

THE BOOK OF MORMON



- 1** AND NOW I, Mormon, make a record of the things
which I have both seen and heard,
And call it the book of Mormon.
- 2 And about the ¹time that Ammoron hid up
the records unto the Lord, he came unto me—
I, being about ten years of age,
And I began to be learned somewhat after
the manner of the learning of my people—
And Ammoron saith unto me:
“I perceive that thou art a sober child
and art quick to observe;
- 3 Therefore, when ye are about twenty and four years old,
I would that ye should remember the things
that ye have observed concerning this people;
- 4 And when ye are of that age, go to the Land of Antum,
unto a hill which shall be called Shim,
And there have I deposited unto the Lord
all the sacred engravings concerning this people.
- 5 “And behold, ye shall take the
plates of Nephi unto yourself,
And the remainder shall ye leave
in the place where they are,
And ye shall engrave upon the plates of Nephi all the
things that ye have observed concerning this people.”
- 6 And I, Mormon, being a descendant of Nephi—
and my ²father’s name was Mormon—
And I remembered the things
which Ammoron commanded me.
- 7 And it came to pass that I, being ³eleven years old,
was carried by my father into the Land Southward,
even to the Land of Zarahemla—
The whole face of the land having
become covered with buildings,
And the people were as numerous

¹ AD 320
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² Mormon was
named after the
Land of Mormon
as was The Book
of Mormon
3N 2:96
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almost as it were the sands of the sea.

- 8 And it came to pass that in this year, there began to be a war between the Nephites—which consisted of the Nephites and the Jacobites and the Josephites and the Zoramites—
And this war was between the Nephites, and the Lamanites and the Lemuelites and the Ishmaelites;
- 9 Now the Lamanites and the Lemuelites and the Ishmaelites were called Lamanites;
And the ^atwo parties were Nephites and Lamanites.
- 10 And it came to pass that the war began to be among them in the borders of Zarahemla by the waters of Sidon.
- 11 And it came to pass that the Nephites had gathered together a great number of men, even to exceed the number of thirty thousand.
- 12 And it came to pass that they did have in this same year a number of battles in the which the Nephites did beat the Lamanites and did slay many of them.
- 13 And it came to pass that the Lamanites withdrew their design,
And there was peace settled in the land,
And peace did remain for the space of about four years, that there was no bloodshed.
- 14 But wickedness did prevail upon the face of the whole land, insomuch that the Lord did take away His beloved disciples;
And the work of miracles and of healing did cease because of the iniquity of the people,
- 15 And there were no gifts from the Lord,
And the Holy Ghost did not come upon any because of their wickedness and unbelief.
- 16 And I being ¹fifteen years of age and being somewhat of a sober mind,
Therefore, I was visited of the Lord and tasted and knew of the goodness of Jesus.
- 17 And I did endeavor to preach unto this people,
But my mouth was shut and I was forbidden that I should preach unto them;

a Jac 1:13-14
A 21:120
4N 1:40-42

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a Mos 8:61-78
3N 3:17-20
4N 1:42
Mi 9:24
b Mn 4:12

For behold, they had ^awillfully rebelled against their God,
And the beloved ^bdisciples were taken away
out of the land because of their iniquity.

- 18 But I did remain among them, but I was forbidden
that I should preach unto them
because of the hardness of their hearts;
And because of the hardness of their hearts,
the land was cursed for their sake.
- 19 And these Gaddianton robbers which were
among the Lamanites did infest the land,
Insomuch that the inhabitants thereof
began to hide up their treasures in the earth,
And they became slippery because the Lord
had ^ccursed the land, that they could not
hold them nor retain them again.
- 20 And it came to pass that there were sorceries
and witchcrafts and magics;
And the power of the evil one was wrought upon all
the face of the land, even unto the fulfilling of all
the words of Abinadi, and also Samuel the Lamanite.
- 21 And it came to pass that in that same year, there began to
be a war again between the Nephites and the Lamanites;
- 22 And notwithstanding, I, being young, was large in stature,
Therefore, the people of Nephi appointed me that I
should be their leader, or the leader of their armies.
- 23 Therefore, it came to pass that in my sixteenth year
I did go forth at the head of an army
of the Nephites against the Lamanites;
Therefore, ¹three hundred and twenty *and* six years
had passed away.
- 24 And it came to pass that in the ²three hundred and twenty
and seventh year, the Lamanites did come upon us
with exceeding great power, insomuch that they
did frighten my armies;
Therefore, they would not fight,
And they began to retreat toward the North Countries.
- 25 And it came to pass that we did come
to the City of Angolah,
And we did take possession of the city and make

c H 5:22-32, 41-50

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preparations to defend ourselves against the Lamanites.

- 26 And it came to pass that we did fortify
the city with our might;
But notwithstanding all our fortifications, the Lamanites
did come upon us and did drive us out of the city,
- 27 And they did also drive us forth out of the Land of David;
And we marched forth and came to the Land of Joshua,
which was in the borders west by the seashore.
- 28 And it came to pass that we did gather in our people
as fast as it were possible, that we might
get them together in one body.
- 29 But behold, the land was filled with robbers
and with Lamanites;
And notwithstanding the great destruction which hung
over my people, they did not repent of their evil doings;
- 30 Therefore, there was blood and carnage spread
throughout all the face of the land—
Both on the part of the Nephites,
and also on the part of the Lamanites;
And it was one complete revolution throughout
all the face of the land.
- 31 And now the Lamanites had a king
and his name was Aaron,
And he came against us with an army
of forty and four thousand;
- 32 And behold, I withstood him with forty and two thousand;
And it came to pass that I beat him
with my army that he fled before me.
- 33 And behold, all this was done and ¹three hundred
and thirty years had passed away.
- 34 And it came to pass that the Nephites began to repent
of their iniquity and began to cry, even as had been
prophesied by Samuel the prophet;
For behold, no man could keep that which was his own,
for the thieves and the robbers and the murderers and
the magic art and the witchcraft which was in the land;
- 35 Thus there began to be a mourning and a lamentation in
all the land because of these things, and more especially
among the people of Nephi.

