

THE BOOK OF MORMON READER'S GUIDE

1 NEPHI:

- 1 Nephi writes Lehi's vision: Jerusalem's destruction, Messiah to come.
- 2 **Lehi** as commanded, flees Jerusalem with family; Laman and Lemuel are angry; Nephi prays for guidance & receives comfort and blessings.
- 3 Lord has Lehi send sons back for Jewish history on Laban's brass plates; 2 failed tries; an angel spares Nephi from Laman and Lemuel.
- 4 Spirit tells Nephi to slay drunken Laban, in whose disguise he gets the plates from Laban's servant Zoram, who also joins Lehi's journey.
- 5 Lehi rejoices that the records contain 5 books of Moses & genealogy.
- 6 Nephi writes on plates to persuade all to come unto God & be saved.
- 7 Lord has Lehi send sons back for Ishmael's family who take journey; Laman, Lemuel & some of Ishmael's seek Nephi's life & bind him; he prays and bands are loosed; forgiven, they all arrive at Lehi's camp.
- 8 Lehi sees a vision of a "tree of life" & desires family to partake of the fruit but Laman & Lemuel refuse; Lehi preaches & prophesies to them.
- 9 Nephi told to write on small "ministry" plates & larger "history" plates.
- 10 Lehi's prophesies of a Messiah to come in 600 years and of Israel's scattering; Nephi desires in faith to have Lehi's vision also.
- 11 Spirit shows Nephi the "tree of life" & birth & ministry of Son of God.
- 12 In the promised land Nephi is shown contentions, the Lamb's visit, His 12 disciples, Nephite destruction & the Lamanites become numerous.
- 13 Nephi sees abominable churches among Gentile nations, colonizing of America, Civil War & a restoration by Gentiles, taken to the Jews.
- 14 Righteous Gentiles numbered among the house of Israel; *only* God's church or Satan's; saints persecuted; John will write of the last days.
- 15 Gentiles bring Lamanites gospel in last days; allegory of an olive tree.
- 16 Lehi's sons and Zoram marry Ishmael's daughters; Lehi given Liahona ball to guide their travels; Nephi breaks bow, ball directs him to game; Ishmael dies; Lord chastens Laman for wanting to kill Lehi and Nephi.
- 17 Children born; 8 yrs pass; they enter Bountiful; Lord has Nephi build a ship; Nephi compares his murmuring bros. to the children of Moses; Nephi shocks them with his hand to show God's power & they believe.
- 18 They set sail; Laman & Lemuel bind Nephi; storm rages & then ends after Nephi is freed and prays; they arrive and settle in promised land.
- 19 Nephi commanded to make plates to pass down the generations; he writes of the crucifixion and of the fate of the Jews.
- 20 From the brass plates, compare to Isaiah 48: Israel turns from God.
- 21 From the brass plates, compare to Isaiah 49: the Lord delivers Israel.
- 22 Nephi explains Isaiah: Israel scattered, helped by Gentiles, gathered.

