

THE BOOK OF
ETHER



- 1 AND NOW I, Moroni, proceed to give an account of those ancient ^ainhabitants which were destroyed by the hand of the Lord upon the face of this North Country,
- 2 And I take mine account from the twenty and four plates which were found by the people of Limhi, which is called the book of Ether;
- 3 And as I suppose that the first part of this record which speaketh concerning the creation of the world, and also of Adam—
And an account from that time, even to the Great Tower, And whatsoever things transpired among the children of men until that time—is had among the Jews,
- 4 Therefore, I do not write those things which transpired from the days of Adam until that time,
But they are had upon the plates;
And ^bwhoso findeth them, the same will have power that he may get the full account.
- 5 But behold, I give not the full account,
But a part of the account I give from the Tower down until they were destroyed;
And on this wise do I give the account.
- 6 He that wrote this account was Ether,
And he was a descendant of Coriantor;
And Coriantor was the son of Moron;
And Moron was the son of Ethem;
And Ethem was the son of Ahah;
And Ahah was the son of Seth;
And Seth was the son of Shiblon;
And Shiblon was the son of Com;
And Com was the son of Coriantum;
And Coriantum was the son of Amnigaddah;
And Amnigaddah was the son of Aaron;
And Aaron was a descendant of Heth,
who was the son of Hearthom;
And Hearthom was the son of Lib;
And Lib was the son of Kish;

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a Mos 5:61-66;
12:22-26

b Eth 6:108

- And Kish was the son of Corom;
 And Corom was the son of Levi;
 And Levi was the son of Kim;
 And Kim was the son of Morianton;
 And Morianton was a descendant of Riplakish;
 And Riplakish was the son of Shez;
 And Shez was the son of Heth;
 And Heth was the son of Com;
 And Com was the son of Coriantum;
 And Coriantum was the son of Emer;
 And Emer was the son of Omer;
 And Omer was the son of Shule;
 And Shule was the son of Kib;
 And Kib was the son of Orihah,
 which was the son of Jared;
 7 Which Jared came forth with his brother and their families,
 with some others and their families,
 From the Great Tower at the time the Lord confounded
 the language of the people and swear in His wrath that
 they should be scattered upon all the face of the earth;
 And according to the word of the Lord,
 the people were scattered.
- 8 And the brother of Jared being a large and a mighty man
 and being a man highly favored of the Lord,
 for Jared his brother said unto him:
 “Cry unto the Lord that He will not confound us
 that we may not understand our words.”
- 9 And it came to pass that the brother of Jared
 did cry unto the Lord,
 And the Lord had compassion upon Jared;
 Therefore, He did not confound the language of Jared,
 And Jared and his brother were not confounded.
- 10 Then Jared said unto his brother:
 “Cry again unto the Lord,
 And it may be that He will turn away His anger
 from them which are our friends,
 that He confound not their language.”
- 11 And it came to pass that the brother of Jared
 did cry unto the Lord,
 And the Lord had compassion upon their friends, and
 their families also, that they were not confounded.

- 12 And it came to pass that Jared spake again
unto his brother, saying:
“Go and inquire of the Lord whether
He will drive us out of the land,
And if He will drive us out of the land,
cry unto Him whither we shall go;
- 13 And who knoweth but the Lord will carry us forth
into a land which is choice above all the earth;
- 14 And if it so be, let us be faithful unto the Lord,
that we may receive it for our inheritance.”
- 15 And it came to pass that the brother of Jared did cry
unto the Lord, according to that which
had been spoken by the mouth of Jared.
- 16 And it came to pass that the Lord did hear the brother of
Jared and had compassion upon him and said unto him:
“Go to and gather together thy flocks—
both male and female of every kind,
And also of the seed of the earth of every kind,
And thy family,
and also Jared thy brother and his ^afamily,
and also thy friends and their families,
and the friends of Jared and their families;
- 17 And when thou hast done this, thou shalt go at the head
of them down into the valley which is northward,
- 18 And there will I meet thee,
And I will go before thee into a land which
is choice above all the land of the earth;
- 19 And there will I bless thee and thy seed and raise up
unto Me—of thy seed and of the seed of thy brother
and they which shall go with thee—a great nation,
- 20 And there shall be none greater than the nation
which I will raise up unto Me of thy seed
upon all the face of the earth;
- 21 And this will I do unto thee because of this long time
which ye have cried unto Me.”
- 22 And it came to pass that Jared and his brother and their
families, and also the friends of Jared and his brother
and their families, went down into the valley which was
northward—and the name of the valley was ^bNimrod
being called after the mighty hunter—with their flocks
which they had gathered together, male and female,