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- 36 And it came to pass that when I, Mormon, saw
 their lamentations and their mourning
 and their sorrowing before the Lord,
 My heart did begin to rejoice within me, knowing
 the mercies and the longsuffering of the Lord,
 Therefore supposing that He would be merciful unto them,
 that they would again become a righteous people.
- 37 But behold, this my joy was vain, for their sorrowing was
 not unto repentance because of the goodness of God,
 But it was rather the sorrowing of the damned
 because the Lord would not always
 suffer them to take happiness in sin.
- 38 And they did not come unto Jesus with broken hearts and
 contrite spirits, but they did curse God and wish to die;
 39 Nevertheless, they would struggle
 with the sword for their lives.
- 40 And it came to pass that my sorrow
 did return unto me again;
 And I saw that the day of grace was passed with them,
 both temporally and spiritually,
 For I saw thousands of them hewn down in
 open rebellion against their God and heaped up
 as dung upon the face of the land.
- 1 AD 344 41 And thus ¹three hundred and forty
 and four years had passed away.
- 2 AD 345 42 And it came to pass that in the ²three hundred
 and forty and fifth year, the Nephites
 did begin to flee before the Lamanites,
 And they were pursued until they came even
 to the Land of Jashon before it was possible
 to stop them in their retreat.
- 43 And now the City of Jashon was near the land
 where Ammoron had deposited the records
 unto the Lord, that they might not be destroyed;
- 3 AD 334 44 And behold, I had ³gone according to the words
 Mn 1:3 of Ammoron and taken the plates of Nephi,
 And did make a record according to
 the words of Ammoron;
- 45 And upon the plates of Nephi I did make a full account

of all the wickedness and abominations,
 But upon these plates, I did forbear to make a full account
 of their wickedness and abominations;
 For behold, a continual scene of wickedness and
 abominations has been before mine eyes ever since
 I have been sufficient to behold the ways of man.

- 46 And wo is me because of their wickedness!
 For my heart has been filled with sorrow
 because of their wickedness all my days;
 Nevertheless, I know that I shall be lifted up
 at the last day.
- 47 And it came to pass that in this year the people
 of Nephi again were hunted and driven.
- 48 And it came to pass that we were driven forth until we had
 come northward to the land which was called Shem.
- 49 And it came to pass that we did fortify the City of Shem;
 And we did gather in our people as much
 as it were possible, that perhaps we
 might save them from destruction.
- 50 And it came to pass in the ¹three hundred and forty
 and sixth year they began to come upon us again.
- 51 And it came to pass that I did speak unto my people and
 did urge them with great energy that they would stand
 boldly before the Lamanites and fight for their wives
 and their children and their houses and their homes;
- 52 And my words did arouse them somewhat to vigor,
 Insomuch that they did not flee from before the Lamanites,
 but did stand with boldness against them.
- 53 And it came to pass that we did contend with an army
 of thirty thousand against an army of fifty thousand.
- 54 And it came to pass that we did stand before them
 with such firmness that they did flee from before us.
- 55 And it came to pass that when they had fled,
 we did pursue them with our armies
 and did meet them again and did beat them;
- 56 Nevertheless, the strength of the Lord was not with us,
 Yea, we were left to ourselves, that the Spirit of the Lord

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did not abide in us,
 Therefore, we had become weak like unto our brethren;
 57 And my heart did sorrow because of this, the great
 calamity of my people, because of their
 wickedness and their abominations;
 58 But behold, we did go forth against the Lamanites
 and the robbers of Gaddianton until we had again
 taken possession of the lands of our inheritance.
 1 AD 349 59 And the ¹three hundred and forty
 and ninth year had passed away.
 2 AD 350 60 And in the ²three hundred and fiftieth year,
 we made a treaty with the Lamanites and
 the robbers of Gaddianton, in the which
 we did get the lands of our inheritance divided;
 61 And the Lamanites did give unto us the Land Northward,
 yea, even to the Narrow Passage
 which led into the Land Southward;
 62 And we did give unto the Lamanites
 all the Land Southward.
 3 AD 360 63 And it came to pass that the Lamanites did not come
 to battle again until ³ten years more had passed away.
 64 And behold, I had employed my people the Nephites
 in preparing their lands and their arms
 against the time of battle.
 65 And it came to pass that the Lord did say unto me:
 “Cry unto this people:
 ‘Repent ye!
 and come unto Me!
 and be ye baptized!
 and build up again My church!
 And ye shall be spared.’”
 66 And I did cry unto this people, but it was in vain;
 And they did not realize that it was the Lord
 that had spared them and granted unto them
 a chance for repentance;
 67 And behold, they did harden their hearts
 against the Lord their God.
 68 And it came to pass that after this tenth year had passed
 away, making in the whole three hundred and sixty

- years from the coming of Christ,
¹And the king of the Lamanites sent an epistle unto me
 which gave unto me to know that they were
 preparing to come again to battle against us.
- 69 And it came to pass that I did cause my people that they
 should gather themselves together at the Land
 Desolation, to a city which was in the borders by
 the Narrow Pass which led into the Land Southward,
- 70 And there we did place our armies that we might stop
 the armies of the Lamanites, that they might
 not get possession of any of our lands;
 Therefore, we did fortify against them with all our force.
- 71 And it came to pass that in the ²three hundred and sixty
 and first year, the Lamanites did come down
 to the City of Desolation to battle against us;
 And it came to pass that in that year we did beat them
 insomuch that they did return to their own lands again.
- 72 And in the ³three hundred and sixty and second year,
 they did come down again to battle;
- 73 And we did beat them again and
 did slay a great number of them,
 And their dead were cast into the sea.
- 74 And now because of this great thing
 which my people the Nephites had done,
 They began to boast in their own strength and began
 to swear before the heavens that they would avenge
 themselves of the blood of their brethren
 which had been slain by their enemies;
- 75 And they did swear by the heavens, and also
 by the throne of God, that they would go up
 to battle against their enemies and would
 cut them off from the face of the land.
- 76 And it came to pass that I, Mormon, did utterly refuse
 from this time forth to be a commander
 and a leader of this people because
 of their wickedness and abomination.
- 77 Behold, I had led them—notwithstanding their
 wickedness—I had led them many times to battle,
 And I had loved them according to the love of God