Key: **blue** – religious leaders

red – corresponding political leaders

black – opposing leaders, groups

2 NEPHI:

- 1 Lehi's vision: Jerusalem is destroyed & a new land of liberty, unless people sin; Lehi pleads with family to put on armor of righteous and follow Nephi.
- 2 Lehi to Jacob for choosing to serve God: Lehi explains trial, salvation, the Messiah's redemption and grace, opposition, agency, Satan & Adam's fall.
- 3 Lehi to Joseph, his youngest: Joseph of Egypt saw them in vision and was told by God of latter-day Joseph who'll be like Moses; he blesses Joseph.
- 4 Lehi counsels & blesses Laman, Lemuel, Ishmael & Sam, then dies; L & L angry w/ Nephi's words; Nephi pained by his sins, rejoices & trusts in God.
- 5 Lord warns **Nephi**, Zoram, Sam, Jacob, Joseph, his sisters & their families to flee for their life, with the records, to a place they call Nephi; a temple is built; rebel **Lamanites** cursed w/ dark skin; Jacob & Joseph made priests.
- 6 Jacob, as priest, teaches from Isaiah about Israel and the Gentiles.
- 7 From the brass plates, compare to Isaiah 50: the power of the Messiah.
- 8 From the brass plates, see Isaiah 51 & 52: hearken and God shall comfort.
- 9 Jacob's sermon: he explains God's covenants, the resurrection and the atonement, judgment, specific sins, salvation and the greatness of God.
- 10 Angel tells Jacob: Jews will kill Christ; this is to be a choice land of liberty.
- 11 Nephi testifies Jacob saw Christ; He is the reason for the Law of Moses.
- 12 Nephi, from brass plates, see Isaiah 2: temples, millennium and judgment.
- 13 From the brass plates, see Isaiah 3: the fall of Judah; Judah's worldliness.
- 14 From the brass plates, see Isaiah 4: Zion will be cleansed & become Holy.
- 15 From the brass plates, compare Isaiah 5: the Lord's vineyard (the house of Israel) will become desolate; the Lord will lift an ensign & Israel will gather.
- 16 From brass plates, Isaiah 6: Isaiah sees God, is forgiven & he prophesies.
- 17 From the brass plates, compare to Isaiah 7: Judah's wars; birth of Christ.
- 18 From the brass plates, compare to Isaiah 8: Isaiah's prophecies to Israel.
- 19 From the brass plates, see Isaiah 9: Judah will turn from God's mercy.
- 20 From the brass plates, see Isaiah 10: In the end God will destroy wicked.
- 21 From the brass plates, compare to Isaiah 11: judgment & millennial peace.
- 22 From the brass plates, see Isaiah 12: a praise to God who is in their midst.
- 23 From the brass plates, see Isaiah 13: God will punish the world for evil.
- 24 From brass plates, see Isaiah 14: Israel gathered, peace & devil cast out.
- 25 Nephi reviews Isaiah's importance; the Law of Moses is fulfilled in Christ.
- 26 Christ to appear to the Nephites after His resurrection; their destruction by each other and by wicked Gentiles; God's love & goodness; His good laws.
- 27 See Isaiah 29: last days, wickedness, apostasy, unreadable sealed book (Book of Mormon) & three witnesses to come in power who will enlighten.
- 28 That book will be of great worth because of false doctrines & wickedness.
- 29 Book rejected by many; God does speak to His people in many lands.
- 30 Book to convert Gentiles, Lamanites and Jews to Christ; millennial peace.
- 31 Repent, be baptized as Christ and press forward in faith until the end.
- 32 Follow the words of Christ & the Holy Spirit; pray always for guidance.
- 33 Nephi writes for our gain; these words are a testimony to us of Christ.

JACOB:

- 1 Nephi has **Jacob** lead church and dies; all kings named after "**Nephi**".

- 2 From the temple Jacob reproves the Nephites: worse than Lamanites.
- 3 Jacob warns of pride, whoredoms and the consequences of every sin.
- 4 All prophets have testified of Christ; Jews will stumble and reject Him.
- 5 Allegory of olive trees about Israel and the Gentiles (longest chapter).
- 6 Israel will be redeemed and then the world burned; come unto Christ.
- 7 Sherem teaches against Christ, demands a sign, is smitten, begins to retract his words & dies; attempts made to convert hostile Lamanites.

ENOS:

- 1 Jacob's son **Enos** records struggle for God's forgiveness, for welfare of Nephites, Lamanites & the plates; he fails preaching to Lamanites.

JAROM:

- 1 Enos' son **Jarom**: people prosper and repent; Lamanite attacks fail.

OMNI:

- 1 Jarom's wicked son **Omni** writes of war; records pass to son **Amaron**: wicked Nephites destroyed; his brother **Chemish** gives records to his son **Abinadom**; they pass to his son **Amaleki**; king **Mosiah** & faithful Nephites flee with records to Zarahemla & find a people who had fled king Zedekiah's Jerusalem; Mosiah interprets a record of Coriantumr's prior group from Babel; son **Benjamin** made king & also given plates by Amaleki who had no heir & whose brother joined a 2nd group to try and return to Nephi; 1st group failed & only 50 returned due to feuding.

WORDS OF MORMON:

- 1 Prophet **Mormon** prays for Lamanites & gives plates to son **Moroni**, last Nephite; tells of king/prophet Benjamin who established peace.

MOSIAH:

- 1 Benjamin teaches sons to search the commandments & tells son, 2nd Mosiah, to gather people so he can pass him the kingdom and church.
- 2 From newly built tower Benjamin speaks to multitudes on humility and service; continue to keep commandments; has words written and sent.
- 3 Angel told him of Christ's birth, life and atonement; children blameless but men must submit humbly to God & are only saved through Christ.
- 4 Multitude desires forgiveness; Mosiah teaches repentance & service.
- 5 Multitude covenant with God and take upon them the name of Christ.
- 6 **Mosiah** made king & priests appointed to teach; king Benjamin dies.
- 7 Mosiah lets Ammon & 15 go to Nephi where king **Limhi** binds them & tells of bondage to Lamanites for iniquity & slaying prophet **Abinadi**.
- 8 Ammon tells of Zarahemla and Benjamin's words, sees 24 unreadable gold plates found by 43 who sought Zarahemla & found bones & ruins.
- 9 Record of 2nd Nephite co. returning to settle in Nephi (see Omni) led by Zeniff, who is victorious over an attack by Lamanite king **Laman**.

