my people and their brethren shall be  
judged at the great and last day, according  
to the word of God which is written.
- 18 And now concerning this King Benjamin:  
He had somewhat contentions among his own people;
- 19 And it came to pass also that the armies of the Lamanites

b 1N 2:99;  
5:223-224

c 2N 12:80-84

1 abridgment  
begins; ends  
Mn 3:33

2 124 BC

d 3N 2:91-102  
Mn 1:2-6; 2:25

- came down out of the Land of Nephi  
to battle against his people;
- 20 But behold, King Benjamin gathered together his armies  
and he did stand against them,  
And he did fight with the strength of his own arm  
with the sword of Laban;
- 21 And in the strength of the Lord they did contend  
against their enemies until they had slain  
many thousands of the Lamanites.
- 22 And it came to pass that they did contend against  
the Lamanites until they had <sup>a</sup>driven them out  
of all the lands of their inheritance.
- 23 And it came to pass that after there had been false christ  
and their mouths had been shut and they punished  
according to their crimes,
- 24 And after there had been false prophets and false preachers  
and teachers among the people, and all these having  
been punished according to their crimes,
- 25 And after there having been much contentions and  
many dissensions away unto the Lamanites,  
Behold, it came to pass that King Benjamin,  
with the assistance of the holy prophets  
which were among his people—  
For behold, King Benjamin was a holy man and  
he did reign over his people in righteousness;
- 26 And there were many holy men in the land and they did  
speak the word of God with power and with authority,  
And they did use much sharpness because  
of the stiffneckedness of the people—
- 27 Wherefore, with the help of these, King Benjamin,  
by laboring with all the might of his body and the  
faculty of his <sup>b</sup>whole soul, and also the prophets,  
Wherefore, they did once more establish peace in the land.

a O 1:42

b O 1:46-47