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- 78 which was in me with all my heart;
 And my soul had been poured out in prayer
 unto my God all the day long for them;
 Nevertheless, it was without faith
 because of the hardness of their hearts.
- 79 And thrice have I delivered them out of the hands of
 their enemies and they have repented not of their sins;
- 80 And when they had sworn by all that had been forbidden
 them by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that
 they would go up unto their enemies to battle and
 avenge themselves of the blood of their brethren,
 Behold, the voice of the Lord came unto me, saying:
 “Vengeance is Mine and I will repay!
 And because this people repented not
 after that I had delivered them,
 Behold, they shall be cut off from the face of the earth!”
- 81 And it came to pass that I utterly refused
 to go up against mine enemies;
 And I did even as the Lord had commanded me;
 And I did stand as an idle witness to manifest
 unto the world the things which I saw and heard,
 according to the manifestations of the Spirit
 which had testified of things to come.
- 82 Therefore, I write unto you, Gentiles,
 And also unto you, house of Israel, when the work
 shall commence that ye shall be about to prepare
 to return to the land of your inheritance,
- 83 Yea, behold, I write unto all the ends of the earth,
 Yea, unto you, ^atwelve tribes of Israel, which shall be
^bjudged according to your works by the twelve whom
 Jesus chose to be His disciples in the Land of Jerusalem,
- 84 And I write also unto the remnant of this people, which
 shall also be judged by the twelve whom Jesus chose in
 this land and they shall be judged by the other twelve
 whom Jesus chose in the Land of Jerusalem—
- 85 And these things does the Spirit manifest unto me—
 Therefore, I write unto you all.
- 86 And for this cause I write unto you:
 That ye may know that ye must all stand before
 the judgment seat of Christ, yea, every soul
 which belongs to the whole human family of Adam;

a Luke 22:30

b 1N 3:114-117

- 87 And ye must stand to be judged of your works,
whether they be good or evil;
And also that ye may believe the gospel of Jesus Christ
which ye shall have among you;
- 88 And also that the Jews, the covenant people of the Lord,
shall have ^aother witness besides that which they
saw and heard, that Jesus whom they slew
was the very Christ and the very God;
- 89 And I would that I could persuade all ye ends of the earth
to repent and prepare to stand before
the judgment seat of Christ.

a TP:7
2N 11:29-34
3N 10:1-7

2 AND NOW it came to pass that in the ¹three hundred
and sixty and third year, the Nephites did go up
with their armies to battle against the Lamanites,
out of the Land of Desolation.

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- 2 And it came to pass that the armies of the Nephites
were driven back again to the Land of Desolation;
- 3 And while they were yet weary, a fresh army
of the Lamanites did come upon them;
And they had a sore battle, insomuch that the Lamanites
did take possession of the City Desolation and did
slay many of the Nephites and did take many prisoners,
And the remainder did flee and join
the inhabitants of the City Teancum.
- 4 Now the City Teancum lay in the borders by the seashore,
And it was also near the City Desolation.
- 5 And it was because that the armies of the Nephites went
up unto the Lamanites that they began to be smitten;
For were it not for that, the Lamanites
could have had no power over them.
- 6 But behold, the judgments of God
will overtake the wicked;
And it is by the wicked that the wicked are ^bpunished;
For it is the wicked that stirreth up the hearts
of the children of men unto bloodshed.
- 7 And it came to pass that the Lamanites did make
preparation to come against the City Teancum.
- 8 And it came to pass in the ²three hundred and sixty

b 1N 7:26-30

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and fourth year, the Lamanites did come against the City Teancum, that they might take possession of the City Teancum also.

- 9 And it came to pass that they were repulsed and driven back by the Nephites;
- 10 And when the Nephites saw that they had driven the Lamanites, they did again boast of their own strength, And they went forth in their own might and took possession again of the City Desolation.

- 11 And now all these things had been done and there had been thousands slain on both sides, both the Nephites and the Lamanites.

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- 12 And it came to pass that the ¹three hundred and sixty and sixth year had passed away, And the Lamanites came again upon the Nephites to battle; And yet the Nephites repented not of the evil which they had done, but persisted in their wickedness continually.

- 13 And it is impossible for the tongue to describe, or for man to write, a perfect description of the horrible scene of the blood and carnage which was among the people, both of the Nephites and of the Lamanites; And every heart was hardened so that they delighted in the shedding of blood continually;

- 14 And there never had been so great wickedness among all the children of Lehi, nor even among all the house of Israel according to the words of the Lord, as was among this people.

- 15 And it came to pass that the Lamanites did take possession of the City Desolation, and this because their number did exceed the number of the Nephites;

- 16 And they did also march forward against the City Teancum, And did drive the inhabitants forth out of her, And did take many prisoners of women and of children, And did offer them up as sacrifices unto their idol gods.

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- 17 And it came to pass that in the ²three hundred and sixty and seventh year, the Nephites being angry because the Lamanites had sacrificed their women and their children,

That they did go against the Lamanites with exceeding great anger, insomuch that they did beat again the Lamanites and drive them out of their lands.