10 Laman dies; son's army attack & are slaughtered; **Zeniff** gives son throne.

- 11 Wicked son, king **Noah**, taxes to build up city and defeats Lamanite army; Abinadi preaches repentance and prophecies of future Lamanite bondage.
- 12 Abinadi returns 2 years later, preaches, prophecies of Noah's death and is imprisoned where he is questioned by & confounds Noah's wicked priests.
- 13 God protects Abinadi from being touched until the finish of his sermon: he preaches 10 commandments & salvation by atonement, not Law of Moses.
- 14 He quotes Isaiah 53: the Savior's suffering and intercession for man's sins.
- 15 Tells of Christ's life, death and resurrection; little children have eternal life.
- 16 All to be judged; devil has power over sinners as if no redemption made.
- 17 Alma, a priest of Noah, believes, but he must flee for his life after pleading for Abinadi, who is imprisoned & burned to death for not retracting sermon.
- 18 **Alma** secretly preaches Abinadi's words; many covenant with God through baptism & call themselves the "church of Christ"; Alma ordains priests & instructs them; king Noah finds out & Alma's 450 flee into the wilderness.
- 19 Gideon attempts to slay Noah who sees an approaching Lamanite army; all Nephites must flee into wilderness; Noah, priests and some men leave wives and children behind who must then pay half their possessions in tribute yearly to the Lamanites; Gideon searching, finds the men returning & Noah burned; the priests had fled; Noah's good son Limhi becomes king.
- 20 Priests abduct 24 Lamanite daughters; Limhi blamed and attacked but it fails; Lamanite king taken & pacified when Gideon remembers the priests.
- 21 Lamanite oppression; Nephites loose 3 battles; great mourning leads to humility & burdens are eased; Ammon's men thought to be the priests are bound, freed, told of 24 gold plates & sad disappearance of Alma's group.
- 22 Gideon plans escape from bondage by giving wine to Lamanite guards; they flee with possessions & are received w/ joy by Mosiah in Zarahemla.
- 23 Record of Alma: he refuses to be king and won't have any; as high priest of Christ's church he calls teachers; they prosper in Helam, are found and put in bondage by Lamanite army who, pursuing Limhi's group, also found priests; Lamanites guard them and let priest **Amulon** be the Nephite king.
- 24 Lamanite king **Laman Jr.** lets priests afflict Alma's group but God makes their burdens easy; they flee to Zarahemla while Lamanites in deep sleep.
- 25 King Mosiah reads Zeniff's & Alma's records to the people; Alma preaches & baptizes Limhi & his people, then establishes 7 churches in Zarahemla.
- 26 Unbelievers deceive many & are brought for judgment before Alma who prays; God has him remove names of unrepentant from church records.
- 27 Alma Jr. & Mosiah's 4 sons persecute church; angel appears to them; Alma struck dumb & weak; converted, they preach to make amends.
- 28 Lord gives Mosiah permission to let his sons preach to the Lamanites in Nephi (see Alma 17); Mosiah translates 24 gold plates & passes all records to **Alma Jr.** (Alma 29: his father earlier made him high priest).
- 29 Mosiah's & Alma's sons refuse to be king; judges then appointed by the people; **Alma Jr.** becomes 1st chief judge; Alma Sr. & Mosiah die.

ALMA:

- 1 Nehor preaches false doctrine, is condemned for priestcraft and for murdering Gideon, retracts his words & suffers an ignominious death.