a Eth 3:23

b Gen 10:5 [9]

- of every kind.
- 23 And they did also lay snares and catch fowls of the air,
And they did also prepare a vessel in the which
they did carry with them the fish of the waters,
- 24 And they did also carry with them “deseret,”
which by interpretation is a “honey bee”;
And thus they did carry with them swarms of bees
and all manner of that which was upon
the face of the land, seeds of every kind.
- 25 And it came to pass that when they had come down
into the Valley of Nimrod, the Lord came down
and talked with the brother of Jared;
And He was in a cloud and the brother of Jared
saw Him not.
- 26 And it came to pass that the Lord commanded them
that they should go forth into the wilderness,
Yea, into that quarter where there never had man been.
- 27 And it came to pass that the Lord did go before them
and did talk with them as He stood in a cloud
and gave directions whither they should travel.
- 28 And it came to pass that they did travel in the wilderness,
And did build barges in the which they did cross
many waters, being directed continually
by the hand of the Lord.
- 29 And the Lord would not suffer that they should stop
beyond the sea in the wilderness,
But He would that they should come forth, even unto
the Land of Promise which was choice above
all other lands, which the Lord God
had preserved for a righteous people;
- 30 And He had sworn in His wrath unto the brother of Jared
that whoso should possess this Land of Promise
from that time henceforth and forever should
serve Him, the true and only God,
Or they should be swept off when the fullness
of His wrath should come upon them.
- 31 And now we can behold the decrees of God
concerning this land—
That it is a Land of Promise and whatsoever nation

- shall possess it shall serve God,
 Or they shall be swept off when the fullness
 of His wrath shall come upon them;
- 32 And the fullness of His wrath cometh upon them
 when they are ripened in iniquity;
 For behold, this is a land which is ^achoice
 above all other lands;
 Wherefore, he that doth possess it
 shall serve God or shall be swept off,
 For it is the everlasting decrees of God—
- 33 And it is not until the fullness of iniquity among
 the children of the land that they are swept off.
- 34 And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles,
 that ye may know the decrees of God,
 That ye may repent and not continue in your iniquities
 until the fullness be come,
 That ye may not bring down *the* fullness of the wrath
 of God upon you as the inhabitants of the land
 hath hitherto done.
- 35 Behold, this is a choice land;
 And whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free
 from bondage and from captivity and
 from all other nations under heaven,
 If they will but serve the God of the land which is
 Jesus Christ, which hath been manifested
 by the ^bthings which we have written.
- 36 And now I proceed with my record.
 For behold, it came to pass that the Lord did bring Jared
 and his brethren forth, even to that great sea
 which divideth the lands;
- 37 And as they came to the sea, they pitched their tents,
 And they called the name of the place Moriancumer,
 And they dwelt in tents,
 And dwelt in tents upon the seashore
 for the space of four years.
- 38 And it came to pass at the end of the four years
 that the Lord came again unto the brother of Jared
 and stood in a cloud and talked with him;
- 39 And for the space of three hours did the Lord talk with
 the brother of Jared and chastened him because he

a 2N 7:30-32

b 3N 12:1-5

remembered not to call upon the name of the Lord.

40 And the brother of Jared repented him of the evil which he had done and did call upon the name of the Lord for his brethren which were with him.