- 18 And the Lamanites did not come again against the Nephites until the ¹three hundred and seventy and fifth year,
- 19 And in this year they did come down against the Nephites with all their powers; And they were not numbered because of the greatness of their number;
- 20 And from this time forth did the Nephites gain no power over the Lamanites, but began to be swept off by them, even as a dew before the sun.
- 21 And it came to pass that the Lamanites did come down against the City Desolation, And there was an exceeding sore battle fought in the Land Desolation in the which they did beat the Nephites.
- 22 And they fled again from before them and they came to the City Boaz; And there they did stand against the Lamanites with exceeding boldness, insomuch that the Lamanites did not beat them until they had come again the second time;
- 23 And when they had come the second time, the Nephites were driven and slaughtered with an exceeding great slaughter; Their women and their children were again sacrificed unto idols.
- 24 And it came to pass that the Nephites did again flee from before them, taking all the inhabitants with them, both in towns and villages.
- 25 And now I, Mormon, seeing that the Lamanites were about to overthrow the land, Therefore, I did go to the Hill Shim and did take up all the records which Ammoron had hid up unto the Lord.
- 26 And it came to pass that I did go forth among the Nephites and did repent of the ^aoath which I had made, that I would no more assist them; And they gave me command again of their armies,

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a Mn 1:76-81

for they looked upon me as though I could deliver them from their afflictions.

27 But behold, I was without hopes, for I knew the judgments of the Lord which should come upon them; For they repented not of their iniquities, but did struggle for their lives without calling upon that Being who had created them.

28 And it came to pass that the Lamanites did come against us as we had fled to the City of Jordan; But behold, they were driven back, that they did not take the city at that time.

29 And it came to pass that they came against us again and we did maintain the city;

30 And there were also other cities which were maintained by the Nephites, Which strongholds did cut them off, that they could not get into the country which lay before us to destroy the inhabitants of our land.

31 But it came to pass that whatsoever lands we had passed by, and the inhabitants thereof were not gathered in, were destroyed by the Lamanites, And their towns and villages and cities were burned with fire.

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And thus the ¹three hundred and seventy and nine years passed away.

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32 And it came to pass that in the ²three hundred and eightieth year, the Lamanites did come again against us to battle, And we did stand against them boldly; But it was all in vain, for so great were their numbers that they did tread the people of the Nephites under their feet.

33 And it came to pass that we did again take to flight, And they whose flight was swifter than the Lamanites did escape, And they whose flight did not exceed the Lamanites were swept down and destroyed.

34 And now behold, I, Mormon, do not desire to harrow up the souls of men in casting before them such

- an awful scene of blood and carnage
 as was laid before mine eyes;
- 35 But I knowing that these things
 must surely be made known—
 And that all things which are hid
 must be revealed upon the housetops—
 And also that a knowledge of these things
 must come unto the remnant of these people,
 And also unto the Gentiles which the Lord hath said
 should scatter this people,
 And this people should be counted
 as naught among them—
- 36 Therefore, I write a small abridgment, daring not to give
 a full account of the things which I have seen
 because of the commandment which I have received,
 And also that ye might not have too great sorrow
 because of the wickedness of this people.
- 37 And now behold, this I speak unto their seed,
 and also to the Gentiles which hath care
 for the house of Israel, that realize and know
 from whence their blessings come;
- 38 For I know that such will sorrow for the calamity
 of the house of Israel,
 Yea, they will sorrow for the destruction of this people;
 They will sorrow that this people had not repented, that
 they might have been clasped in the arms of Jesus.
- 39 Now these things are written unto the remnant
 of the house of Jacob,
 And they are written after this manner because
 it is known of God that wickedness will not
 bring them forth unto them,
 And they are to be hid up unto the Lord
 that they may come forth in His own due time;
- 40 And this is the commandment which I have received.
 And behold, they shall come forth according to
 the commandment of the Lord
 when He shall see fit in His wisdom.
- 41 And behold, they shall go unto the unbelieving of the Jews;
 And for this ^aintent shall they go:
 That they may be ^bpersuaded that Jesus is the Christ,
 the Son of the living God;

a 1N 2:4

b TP:7

2N 11:26-30

3N 10:1-7

a Mn 3:30-31

b 3N 9:51

- 42 That the Father may bring about through His most Beloved
His great and eternal purpose in the restoring the Jews,
or all the house of Israel, to the land of their inheritance
which the Lord their God hath given them,
unto the fulfilling of His covenant;
- 43 And also that the seed of this people may more fully
believe His gospel which shall go forth
^aunto them from the Gentiles.
- 44 For this people shall be scattered and shall become a dark,
a filthy and a loathsome people, beyond the description
of that which ever hath been amongst us, yea,
even that which hath been among the Lamanites,
And this because of their unbelief and idolatry;
- 45 For behold, the Spirit of the Lord hath already
ceased to strive with their fathers,
And they are without Christ and God in the world,
And they are driven about as chaff before the wind.
- 46 They were once a delightsome people
and they had Christ for their Shepherd,
yea, they were led, even by God the Father;
- 47 But now behold, they are led about by satan, even as chaff
is driven before the wind, or as a vessel is tossed about
upon the waves without sail or anchor or
without anything wherewith to steer her;
And even as she is, so are they.
- 48 And behold, the Lord hath reserved their blessing,
which they might have received in the land,
for the Gentiles which shall possess the land.
- 49 But behold, it shall come to pass that they
shall be driven and scattered by the Gentiles;
And after that they have been driven
and scattered by the Gentiles,
Behold, then will the Lord remember the covenant which
He made unto Abraham and unto all the house of Israel;
- 50 And also the Lord will remember the prayers of the
righteous which hath been put up unto Him for them.
- 51 And then, O ye ^bGentiles, how can ye stand before
the power of God except ye shall repent
and turn from your evil ways?
- 52 Know ye not that ye are in the hands of God?