- 2 Amlicites make **Amlici** king, join Lamanites & lose battle w/ Nephites.
- 3 Amlicites mark their heads, fulfilling a prophecy of Nephi & lose battle.
- 4 1000's of converts; church grows rich, proud and wicked; Alma makes **Nephihah** the 2nd chief judge so he can devote his time to preaching.
- 5 Alma's sermon: repent, be born of God, be humble, he testifies by the spirit of revelation and prophecy, he teaches of Christ & to follow Him.
- 6 Church set up in Zarahemla; Alma goes to preach to Gideon church.
- 7 In Gideon Alma preaches of Christ's birth and finds the people faithful.
- 8 Teaches in Melek; is cast out of Ammonihah; blessed & told by same angel to return & preach w/ Amulek who an angel told to receive him.
- 9 Alma: repent or destruction is promised after receiving so much light.
- 10 Amulek tells of the angel and verifies Alma's words; wicked lawyers & judges bring destruction by causing contention so they can get gain.
- 11 Zeezrom tries to catch Amulek's words but Amulek reads his thoughts and teaches of the resurrection of things to their original body & guilt.
- 12 Alma testifies to Amulek's words; Antionah questions Alma & is taught how the plan of redemption can prevent the spiritual, second death.
- 13 Because of faithfulness, priests (Melchizedek greatest) are ordained after the holy order of the Son of God, to teach commandments to all.
- 14 Zeezrom regrets; scriptures & believers burned; Alma & Amulek won't make God save them; they are imprisoned, pray & bring walls down.
- 15 At Sidom, Zeezrom sick with guilt, is healed by Alma and baptized; churches are established; Alma brings Amulek with him to Zarahemla.
- 16 Lamanite armies destroy Ammonihah; Nephites become righteous & rejoice, learning that Christ will appear to them after His resurrection.
- 17 Mosiah's sons & co. split up to preach to savage Lamanites in Nephi; Ammon captured in Ishmael, becomes king **Lamoni**'s servant, saves flocks from Lamanite gang, cuts off their arms & brings them to king.
- 18 King thinks Ammon is the Great Spirit and wants to know of his power; Ammon teaches about the spirit, creation, fall & redemption by Christ; Lamoni cries to God for mercy & collapses as if dead for 2 days/nites.
- 19 Ammon prophesies Lamoni's awakening; king tells vision of Christ & collapses w/ wife; servants praying in fear, collapse; secret Lamanite convert brings crowd; one is struck dead by God attacking Ammon; convert touches queen who rises; king rises, preaches and converts; servants rise (many taught by angels); baptisms and a church set up.
- 20 Lord sends Ammon to his brethren imprisoned in Middoni; king goes too and meets his angry **father** (chief king) who tries to slay them; loosing, he bribes Ammon who amazingly only wants brethren freed.
- 21 Ammon's brother Aaron (& co.) fail in Jerusalem & Ani-Anti, are put in prison in Middoni, freed by Lamoni and continue preaching; **Ammon** is put over churches in Ishmael & preaches daily; the people are faithful.
- 22 Aaron and company leave Middoni to serve Lamoni's father, who when converted falls as if dead; the queen wants Aaron slain; he raises the king; whole house is converted; king wants Aaron to preach to all the people.
- 23 Aaron & brethren convert 1,000's who call themselves Anti-Nephi-Lehies & leave weapons for friendly trade w/ Nephites; dark skinned curse removed.
- 24 Lamoni's father dies after making son, **Anti-Nephi-Lehi** king; all converts bury weapons & refuse to kill; 1005 slain by attacking Lamanites but more than that join the believers (none are apostate Amalekites or Amulonites).
- 25 Lamanites blame Nephites for slaughter & destroy Ammonihah; more wars take most Amulonites; some burn new Lamanite converts & are hunted by remaining converts who then join Anti-Nephi-Lehies & also bury weapons.
- 26 To his brethren, Ammon compares their labors to a harvest of men; he glories in God's power, mercy and revelations that bring men to Christ.
- 27 Amalekites persuade Lamanites again to kill peaceful Anti-Nephi-Lehies who flee to Zarahemla & are given Jershon, guarded & called Ammonites.
- 28 The Lamanites follow Ammonites to Zarahemla and lose tens of 1000's in the largest battle yet; thousands of Nephites also die; much mourning.
- 29 Ammon knows God made men free, yet wishes he were able to tell everyone to repent so there would be no more sorrow on the earth.
- 30 Anti-Christ Korihor persuades many that prophecies are lies, asks Alma for a sign, is struck dumb, admits devil deceived him & is trampled to death.
- 31 Alma takes group to preach to rich apostate Zoramites who pray up on high Rameumptom and give thanks that they are better than all others.
- 32 Success preaching to the poor cast out of synagogues; it is more blessed to believe when not compelled; faith grows into knowledge, like a seed.
- 33 Alma quotes prior prophet Zenos that one can worship anywhere in prayer and quotes 2 more who taught of Christ's coming; look to Christ and live.
- 34 Amulek testifies of Christ: Law of Moses points to His infinite atonement as their last blood sacrifice for sin; pray always for His mercy and for the welfare of all; be charitable or your prayer is vain; don't put off repentance.
- 35 Ousted poor Zoramites go to Jershon & then Melek; rich wicked Zoramites provoke Lamanites to fight Nephites; Alma's group return to Zarahemla; grieved by hearts hardened against the word, Alma speaks to his sons.
- 36 To Helaman: he testifies of his joyous conversion by an angel, of many deliveries from trial and successful labors in sharing his joy with others.
- 37 **Helaman** given charge of sacred records: plates of Nephi, plates of brass, 24 gold plates, their interpreters & the Liahona; the compass pointed to the promised land as easily as the scriptures point to eternal life.
- 38 Alma Praises Shiblon for faithfulness, patience in persecution and testifies he knows from God that salvation is only in Christ; bridle passion to love.
- 39 Admonishes Corianton of the grievous sin of following a harlot, which also led others away; return & preach of salvation thru Christ who shall come.
- 40 Alma explains to son: after death righteous go to a peaceful paradise & wicked to misery in darkness; no body & soul is reunited until after Christ.
- 41 The resurrection restores us to our prior state: good to good, or evil to evil.
- 42 Adam disobeyed bringing God's justice: eternal spiritual and physical death; atoning for us, God had mercy: repentance brings redemption.