41 And the Lord said unto him:
 “I will forgive thee and thy brethren of their sins,
 But thou shalt not sin anymore, for ye shall remember
 that My Spirit will not always strive with man;
 Wherefore, if ye will sin until ye are fully ripe,
 ye shall be ^acut off from the presence of the Lord;

a Mn 2:45

42 And these are My thoughts upon the land which I shall give you for your inheritance, For it shall be a land choice above all other lands.”

43 And the Lord said:
 “Go to work and build after the manner of barges which ye have hitherto built.”

44 And it came to pass that the brother of Jared did go to work, and also his brethren, and built barges after the manner which they had built, according to the instructions of the Lord;

45 And they were small and they were light upon the water, even like unto the lightness of a fowl upon the water, And they were built after a manner that they were exceeding ^btight, even that they would hold water like unto a dish;

b Eth 3:7-9

46 And the bottom thereof was tight like unto a dish, And the sides thereof were tight like unto a dish, And the ends thereof were peaked, And the top thereof was tight like unto a dish, And the length thereof was the length of a tree, And the door thereof, when it was shut, was tight like unto a dish.

47 And it came to pass that the brother of Jared cried unto the Lord, saying:
 “O Lord, I have performed the work which Thou hast commanded me, And I have made the barges according as Thou hast directed me;

48 And behold, O Lord, in them there is no light; Whither shall we steer?

- 49 And also we shall perish, for in them we cannot breathe,
save it is the air which is in them;
Therefore, we shall perish.”
- 50 And the Lord said unto the brother of Jared:
“Behold, thou shalt make a hole in the top thereof,
and also in the bottom thereof,
And when thou shalt suffer for air, thou shalt
unstop the hole thereof and receive air;
- 51 And if it so be that the water come in upon thee,
Behold, ye shall stop the hole thereof,
that ye may not perish in the flood.”
- 52 And it came to pass that the brother of Jared did so,
according as the Lord had commanded.
- 53 And he cried again unto the Lord, saying:
“O Lord, behold, I have done even as Thou
hast commanded me,
And I have prepared the vessels for my people,
And behold, there is no light in them;
- 54 Behold, O Lord, wilt Thou ¹suffer that we
shall cross this great water in darkness?”
- 55 And the Lord said unto the brother of Jared:
“What will ye that I should do
that ye may have light in your vessels?
- 56 For behold, ye cannot have windows,
for they will be dashed in pieces,
Neither shall ye take fire with you,
for ye shall not go by the light of fire;
For behold, ye shall be as a whale in the midst of the sea,
for the mountain waves shall dash upon you.
- 57 “Nevertheless, I will bring you up again
out of the depths of the sea,
For the winds have gone forth out of My mouth,
and also the rains and the floods have I sent forth;
- 58 And behold, I prepare you against these things;
For howbeit, ye cannot cross this great deep,
save I prepare you against the waves of the sea,
and the winds which have gone forth,
and the floods which shall come;
- 59 Therefore, what will ye that I should prepare for you,
that ye may have light when ye are swallowed up

¹ suffer = permit,
allow

in the depths of the sea?”

- 60 And it came to pass that the brother of Jared—
 now the number of the vessels which
 had been prepared was eight—
 Therefore, the brother of Jared went forth unto the mount,
 which they called the Mount Shelem
 because of its exceeding height, and did
 molten out of a rock sixteen small stones,
- 61 And they were white and clear, even as transparent glass;
 And he did carry them in his hands upon the top
 of the mount and cried again unto the Lord, saying:
 “O Lord, Thou hast said that we must
 be encompassed about by the floods;
- 62 Now behold, O Lord, and do not be angry with
 Thy servant because of his weakness before Thee,
 For we know that Thou art holy and dwellest in the
 heavens and that we are unworthy before Thee—
- 63 Because of the fall, our natures have become
 evil continually—
 Nevertheless, O Lord, Thou hast given us a commandment
 that we must call upon Thee, that from Thee
 we may receive according to our ^adesires.
- 64 “Behold, O Lord, Thou hast smitten us because
 of our iniquity and hath driven us forth,
 And for this many years we have been in the wilderness;
 Nevertheless, Thou hast been merciful unto us.
- 65 “O Lord, look upon me in pity and turn away
 Thine anger from this Thy people,
 And suffer not that they shall go forth
 across this raging deep in darkness,
 But behold these things which I have
 molten out of the rock.
- 66 “And I know, O Lord, that Thou hast all power and
 can do whatsoever Thou wilt for the benefit of man;
 Therefore, touch these stones, O Lord, with Thy ^bfinger
 and prepare them that they may shine forth in darkness,
 And they shall shine forth unto us in the vessels
 which we have prepared, that we may have light
 while we shall cross the sea;
- 67 Behold, O Lord, Thou canst do this;
 We know that Thou art able to show forth great power