- 53 Know ye not that He hath all power and at His great
command the ^aearth shall be rolled together as a scroll?
54 Therefore, repent ye and humble yourselves before Him,
lest He shall come out in justice against you—
Lest a ^bremnant of the seed of Jacob shall go forth
among you as a lion and tear you in pieces
and there is none to deliver!

a 3N 11:31
Mn 4:58

b 3N 9:51-56

3 AND NOW I finish my record concerning the destruction of my people the Nephites.

- 2 And it came to pass that we did march forth
before the Lamanites;
3 And I, Mormon, wrote an epistle
unto the king of the Lamanites,
And desired of him that he would grant unto us that
we might gather together our people unto the Land
of Cumorah, by a hill which was called Cumorah,
And there we would give them battle.
4 And it came to pass that the king of the Lamanites
did grant unto me the thing which I desired.
5 And it came to pass that we did march forth
to the Land of Cumorah,
And we did pitch our tents round about the Hill Cumorah;
And it was in a land of many waters, rivers and fountains;
And here we had hope to gain advantage
over the Lamanites;
6 And when ¹three hundred and eighty and four years
had passed away, we had gathered in all the
remainder of our people unto the Land Cumorah.
7 And it came to pass that when we had gathered in
all our people in one to the Land of Cumorah,
Behold, I, Mormon, began to be old;
And knowing it to be the last struggle of my people,
And having been commanded of the Lord that I should
not suffer that the records which had been handed
down by our fathers, which were sacred,
to fall into the hands of the Lamanites—
for the Lamanites would destroy them—
8 Therefore, I made this record out of the plates of Nephi,
And hid up in the Hill Cumorah all the records which had

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- been entrusted to me by the hand of the Lord, save it were these few plates which I gave unto my son Moroni.
- 9 And it came to pass that my people, with their wives and their children, did now behold the armies of the Lamanites marching toward them; And with that awful fear of death which fills the breasts of all the wicked, did they await to receive them.
- 10 And it came to pass that they came to battle against us, And every soul was filled with terror because of the greatness of their numbers.
- 11 And it came to pass that they did fall upon my people with the sword, and with the bow, and with the arrow, and with the axe, and with all manner of weapons of war.
- 12 And it came to pass that my men were hewn down, yea, or even my ten thousand which were with me; And I fell wounded in the midst, And they passed by me, that they did not put an end to my life;
- 13 And when they had gone through and hewn down all my people, save it *were* twenty and four of us, among whom was my son Moroni,
- 14 And we, having survived the dead of our people, did behold on the morrow—when the Lamanites had returned unto their camps—from the top of the Hill Cumorah the ten thousand of my people which were hewn down, being led in the front by me; And we also beheld the ten thousand of my people which were led by my son Moroni.
- 15 And behold, the ten thousand of Gidgiddonah had fallen, and he also in the midst; And Lamah had fallen, with his ten thousand; And Gilgal had fallen, with his ten thousand; And Limhah had fallen, with his ten thousand; And Jeneum had fallen, with his ten thousand; And Cumenihah and Moronihah and Antionum and Shiblom and Shem and Josh had fallen, with their ten thousand each.

- 16 And it came to pass that there were ten more which
 did fall by the sword, with their ten thousand each;
 Yea, even all my people—
 Save it were those twenty and four which were with me,
 And also a few which had ^aescaped
 into the South Countries,
 And a few which had ^bdeserted over unto the Lamanites—
 Had fallen; a Mn 4:2
b A 21:12-15
- 17 And their flesh and bones and blood
 lay upon the face of the earth,
 Being left by the hands of those who slew them,
 to molder upon the land,
 and to crumble,
 and to return to their mother earth.
- 18 And my soul was rent with anguish
 because of the slain of my people,
 And I cried:
 “O ye fair ones, how could ye have departed
 from the ways of the Lord!
 O ye fair ones, how could ye have rejected that Jesus
 who stood with open arms to receive you!
- 19 “Behold, if ye had not done this, ye would not have fallen;
 But behold, ye are fallen and I mourn your loss;
- 20 O ye fair sons and daughters,
 ye fathers and mothers,
 ye husbands and wives,
 ye fair ones,
 How is it that ye could have fallen!
- 21 “But behold, ye are gone and my sorrows
 cannot bring your return;
 And the day soon cometh that your mortal
 must put on immortality,
 And these bodies which are now moldering in corruption
 must soon become incorruptible bodies;
- 22 And then ye must stand before the judgment seat
 of Christ to be judged according to your works;
 And if it so be that ye are righteous, then are ye blessed
 with your fathers which have gone before you.
- 23 “O that ye had repented before that this
 great destruction had come upon you!
 But behold, ye are gone;

And the Father, yea, the Eternal Father of heaven
knoweth your state,
And He doeth with you according to
His justice and mercy.”

- 24 And now behold, I would speak somewhat unto
the remnant of this people which are spared,
If it so be that God may give unto them my words,
that they may know of the things of their fathers;
Yea, I speak unto you, ye remnant of the house of Israel,
And these are the words which I speak:

Know ye that ye are of the house of Israel!

