

THE FOURTH BOOK OF

# NEPHI



WHICH IS THE SON OF NEPHI,  
ONE OF THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

covers period  
AD 34 - AD 320

*An account of the people of Nephi according to his record.*

- 1** AND IT came to pass that the <sup>1</sup>thirty and fourth year  
passed away, and also the thirty and fifth;  
And behold, the <sup>a</sup>disciples of Jesus had formed  
a church of Christ in all the lands round about,
- 2 And as many as did come unto them and did truly repent  
of their sins were baptized in the name of Jesus;  
And they did also receive the Holy Ghost.
- 3 And it came to pass in the <sup>2</sup>thirty and sixth year,  
the people were all converted unto the Lord upon  
all the face of the land, both Nephites and Lamanites,  
And there were no contentions and no disputations  
among them,  
And every man did deal justly one with another;
- 4 And they had all things common among them,  
Therefore, there were not rich and poor, bond and free,  
But they were all made free and partakers  
of the heavenly <sup>b</sup>gift.
- 5 And it came to pass that the <sup>3</sup>thirty and seventh year  
passed away also,  
And there still continued to be peace in the land.
- 6 And there were great and marvelous works  
wrought by the disciples of Jesus,  
Insomuch that they did heal the sick,  
and raise the dead,  
and cause the lame to walk,  
and the blind to receive their sight,  
and the deaf to hear;
- 7 And all manner of miracles did they work  
among the children of men,  
And in nothing did they work miracles,  
save it were in the name of Jesus.
- 1 AD 34 - 35  
a 3N 5:44-48  
2 AD 36  
b 3N 2:91  
Eth 5:9-12  
3 AD 37

4 NEPHI 1:8

- 1 AD 38 - 59 | 8 And thus did the <sup>1</sup>thirty and eighth year pass away,  
and also the thirty and ninth,  
and forty and first,  
and the forty and second,  
Yea, even until forty and nine years had passed away,  
and also the fifty and first,  
and the fifty and second,  
Yea, and even until fifty and nine years had passed away.
- a 3N 4:28, 36-38 | 9 And the Lord did prosper them exceedingly in the land,  
Yea, insomuch that they did build cities again  
where there had been <sup>a</sup>cities burned,  
Yea, even that great City Zarahemla  
did they cause to be built again;
- b 3N 4:29-35 | 10 But there were many cities which had been <sup>b</sup>sunk  
and waters came up in the stead thereof,  
Therefore, these cities could not be renewed.
- 11 And now behold, it came to pass that the people of Nephi  
did wax strong and did multiply exceeding fast and  
became an exceeding fair and delightsome people;
- 12 And they were married and given in marriage and  
were blessed according to the multitude of the  
promises which the Lord had made unto them;
- 13 And they did not walk anymore after the  
performances and ordinances of the law of Moses,  
But they did walk after the commandments which  
they had received from their Lord and their God,  
Continuing in fasting and prayer and in <sup>c</sup>meeting together  
oft, both to pray and to hear the word of the Lord.
- c Mi 6:6 | 14 And it came to pass that there was no contention  
among all the people in all the land,  
But there were mighty miracles wrought  
among the disciples of Jesus.
- 2 AD 71 - 100 | 15 And it came to pass that the <sup>2</sup>seventy and first year  
passed away, and also the seventy and second year,  
Yea, and in fine, until the seventy and ninth year  
had passed away, yea, even an hundred years  
had passed away,  
And the disciples of Jesus whom He had chosen  
had all gone to the paradise of God—  
Save it were the three which should tarry,
- 16 And there were other disciples ordained in their stead—

And also many of that generation which had passed away.

- 17 And it came to pass that there was no contention  
in the land because of the love of God  
which did dwell in the <sup>a</sup>hearts of the people,
- 18 And there were no envyings,  
nor strifes,  
nor tumults,  
nor whoredoms,  
nor lyings,  
nor murders,  
nor no manner of lasciviousness;
- 19 And surely there could not be a happier people  
among all the people which had been created  
by the hand of God—
- 20 There were no robbers, nor no murderers,  
Neither were there Lamanites, nor no manner of “ites”;  
But they were in one the children of Christ  
and heirs to the kingdom of God—
- 21 And how blessed were they, for the Lord  
did bless them in all their doings,  
Yea, even they were blessed and prospered  
until an <sup>1</sup>hundred and ten years had passed away;  
And the first generation from Christ had passed away;  
And there was no contention in all the land.
- 22 And it came to pass that Nephi, he that kept the last  
record—and he kept it upon the plates of Nephi—died,  
And his son Amos kept it in his stead,  
And he kept it upon the plates of Nephi also,
- 23 And he kept it eighty and four years;  
And there was still peace in the land, save it were a small  
part of the people which had revolted from the church  
and took upon them the name of Lamanites;  
Therefore, there began to be Lamanites again in the land.
- 24 And it came to pass that Amos died also;  
And it was an <sup>2</sup>hundred and ninety and four years  
from the coming of Christ;  
And his son Amos kept the record in his stead,  
And he also kept it upon the plates of Nephi;  
And it was also written in the book of Nephi,  
which is this book.
- 25 And it came to pass that <sup>3</sup>two hundred years