- 43 To enslave Nephites, Zerahemnah's 1000's of loin clothed Lamanites skirted half the armored Nephites led by 25yr old Moroni, who asking Alma, learns from God of their destination & traps them by stratagem.
- 44 Only desiring liberty, Moroni demands weapons & oath of peace; he is rejected by Zerahemnah, who attacks & is scalped; Lamanites agree when nearly destroyed; dead too many to number, put to sea by river.
- 45 Alma prophesies to Helaman: Nephites all slain by 4th generation from Christ's coming; Alma taken by God; some Nephites reject Helaman.
- 46 To become king, Amalickiah leads dissenters to slay Helaman; Moroni raises "Title of Liberty" & a large defensive army who covenant to be true or die; rebels depart but are cut off; Amalickiah & a few escape.
- 47 Amalickiah stirs Lamanite king to fight, but main army flees w/ Lehonti and rest chase; Amalickiah lets Lehonti capture his men, then poisons him, stabs the king, blames king's guards who flee & weds the queen.
- 48 Amalickiah stirs up Lamanites to attack while Moroni builds up faith & greatly fortifies cities; if all were as Moroni, Satan would be powerless.
- 49 Lamanites fail in Ammonihah and vow to take Noah, which stronghold lost none; army loses 1000+ and king **Amalickiah** vows to kill Moroni.
- 50 Moroni fortifies, building cities; Teancum's army cuts off escape of Morianton's apostates & slays him w/ information from girl servant he beat; treaty made; Nephiah dies, son **Pahoran** made 3rd chief judge.
- 51 King-men voted out by freemen; 4,000 slain who wouldn't fight against Amalickiah; he took many cities and was slain in his bed by Teancum.
- 52 Amalickiah's brother **Ammoron** made king; Teancum lures Lamanites out of Mulek to be trapped by Moroni & Lehi; prisoners go to Bountiful.
- 53 Lehi holds Mulek on east sea; prisoners bury dead & fortify Bountiful; 2000 Ammonite sons, led by Helaman, go reclaim cities on west sea.
- 54 Ammoron agrees to exchange prisoners w/ Moroni but refuses peace until Lamanites regain right to rule, as descendants of Lehi's oldest.
- 55 Nephite prisoners in Gid are given weapons and escape when Laman, a Lamanite deserter, gets guards drunk; Lamanites are taken prisoner, fortify Gid & are taken to Bountiful; Lamanite army fortifies Morianton.
- 56 Helaman joins Antipus & halts enemy in Judea; 2000 from Zarahemla join; Helaman lures Lamanites away; Antipus pursues is overtaken & dies; Helaman rescues army & takes prisoners; all of 2000 sons safe.
- 57 Helaman takes Antiparah; he seizes enemy supplies & Cumeni yields; prisoners sent to Zarahemla revolt (few escape death), returning men help win Lamanite attack; all 2000 faithful sons live, though injured.
- 58 Helaman gets little aid from Zarahemla against Manti; he prays; part takes Manti when rest lure enemy army away & sneak back w/o fight.
- 59 Moroni writes chief judge to aid Helaman; Nephiah is attacked w/o aid; survivors join Moroni who fears wickedness will bring final defeat.
- 60 Moroni writes, blaming chief judge for dead who'll bring his judgment, blames evil factions for bringing war & threatens to come and get aid.
- 61 Chief judge is driven to Gideon; he gathers aid and sends some to Moroni asking for return aid since rebels took Zarahemla with Lamanite alliance.

- 62 Moroni and some men recruit 1000's on way to Gideon, retake Zarahemla, send 12,000 back to aid other armies & regain Nephiah without a fight at night; all prisoners join the Ammonites; Teancum dies slaying Ammoron; Lamanites driven out; Moroni gives son Moronihah charge of the armies.
- 63 Sacred records pass to Helaman's brother **Shiblon**, then to **Helaman**, son of Helaman; many go north, some in ships; Lamanite/rebel attack fails.

HELANAN :