- 25 Know ye that ye must come unto repentance
or ye cannot be saved!
- 26 Know ye that ye must lay down your weapons of war and
delight no more in the shedding of blood and take them
not again, save it be that God shall command you.
- 27 Know ye that ye must come to the knowledge of your
fathers and repent of all your sins and iniquities
and believe in Jesus Christ,
That He is the Son of God
and that He was slain by the Jews,
And by the power of the Father He hath risen again,
Whereby He hath gained the victory over the grave.

a A 13:46-47

- 28 And also in Him is the ^asting of death swallowed up;
And He bringeth to pass the resurrection of the dead,
Whereby man must be raised
to stand before His judgment seat.
- 29 And He hath brought to pass the redemption of the world,
Whereby he that is found guiltless before Him
at the judgment day hath it given unto them
to dwell in the presence of God in His kingdom,
To sing ceaseless praises with the choirs above unto the
Father and unto the Son and unto the Holy Ghost,
which is one God, in a state of happiness
which hath no end.
- 30 Therefore, repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus
and lay hold upon the gospel of Christ
which shall be set before you,

Not only in this record, but also in the ^arecord which shall come unto the Gentiles from the Jews, which record shall come from the Gentiles unto you.

a 2N 2:18
Mn 2:43

- 31 For behold, this is written for the intent that ye may believe that;
And if ye believe that, ye will believe this also;
And if ye believe this, ye will know concerning your fathers, and also the marvelous works which were wrought by the power of God among them.
- 32 And ye will also know that ye are a remnant of the seed of Jacob;
Therefore, ye are numbered among the people of the first covenant;
- 33 And if it so be that ye believe in Christ and are baptized—
First with water, then with fire and with the Holy Ghost, following the example of our Savior according to that which He hath commanded us—
It shall be well with you in the day of judgment. ¹Amen.

¹ Mormon's abridgment begun in WM 1:14 ends here

- 4** BEHOLD, I, Moroni, do finish the record of my father Mormon;
Behold, I have but few things to write, which things I have been commanded of my father.
- 2 And now it came to pass that after the great and tremendous battle at Cumorah,
Behold, the Nephites which had escaped into the Country Southward were hunted by the Lamanites until they were all ^bdestroyed,
And my father also was killed by them;
And I, even I, remaineth alone to write the sad tale of the destruction of my people.
- 3 But behold, they are gone and I fulfill the commandment of my father;
- 4 And whether they will slay me, I know not;
Therefore, I will write and hide up the records in the earth,
And whither I go it mattereth not.
- 5 Behold, my father hath made this record and he hath written the intent thereof;
- 6 And behold, I would write it also if I had room

b H 3:30

		upon the plates, But I have not; And ore I have none, for I am alone; My father hath been slain in battle, and all my kinsfolk, And I have not friends, nor whither to go; And how ^a long that the Lord will suffer that I may live, I know not.
a Mi 1:1-4; 10:1		
1 AD 400	7	Behold, ¹ four hundred years have passed since the coming of our Lord and Savior.
	8	And behold, the Lamanites have hunted my people the Nephites down from city to city and from place to place, even until they are no more, And great has been their fall, Yea, great and marvelous is the destruction of my people the Nephites;
	9	And behold, it is the hand of the Lord which hath done it.
	10	And behold also, the Lamanites are at war one with another; And the whole face of this land is one continual round of murder and bloodshed; And no one knoweth the end of the war.
	11	And now behold, I say no more concerning them, For there are none, save it be Lamanites and robbers, that do exist upon the face of the land;
b 2N 11:74-77 Mn 1:17	12	And there are none that do know the true God, save it be the ^b disciples of Jesus which did tarry in the land until the wickedness of the people was so great that the Lord would not suffer them to remain with the people; And whither they be upon the face of the land, no man knoweth;
	13	But behold, my father and I have seen them and they have ministered unto us.
	14	And whoso receiveth this record and shall not condemn it because of the imperfections which are in it, the same shall know of ^c greater things than these;
c 3N 12:1-5 Eth 1:102-109	15	Behold, I am Moroni, And were it possible I would make all things known unto you.
	16	Behold, I make an end of speaking concerning this people;

- 17 I am the son of Mormon and my father
 was a descendant of Nephi,
 And I am the same which hide up
 this record unto the Lord;
 The plates thereof are of no worth because
 of the commandment of the Lord,
- 18 For He truly saith that none shall have them to get gain;
 But the record thereof is of great worth,
 And ^awhoso shall bring it to light, him will the Lord bless.
- 19 For no one can have power to bring it to light,
 save it be given him of God;
 For God will that it shall be done with an eye single
 to His glory, or the welfare of the ancient and
 long dispersed covenant people of the Lord.
- 20 And blessed be him that shall bring this thing to light;
 For it shall be brought out of darkness unto light,
 according to the word of God,
- 21 Yea, it shall be brought out of the earth,
 And it shall shine forth out of darkness and
 come unto the knowledge of the people,
 And it shall be done by the power of God;
 And if there be ^bfaults, they be faults of a man.
- 22 But behold, we know no fault;
 Nevertheless, God knoweth all things;
 Therefore, he that condemneth, let him beware
 lest he shall be in danger of hell fire.
- 23 And he that saith, “Show unto me or ye shall be
 smitten”—let him beware lest he commandeth
 that which is forbidden of the Lord;
- 24 For behold, the same that ^cjudgeth rashly
 shall be judged rashly again;
 For according to his works shall his wages be;
 Therefore, he that smiteth shall be smitten again
 of the Lord.
- 25 Behold what the scriptures saith:
 “‘Man shall not smite, neither shall he judge;
 For judgment is Mine,’ saith the Lord;
 ‘And vengeance is Mine also, and I will repay.’”
- 26 And he that shall breathe out wrath and strifes against the

a 3N 9:98
 Eth 2:1-5

b TP:8

c Mi 7:12-18

work of the Lord and against the covenant people
of the Lord, which are the house of Israel,
And shall say, “We will destroy the work of the Lord
and the Lord will not remember His covenant
which He hath made unto the house of Israel”—
The same is in danger to be hewn down
and cast into the fire;
For the eternal purposes of the Lord shall roll on
until all His promises shall be fulfilled.

a 3N 9:47;
10:26-29

27 ^aSearch the prophecies of Isaiah;
Behold, I cannot write them.