a A 16:151

b Eth 5:20-21

- which looks small unto the understanding of men.”
- 68 And it came to pass that when the brother of Jared
had said these words,
Behold, the Lord stretched forth His hand and
touched the stones one by one with His finger;
- 69 And the veil was taken from off the eyes of the brother
of Jared and he saw the finger of the Lord,
And it was as the finger of a man—
like unto flesh and blood;
And the brother of Jared fell down before the Lord,
for he was struck with fear.
- 70 And the Lord saw that the brother of Jared
had fallen to the earth,
And the Lord said unto him:
“Arise, why hast thou fallen?”
- 71 And he saith unto the Lord:
“I saw the finger of the Lord and I feared
lest He should smite me,
For I knew not that the Lord had flesh and blood.”
- 72 And the Lord said unto him:
“Because of thy faith thou hast seen
that I shall take upon Me ^aflesh and blood;
And never has man come before Me with such
exceeding faith as thou hast;
For were it *not* so, ye could not have seen My finger—
Sawest thou more than this?”
- 73 And he answered:
“Nay, Lord, show Thyself unto me.”
- 74 And the Lord said unto him:
“Believest thou the words which I shall speak?”
- 75 And he answered:
“Yea, Lord, I know that Thou speakest the truth,
For Thou art a God of truth and canst not ^blie.”
- 76 And when he had said these words,
Behold, the Lord showed Himself unto him and said:
“Because thou knowest these things,
ye are redeemed from the fall;
Therefore, ye are brought back into My presence;
Therefore, I show Myself unto you.

a Mos 5:44-45

b En 1:8
3N 12:31

77 “Behold, I Am He which was prepared from the
 foundation of the world to redeem My people;
 Behold, I Am Jesus Christ,
 I Am the Father and the Son;

78 In Me shall all mankind have life and that eternally,
 even they which shall believe on My name,
 And they shall become My sons and My daughters;

79 And never hath I showed Myself unto man
 whom I have created,
 For never hath man believed in Me as thou hast.

80 “Seest thou that ye are created after Mine own image?
 Yea, even all men were created in the beginning
 after Mine own image;

81 Behold, this body which ye now behold
 is the body of My Spirit;
 And man have I created after the body of My Spirit;
 And even as I appear unto thee to be in the Spirit,
 will I appear unto My people in the flesh.”

a Eth 6:108 82 And now as I, Moroni, said I could ^anot make
 a full account of these things which are written,
 Therefore, it sufficeth me to say that Jesus showed Himself
 unto this man in the Spirit, even after the manner
 and in the likeness of the same body,
 even as He showed Himself unto the Nephites;

83 And He ministered unto him, even as
 He ministered unto the Nephites;
 And all this that this man knew that He was God,
 because of the many great works which the
 Lord had showed unto him;

84 And because of the knowledge of this man, he could
 not be kept from beholding within the veil;
 And he saw the finger of Jesus which when he saw, he fell
 with fear, for he knew that it was the finger of the Lord;

b A 16:143 85 And he had faith no longer, for he knew, nothing doubting;
 Wherefore, having this ^bperfect knowledge of God,
 he could not be kept from beholding within the veil;
 Therefore, he saw Jesus,
 And He did minister unto him.

86 And it came to pass that the Lord said
 unto the brother of Jared:
 “Behold, thou shalt not suffer these things which ye have

seen and heard to go forth unto the world until the time
cometh that I shall glorify My name in the flesh;
Wherefore, ye shall treasure up the things which ye
have seen and heard and show it to no man.