- 1 **Pahoran Jr.** made 4th chief judge & murdered by Kishkumen, of brother's band; other brother **Pacumeni** appointed, is slain by apostate (who leads Lamanite army under king **Tubaloth**, Ammoron's son) when city taken by surprise; apostate slain by Moronihah and Lehi's men who banish army.
- 2 **Helaman** made 5th chief judge, is saved by servant who stabs Kishkumen, who was sent by **Gadanton** & who now leads brother's band; band flees.
- 3 Many migrate far north, populate, trade by ship with south and keep many records; church prospers; Helaman dies passing duties to son, **Nephi**.
- 4 Rebel Nephites coax Lamanites to battle and drive all Nephites north with great loss; Moronihah preaches repentance then regains half the cities.
- 5 Nephi makes **Cezoram** 6th chief judge; Nephi and brother Lehi preach everywhere converting 8,000 Lamanites, are cast in prison, encircled by 'fire', freed by earthquakes, hear the voice of God & are ministered to by angels bringing 300 more converts; most Lamanites convert & surrender.
- 6 Lamanites preach to Nephites bringing repentance, peace and prosperity; Cezoram murdered and **son** also, by **Gadanton's** band that gains power due to Nephite wickedness, but are cast from Lamanites who are faithful.
- 7 On his garden tower Nephi mourns in prayer for his wicked brethren; crowds see & gather; he preaches to them to repent or will be destroyed.
- 8 Wicked judges anger crowd but some begin to fear the truth; Nephi tells of past prophets & prophecies of Christ & predicts chief judge is slain by bro.
- 9 5 men go see, find wicked judge **Seezoram** dead, are taken prisoner then released; Nephi bound, proves prophetic by naming killer's words & deeds.
- 10 For obedience, God blesses Nephi with powers and tells him to warn all of destruction; he is protected from capture; contention and killing begins.
- 11 After 2 yr fierce war Nephi begs God for a famine to bring remembrance; Gadantons removed; Nephi prays for rain bringing 2 years prosperity and peace; Gadanton robbers return and prevail; 6 years of much wickedness.
- 12 Mans' heart unsteady, forgetful in prosperity, quickly evil, slow to do good until afflicted; God is good & man weak; repentant blessed & evil cast out.
- 13 Only Lamanites obedient; on a city wall Lamanite Samuel tells of an angel who told him of Nephite destruction in 400 yrs unless they repent & have faith in Christ; he curses hearts set on riches & predicts regret will come.
- 14 He predicts Christ's birth in 5 yrs on morn after nite of no darkness, a new star, His death w/ 3 days darkness, thunder & quakes; choose life or death.
- 15 Preaching spares faithful Lamanites who'll come to God again in last days.
- 16 Many seek Nephi for baptism; Samuel, protected from arrows, flees; new signs appear; prophecies reasoned away; people do not believe.

3 NEPHI:

- Lachoneus** is chief judge; Nephi departs giving son **Nephi** records; unbelievers of signs, set believers death day; Nephi prays & God tells him sign comes tonight; most baptized; Gadianton's raid & gain rebels.
- People wicked and ignore signs; time counted from sign; dark curse taken from Lamanite converts' skin; severe Nephite/Gadianton wars.
- Robber leader **Giddianhi** writes for surrender to Lachoneus who calls for prayer & repentance; all retreat to fort built by captain Gidgiddoni.
- Finding deserted cities w/o plunder, robbers are beaten attacking fort; Giddianhi slain, **Zemnaridah** leads siege, retreats starving, is cut off & hung; Nephites all sing praises to God w/ joyful gratitude & humility.
- All Nephites believe signs & repent; all robbers caught, preached to & converts set free; Mormon uses Nephi's true record for abridgment & testifies of future gathering & restoration as God covenanted w/ Israel.
- Nephites return to lands; peace, prosperity, just laws, cities built, then pride, persecutions, inequality and disbelief, but some firm Lamanites; willful sinning; Lachoneus' son **Lachoneus** is chief judge; preachers slain secretly by evil judges who unite and conspire to put in a king.
- Lachoneus slain; people split into tribes w/ **chiefs**; robbers king **Jacob** & flee; Nephi, aided by angels works miracles; converts join & preach.
- Great 3 hr storm: tempest, lightning, quakes, fire, many cities ruined, country deformed; 3-day thick darkness, mourning & predicted regret.
- All hear voice: cities burned, sunk & buried because of sin; remainder asked to repent; "I am Jesus Christ, Son of God"; Moses' law replaced w/ sacrifice of broken heart; for repentant He gave his life & took it up.
- Many hours silence and shock; voice tells desire to often gather Israel; people mourn, darkness ends and all praise the prophesied Christ.
- Temple crowd hear voice 3 times introduce son; Christ descends from sky and speaks; all feel wounds & worship Him; Nephi & others given power to baptize, taught how & told to teach all baptism & repentance.
- Jesus told all to heed 12 called, recounts Sermon on Mt. & Beatitudes.
- Compare to Matt 6: alms giving; Lord's Prayer; treasures in heaven.
- Matt 7: judge not; ask, knock; strait is the gate; wise man built on rock.
- Jesus told multitude Law of Moses fulfilled in Him who gave it; obey commandments; ye are "other sheep" separated because of their sin.
- Jesus to go to yet other sheep; write these words so future righteous Gentiles can bring Israel to Christ and be numbered among them.
- All (2500) asked to ponder & pray; their tears delay Him; He heals all their afflicted, prays for them & blesses their children; angels minister.
- Jesus blesses the bread & wine for the 12 (who also give it to crowd) and tells them to always do this; tells all how to pray & to not cast out any from worship; tells 12 not to let unworthy eat of it and gives them power to give the Holy Ghost; He ascends to His Father in a cloud.
- News spreads: Jesus to return tomorrow; more arrive; 12 teach them in groups; 12 pray for Holy Ghost, are baptized & receive it; angels & Jesus come; all told to kneel and pray; Jesus prays in thanks to Father 3 times.