28 Yea, behold, I say unto you that those saints
which have gone before me, which have
possessed this land, shall cry—
Yea, even from the dust will they cry unto the Lord—
And as the Lord liveth, He will remember the covenant
which He hath made with them.

b Jac 3:7
H 3:115-123

29 And He knoweth their prayers, that they
were in behalf of their brethren;
30 And He knoweth their faith—
For in His ^bname could they remove mountains,
And in His name could they cause the earth to shake,
And by the power of His word did they cause
prisons to tumble to the earth,
31 Yea, even the fiery furnace could not harm them—
neither wild beasts, nor poison serpents—
because of the power of His word.

c 3N 9:98
Eth 2:1-3

32 And behold, their prayers were also in behalf of ^chim
that the Lord should suffer to bring these things forth;
33 And no one need say, “They shall not come”—
For they surely shall, for the Lord hath spoken it!
For out of the earth shall they come
by the hand of the Lord,
And none can stay it.
34 And it shall come in a day when it shall be said
that miracles are done away.

And it shall come even as if one should speak
from the dead.

- 35 And it shall come in a day when the blood of saints shall cry unto the Lord because of secret combinations and the works of darkness.
- 36 Yea, it shall come in a day when the power of God shall be denied and churches become defiled and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts,
Yea, even in a day when leaders of churches and teachers in the pride of their hearts, even to the envying of them who belong to their church.
- 37 Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be heard of fires and tempests and vapors of smoke in foreign lands,
And there shall also be heard of wars and rumors of wars and earthquakes in divers places.
- 38 Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be great pollutions upon the face of the earth;
- 39 There shall be murders and robbing and lying and deceivings and whoredoms and all manner of abominations,
When there shall be many which will say, “Do this or do that and it mattereth not, for the Lord will uphold such at the last day”;
- 40 But wo unto such for they are in the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity!
- 41 Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be churches built up that shall say, “Come unto me and for your money you shall be forgiven of your sins.”
- 42 O ye wicked and perverse and stiff-necked people!
Why have ye built up churches unto yourselves to get gain?
- 43 Why have ye transfigured the holy word of God,
that ye might bring damnation upon your souls?
- 44 Behold! look ye unto the revelations of God;
For behold, the time cometh at that day when all these things must be fulfilled.
- 45 Behold, the Lord hath shown unto me great and marvelous things concerning that which must shortly come at that day when these things shall come forth among you.
- 46 Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present,
And yet ye are not;

- 47 But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me
and I know your doing,
And I know that ye do walk in the pride of your hearts;
- 48 And there are none, save a few only, which do not
lift themselves up in the pride of their hearts,
Unto the wearing of very fine apparel,
Unto envying and strife and malice and persecutions
and all manner of iniquity;
- 49 And your churches, yea, even every one, have become
polluted because of the pride of your hearts.
- 50 For behold, ye do love money,
and your substances,
and your fine apparel,
and the adorning of your churches,
More than ye love the poor,
and the needy,
the sick,
and the afflicted.
- 51 O ye pollutions! Ye hypocrites!
Ye teachers which sell yourselves
for that which will canker!
Why have ye polluted the holy church of God?
- 52 Why are ye ashamed to take upon you the name of Christ?
- 53 Why do you not think that greater is the value
of an endless happiness than that misery
which never dies, because of the praise of the world?
- 54 Why do ye adorn yourselves with that which hath no life,
And yet suffer the hungry,
and the needy,
and the naked,
and the sick,
and the afflicted,
To pass by you and notice them not?
- 55 Yea, why do ye build up your secret abominations
to get gain?
And cause that widows should mourn before the Lord?
And also orphans to mourn before the Lord?
And also the blood of their fathers and their husbands
to cry unto the Lord from the ground
for vengeance upon your heads?
- 56 Behold, the sword of vengeance hangeth over you!

And the time soon cometh that He avengeth
the blood of the saints upon you, for He
will not suffer their cries any longer.

- 57 And now I speak also concerning those
who do not believe in Christ.
- 58 Behold, will ye believe in the day of your visitation—
behold, when the Lord shall come?
Yea, even that great day when the ^aearth shall be
rolled together as a scroll and the elements
shall melt with fervent heat?
- 59 Yea, in that great day when ye shall be brought
to stand before the Lamb of God, then
will ye say that there is no God?
- 60 Then will ye longer deny the Christ
or can ye behold the Lamb of God?
- 61 Do ye suppose that ye shall dwell with Him
under a consciousness of your guilt?
- 62 Do ye suppose that ye could be happy to dwell
with that Holy Being when your souls are racked
with a consciousness of your guilt,
that ye have ever abused His laws?
- 63 Behold, I say unto you that ye would be more miserable
to dwell with a holy and a just God under a
consciousness of your filthiness before Him, than
ye would to dwell with the damned souls in hell;
- 64 For behold, when ye shall be brought to see your
nakedness before God, and also the glory of God
and the holiness of Jesus Christ,
It will kindle a flame of unquenchable fire upon you.
- 65 O then ye unbelieving, turn ye unto the Lord!
Cry mightily unto the Father in the name of Jesus, that
perhaps ye may be found spotless, pure, fair and white,
Having been cleansed by the blood of the Lamb
at that great and last day.
- 66 And again, I speak unto you who deny the revelations
of God and say that they are done away,
That there are no revelations,
nor prophecies,
nor gifts,
nor healing,

a 3N 11:31
Mn 2:52-53

nor speaking with tongues,
and the interpretation of tongues.