a A 12:110

1 AD 110

2 AD 194

3 AD 200

- had passed away,  
 And the second generation had all passed away,  
 save it were a few.
- 26 And now I, Mormon, would that ye should know  
 that the people had multiplied,  
 Insomuch that they were spread  
 upon all the face of the land,  
 And that they had become exceeding rich  
 because of their prosperity in Christ.
- 1 AD 201 27 And now in this <sup>1</sup>two hundred and first year, there began  
 to be among them those which were lifted up in pride,  
 Such as the wearing of costly apparel and all manner  
 of fine pearls and of the fine things of the world;
- 28 And from that time forth, they did have their goods  
 and their substance no more common among them,  
 And they began to be divided into classes,  
 And they began to build up churches  
 unto themselves to get gain,  
 And began to deny the true church of Christ.
- 2 AD 210 29 And it came to pass that when <sup>2</sup>two hundred and ten years  
 had passed away, there were many churches in the land,  
 Yea, there were churches which professed  
 to know the Christ and yet they did  
 deny the more part of His gospel,  
 Insomuch that they did receive all manner of wickedness,  
 And did <sup>a</sup>administer that which was sacred unto him to  
 whom it had been forbidden because of unworthiness;
- a 3N 8:60-66 30 And this church did multiply exceedingly because  
 of iniquity and because of the power of satan  
 which did get hold upon their hearts.
- 31 And again, there was another church  
 which denied the Christ,  
 And they did persecute the true church of Christ  
 because of their humility and their belief in Christ,  
 And they did despise them because of the many miracles  
 which were wrought among them;
- 32 Therefore, they did exercise power and authority  
 over the disciples of Jesus which did tarry with them,  
 And they did cast them into prison;
- 33 But by the power of the word of God which was in them,  
 the <sup>b</sup>prisons were rent in twain,
- b 3N 13:31-34

And they went forth doing mighty miracles among them.

34 Nevertheless, and notwithstanding all these miracles, the people did harden their hearts and did seek to kill them, even as the Jews at Jerusalem sought to kill Jesus, according to His word;

35 And they did cast them into furnaces of fire, And they came forth receiving no harm; And they also cast them into dens of wild beasts, And they did play with the wild beasts, even as a child with a lamb, And they did come forth from among them receiving no harm.

36 Nevertheless, the people did harden their hearts; For they were led by many priests and false prophets to build up many churches and to do all manner of iniquity,

37 And they did smite upon the people of Jesus, but the people of Jesus did not smite again;

38 And thus they did dwindle in unbelief and wickedness from year to year, even until <sup>1</sup>two hundred and thirty years had passed away.

1 AD 230

39 And now it came to pass in this year, yea, in the <sup>2</sup>two hundred and thirty and first year, There was a great division among the people.

2 AD 231

40 And it came to pass that in this year, there arose a people which were called the <sup>a</sup>Nephites, And they were true believers in Christ; And among them there were those which were called by the Lamanites—Jacobites and Josephites and Zoramites;

a Jac 1:13-14  
Mn 1:8-9

41 Therefore, the true believers in Christ and the true worshippers of Christ—among whom were the three disciples of Jesus which should tarry—were called Nephites and Jacobites and Josephites and Zoramites.

42 And it came to pass that they which rejected the gospel were called <sup>b</sup>Lamanites and Lemuelites and Ishmaelites, And they did not dwindle in unbelief, but they did <sup>c</sup>willfully rebel against the gospel of Christ;

b Jac 1:13-14  
A 21:120  
Mn 1:8-9

43 And they did teach their children that they should not believe, even as their fathers from the beginning did <sup>d</sup>dwindle;

c Mos 8:61-78  
3N 3:17-20  
Mn 1:17  
Mi 9:24  
d 2N 1:22-23

4 NEPHI 1:44

- 44 And it was because of the wickedness and abominations  
of their fathers, even as it was in the beginning;
- 45 And they were taught to hate the children of God,  
even as the Lamanites were taught to hate  
the children of Nephi from the beginning.
- 1 AD 244 46 And it came to pass that <sup>1</sup>two hundred and forty  
and four years had passed away,  
And thus were the affairs of the people;
- 47 And the more wicked part of the people did wax strong  
and became exceeding more numerous  
than were the people of God,
- 48 And they did still continue to build up churches  
unto themselves and adorn them  
with all manner of precious things;
- 2 AD 250 - 260 49 And thus did <sup>2</sup>two hundred and fifty years pass away,  
and also two hundred and sixty years.
- 50 And it came to pass that the wicked part of the people  
began again to build up the secret oaths  
and combinations of Gaddianton;
- 51 And also the people which were called the people  
of Nephi began to be proud in their hearts  
because of their exceeding riches and became  
vain like unto their brethren the Lamanites;
- 52 And from this time the disciples began  
to sorrow for the sins of the world.
- 3 AD 300 53 And it came to pass that when <sup>3</sup>three hundred years  
had passed away,  
Both the people of Nephi and the Lamanites had  
become exceeding wicked, one like unto another.
- 54 And it came to pass that the robbers of Gaddianton  
did spread over all the face of the land;  
And there were none that were righteous,  
save it were the disciples of Jesus;
- 55 And gold and silver did they lay up in store in abundance  
and did traffic in all manner of traffic.
- 4 AD 305 56 And it came to pass that after <sup>4</sup>three hundred  
and five years had passed away,  
And the people did still remain in wickedness;  
And Amos died and his brother Ammoron  
did keep the record in his stead.

- 57 And it came to pass that when <sup>1</sup>three hundred  
and twenty years had passed away,  
Ammoron, being constrained by the Holy Ghost,  
did hide up the records which were sacred—
- 58 Yea, even all the sacred records which had been handed  
down from generation to generation which were sacred,  
even until the three hundred and twentieth year  
from the coming of Christ—
- 59 And *he* did hide them up unto the Lord, that they  
might come again unto the remnant of the house  
of Israel according to the prophecies  
and the promises of the Lord;  
And thus is the end of the record of Ammoron.