- No bread & wine, yet He offers it again; all praise Jesus; He says to search Isaiah: Israel gathered, Gentiles warned, old & New Jerusalem prophecies.
- When Gentiles get these words to this seed, all tribes will begin to gather.
- Isaiah 54: afflicted to be comforted; children taught of God are peaceful.
- Search the prophets; Jesus expounds all their scriptures and instructs them to record Lamanite Samuel's prophecy of dead saints rising and ministering during the 3 days of darkness, which was not written down.
- See Malachi 3: messenger to prepare way; tithes; record kept by faithful.
- Malachi 4: 2nd coming burns proud and heals faithful; Elijah to precede it.
- Jesus explains all things (recorded on plates of Nephi) and teaches for 3 days; babes utter great marvels; those baptized hold all things in common.
- Jesus appears & answers 12: church of "Christ"; if gospel is of Christ, then works will follow; Father sent Him; do & be as He; 4th generation will rebel.
- Jesus grants desires to 12: 9 to come to Him at age 72 & 3 to remain like John, without pain, teaching till 2nd coming & then become immortal; Jesus departs; 3 transfigured can't be imprisoned and they minister to all people.
- God will remember Israel; those disbelieving revelation & gifts are warned.
- Gentiles commanded to repent, be baptized and be numbered with Israel.

4 NEPHI:

- By 2 yrs all Nephites & Lamanites are converted; all things held in common; disciples work miracles; people rebuild and prosper; no more Law of Moses; no contention, just love & happiness; Nephi dies & son **Amos** keeps record; a few Lamanites separate; records pass to Amos' son **Amos**; pride, riches, classes & other churches appear after 2nd generation; 3 remaining disciples are persecuted; Nephites also become wicked & robbers return; **Ammaron**, Amos' brother, receives records and hides them 320 yrs after Christ's visit.

MORMON:

- Ammaron gives **Mormon** records; Nephites win Lamanite war; disciples taken away due to sin; land cursed; Lamanite Samuel's prophecy fulfilled.
- Mormon** made head of armies; fierce battles; Lamanite king **Aaron** flees; Nephites in mourning; Mormon sorrows; lands divided no. & so. by treaty.
- Mormon preaches in vain; after 2 Lamanite victories Nephites seek more revenge; Mormon refuses to lead & pleads w/ all to prepare to meet Christ.
- Nephites and Lamanites delight in blood and loose 1,000's; Nephites flee; Lamanites sacrifice prisoners to idols; Mormon rescues records from hill.
- Mormon relents & resumes command w/o hope; regrets writing of carnage but it's to convince his seed of Christ, who'll receive records from Gentiles.
- King lets Nephites gather at Cumorah for battle; records hid in hill; some given to son **Moroni**; Lamanite numbers bring terror; Mormon wounded, grieves over lost souls; a few flee or defect; only 24 of 230,000 survive.
- Mormon writes to descendants: ye are of Israel; repent & believe in Christ.
- Alone, Moroni ends record; his father is killed & fleeing Nephites were hunted; Lamanites fight each other; the 3 disciples did minister to him; who brings forth this important record is blessed; he is shown our day.

9 Unbelievers: would be miserable in heaven w/ guilt, ye misunderstand scripture; tells plan of salvation; disbelief ends miracles; ask believing; disciples preach to world; miracles follow believers; serve God wisely, worthily; this shorter, reformed Egyptian writing is inferior to Hebrew.

ETHER:

- 1 Taken from 24 gold plates (see Omni and Mosiah 8 & 28): lineage of Ether back to Jared of Babel, whose brother prayed so their language wouldn't be confounded & was directed how to travel to a choice land.
- 2 Jared, family, friends and supplies reach a northern valley; in a cloud God talks to **brother of Jared**, guides them to the coast for a 4-yr stay, scolds them for forgetting prayer and helps brother build barges.
- 3 Brother molts 16 small clear stones for 8 barges, prays God to light them, sees His finger and fears; due to faith Christ appears, ministers, gives translator stones, shows all things, tells him to write all & seal it.
- 4 Moroni told to bury records and interpreters until Gentiles repent; what persuades men to do good, is of God; he who believes is given more.
- 5 Touch not sealed records; God will let 3 witnesses see plates & testify.
- 6 344 days at sea; they land, worship, till, multiply & desire a king; bro. of Jared & sons object but Jared's son **Orihah** accepts; they prosper.
 - 7 Orihah's son **Kib** reigns; his son **Corihor's** rebel colony captures him; other son Shule rescues him; **Shule** reigns, is captured by Corihor's son **Noah** who is slain in rescue; Shule slays Noah's son **Cohor** when attacked; prophets warn of destruction if wicked; repentance & peace.
 - 8 Shule's son **Omer** reigns; his son **Jared** gains ½ the people; Omer is captured; two other sons reunite father's kingdom; Jared's daughter entices Akish to kill Omer; greed and secret oaths will destroy nations.
 - 9 Akish & friends oust Omer who is warned in dream; he & rest of family flee; **Akish** marries daughter, slays Jared, reigns & imprisons a son to death; other sons bring wars; 30 left flee to Omer who regains power; son **Emer** reigns (62 yrs prosperity) sees God; son **Coriantum** reigns; son **Com** reigns 49 yrs & is slain by son **Heth** who reigns; persecuted prophets predict a famine, which comes; poisonous snakes chase flocks south & block peoples escape; death & repentance; rain comes.
- 10 Descendant **Shez** rebuilds; son **Riplakish** reigns 42 yrs, levies taxes and evaders are enslaved; he is slain in revolt and his family flee; descendant **Morianton** retakes lands and rules justly; wicked son **Kim** reigns and is captured by brother; Kim's good son **Levi** regains power & reigns 42 yrs; prosperity & good kings follow: son **Corom**, son **Kish** and son **Lib** who kills snakes, builds and trades; son **Hearthom** reigns 24 yrs & is captured; succeeding sons reign in captivity: **Heth**, **Aaron**, **Amnigaddah** and **Coriantum**; **Com** wins over ½ the people, reigns 42 yrs & overthrows **Amgid**; robbes return & he fails to defeat them.
- 11 Prophets tell destruction; Com's son **Shiblom** reigns; his **brother** slays prophets; warfare, famine & repentance; king slain; **Seth** captured; son

Ahah regains realm; **Etham** reigns; son **Moron** reigns & captured; son **Coriantor** is captive; new people prophesied to come; son **Ether** born.

- 12 Prophet **Ether** preaches; **Coriantumr** king; Moroni tells us hope & faith bring the gift of knowledge & miracles; God told him weaknesses bring humility & strength & Christ's love is charity; he prays for Gentiles, was promised salvation, bids farewell and testifies he saw Jesus; seek Him.
- 13 Ether sees Old and New Jerusalem, prophesies, is hunted and hides in a cave; **Shared** captures king; sons regain realm & king slays Shared.
- 14 1000's fall against Shared's brother **Gilead**, who takes throne & is slain by his priest; **Lib** is ousted and slain by king; Lib's fierce, feared brother **Shiz** vows king's life; stink of dead all over; king faints, thought dead.
- 15 2 million dead; king recalls prophecies, mourns & repents; women and kids slain; king left, beheads Shiz & faints; Ether writes & hides record.

MORONI:

- 1 Moroni, still alive after abridging Ether writes more: Christians hunted.
- 2 Christ's prayer giving 12 power to lay on hands for gift of Holy Ghost.
- 3 Elders prayer ordaining priests & teachers by power of the Holy Ghost.
- 4 Elders and priests prayer administering the bread, as taught by Christ.
- 5 Their prayer for taking the cup to administer the wine is recorded.
- 6 Repentance before baptism; meet together oft to fast, pray, learn and partake of bread & wine; 3 witnesses are needed to expel unrepentant sinners; forgive whenever they repent; Holy Ghost to guide all actions.
- 7 Mormon's words to believers on faith, hope & charity; how to judge the doers of good & evil; good only comes of God, seek it, don't condemn it; God sends angels & prophets to teach of Christ, bringing faith; pray for the good, in faith, to receive it; miracles cease when faith does; no faith w/o hope; hope for resurrection; acceptable faith & hope requires humility and charity; charity defined: it endures, is greatest & pray for it.
- 8 Previous epistle from Mormon: he prays always for son; God answers dispute thru prayer: children innocent, don't need baptism; perfect love dispels fear; those w/o the law also receive Christ's mercy; faith leads to repentance, then to baptism, remission of sins, humility, Holy Ghost, then to hope, love, prayer & salvation; tells son to pray for Lamanites.
- 9 2nd epistle to son after brutal battle: people don't fear death & angry w/ his preaching, but won't give up on them; Lamanites cruel to prisoners; Nephites worse: torturing, delighting in evil rather than goodness & are past feeling; unspeakable widespread suffering; compliments and prays for son; will soon deliver remaining records; "may Christ lift thee up".
- 10 Moroni (before sealing records): ponder God's mercy & these words; if sincerely ask God in faith, then Holy Ghost will give truth; God's many gifts are to profit us: Spirit to teach, faith, healings, miracles, prophecy, seeing angels, tongues & their interpretation, etc; salvation needs faith, hope & charity; sin brings despair; ye shall soon know I lie not; farewell.

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