- 67 Behold I say unto you, he that denieth these things
knoweth not the gospel of Christ;
Yea, they have not read the scriptures;
If so, they do not understand them;
- 68 For do we not read that God is the same yesterday,
today and forever?
And in Him there is no variableness,
neither shadow of changing?
- 69 And now, if ye have imagined up unto yourselves
a god which doth vary and in him
there is shadow of changing,
Then have ye imagined up unto yourselves
a god which is not a God of miracles.
- 70 But behold, I will show unto you a God of miracles,
even the God of Abraham,
and the God of Isaac,
and the God of Jacob;
And it is that same God which created the heavens
and the earth and all things that in them is.
- 71 Behold, He created Adam,
And by Adam, came the fall of man,
And because of the fall of man, came Jesus Christ,
even the Father and the Son,
And because of Jesus Christ, came the redemption of man,
- 72 And because of the redemption of man,
which came by Jesus Christ,
They are brought back into the presence of the Lord.
- Yea, this is wherein all men are redeemed because the
death of Christ bringeth to pass the resurrection,
Which bringeth to pass a redemption from an endless sleep,
From which sleep all men shall be awakened by the power
of God when the trump shall sound;
- 73 And they shall come forth, both small and great,
And all shall stand before His bar, being redeemed
and loosed from this eternal band of death,
Which death is a temporal death.
- 74 And then cometh the judgment
of the Holy One upon them;

And then cometh the time that he that is filthy
 shall be filthy still,
 And he that is righteous shall be righteous still;
 He that is happy shall be happy still;
 And he that is unhappy shall be unhappy still.

75 And now, O all ye that have imagined up unto yourselves
 a god which can do no miracles, I would ask of you,
 Have all these things passed of which I have spoken?
 Has the end come yet?

76 Behold, I say unto you, Nay;
 And God has not ceased to be a God of miracles.

77 Behold, are not the things that God hath wrought
 marvelous in our eyes?
 Yea, and who can comprehend
 the marvelous works of God?

78 Who shall say that it was not a miracle that
 by His word the heaven and the earth should be?
 And by the power of His word man was created
 of the dust of the earth?
 And by the power of His word
 hath miracles been wrought?

79 And who shall say that Jesus Christ
 did not do many mighty miracles?

80 And there were many mighty miracles
 wrought by the hands of the apostles?

81 And if there were miracles wrought, then why
 has God ceased to be a God of miracles
 and yet be an unchangeable Being?

82 And behold I say unto you, He changeth not;
 If so, He would cease to be God;
 And He ceaseth not to be God,
 And is a God of miracles;

83 And the reason why He ceaseth to do miracles
 among the children of men is because that
 they dwindle in unbelief,
 and depart from the right way,
 and know not the God in whom they should trust.

84 Behold, I say unto you that whoso ^abelieveth in Christ,
 doubting nothing,

^a En 1:24
 Mos 2:36
 A 13:51
 3N 8:51; 13:6
 Mi 7:26

Whatsoever he shall ask the Father in the name of Christ,
 it shall be granted them;
 And this promise is unto all,
 even unto the ends of the earth.

85 For behold, thus saith Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
 unto His disciples which should tarry;
 Yea, and also to all His disciples
 in the hearing of the multitude:

86 “Go ye into all the world
 and preach the gospel to every creature;
 And he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,
 But he that believeth not shall be damned.

a Eth 1:115
 Mark 16:16-19
 [17-18]

87 “And these ^asigns shall follow them that believe—
 In My name shall they cast out devils;
 They shall speak with new tongues;
 They shall take up serpents;
 And if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them;
 They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

88 “And whosoever shall believe in My name, doubting
 nothing, unto him will I confirm all My words,
 even unto the ends of the earth.”

89 And now behold, who can stand against
 the works of the Lord?
 Who can deny His sayings?

90 Who will rise up against the almighty power of the Lord?
 Who will despise the works of the Lord?
 Who will despise the children of Christ?

91 Behold, all ye that are despisers of the works of the Lord—
 for ye shall wonder and perish—

92 O then despise not and wonder not,
 but hearken unto the words of the Lord,
 And ask the Father in the name of Jesus for
 what things soever ye shall stand in need—

93 Doubt not, but be believing,
 And begin as in times of old,
 And come unto the Lord with all your heart,
 And work out your own salvation
 with fear and trembling before Him.

b A 9:41

94 Be wise in the days of your ^bprobation;
 Strip yourselves of all uncleanness;

Ask not that ye may consume it on your lusts;
 But ask with a firmness unshaken, that ye
 will yield to no temptation,
 But that ye will serve the true and living God.

95 See that ye are not baptized unworthily;
 See that ye partake not of the sacrament
 of Christ ^aunworthily;
 But see that ye do all things in worthiness,
 And do it in the name of Jesus Christ,
 the Son of the living God;
 And if ye do this and endure to the end,
 ye will in no wise be cast out.

a 3N 8:60-65
 Col 1:10

96 Behold, I speak unto you as though I spake from the dead,
 for I know that ye shall have my words;
 97 Condemn me not because of mine imperfection,
 neither my father because of his imperfection,
 neither them which have written before him;
 But rather give thanks unto God that He hath
 made manifest unto you our imperfections,
 That ye may learn to be more wise
 than that which we have been.

98 And now behold, we have written this record according
 to our knowledge in the characters which are called
 among us the ^breformed Egyptian,
 Being handed down and altered by us
 according to our manner of speech;

b 1N 1:1
 Mos 1:4-6

99 And if our plates had been sufficiently large,
 we should have written in the Hebrew,
 But the Hebrew hath been altered by us also;
 And if we could have written in the Hebrew,
 Behold, ye would have had no ^cimperfection in our record.

c Jac 3:1

100 But the Lord knoweth the things which we have written,
 And also that none other people knoweth our language;
 And because that none other people
 knoweth our language,
 Therefore, He hath prepared means
 for the interpretation thereof.

101 And these things are written that we may rid our garments
 of the ^dblood of our brethren which have
 dwindled in unbelief.

d 2N 6:88
 Jac 1:20
 Mos 1:65
 Eth 5:39

- 102 And behold, these things which we have desired concerning our brethren—yea, even their restoration to the knowledge of Christ—is according to the prayers of all the saints which have dwelt in the land.
- 103 And may the Lord Jesus Christ grant that their prayers may be answered according to their faith;
And may God the Father remember the covenant which He hath made with the house of Israel;
And may He bless them forever, through faith on the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.