- 87 “And behold, when ye shall come unto Me,
ye shall write them and shall seal them up,
that no one can interpret them,
For ye shall write them in a language
that they cannot be read;
- 88 And behold, these ^atwo stones will I give unto thee,
And ye shall seal them up also with the things
which ye shall write;
- 89 For behold, the language which ye shall write,
I have confounded;
Wherefore, I will cause in Mine own due time
that these stones shall magnify to the eyes
of men these things which ye shall write.”
- 90 And when the Lord had said these words, the Lord showed
unto the brother of Jared all the inhabitants of the earth
which had been, and also all that would be;
And the Lord withheld them not from his sight,
even unto the ends of the earth;
- 91 For the Lord had said unto him in times before that if he
would believe in Him that He could show unto him
all things, it should be shown unto him;
Therefore, the Lord could not withhold anything
from him, for he knew that the Lord
could show him all things.
- 92 And the Lord said unto him:
“Write these things and seal them up,
And I will show them in Mine own due time
unto the children of men.”
- 93 And it came to pass that the Lord commanded him that he
should seal up the two stones which he had received
and show them not until the Lord should show them
unto the children of men.
- 94 And the Lord commanded the brother of Jared to go down
out of the mount from the presence of the Lord
and write the things which he had seen;
And they were forbidden to come unto the children of men

a Mos 12:18-21

- 95 until after that He should be lifted up upon the cross;
 And for this cause did King Benjamin keep them, that they
 should not come unto the world until after Christ
 should show Himself unto His people;
- 96 And after that Christ truly had showed Himself
 unto His people, He commanded
 that they should be made manifest.
- 97 And now, after that they have all dwindled in unbelief,
 And there is none, save it be the Lamanites,
 And they have rejected the gospel of Christ;
 Therefore, I am commanded that I should
 hide them up again in the earth.
- 98 Behold, I have written upon these plates
 the very things which the brother of Jared saw;
 And there never was greater things made manifest
 than that which was made manifest
 unto the brother of Jared;
 Wherefore, the Lord hath commanded me to write them,
 And I have written them.
- 99 And He commanded me that I should seal them up,
 And He also hath commanded that I should seal up
 the interpretation thereof;
 Wherefore, I have sealed up the interpreters
 according to the commandment of the Lord.
- 100 For the Lord saith unto me:
 “They shall not go forth unto the Gentiles until the day
 that they shall repent of their iniquity
 and become clean before the Lord;
- 101 And in that day that they shall exercise faith in Me,”
 saith the Lord, “even as the brother of Jared did,
 that they may become sanctified in Me,
 Then will I manifest unto them the things which the
 brother of Jared saw, even to the unfolding unto them
 all My revelations,” saith Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
 the Father of the heavens and of the earth
 and all things that in them is.
- 102 “And he that will contend against the word of the Lord,
 let him be accursed;
 And he that shall deny these things, let him be accursed;
 For unto them will I show ^ano greater things,”

^a 3N 12:1-5

saith Jesus Christ, “for I Am He which speaketh.

- 103 “And at My command the heavens
are opened and are shut;
And at My word the earth shall shake;
And at My command the inhabitants thereof
shall pass away, even so as by fire.
- 104 “And he that believeth not My words,
believeth not My disciples;
And if it so be that I do not speak, judge ye;
For ye shall know that it is I that speaketh, at the last day.
- 105 “But he that believeth these things which I have spoken,
him will I visit with the manifestations of My Spirit,
And he shall know and bear record;
- 106 For because of My Spirit, he shall know that these things
are true, for it ^apersuadeth men to do good;
And whatsoever thing persuadeth men
to do good is of Me,
For good cometh of none, save it be of Me,
- 107 And I Am the same that leadeth men to all good.
- “He that will not believe My words
will not believe Me, that I Am;
And he that will not believe Me will
not believe the Father which sent Me;
- 108 For behold, I Am the Father;
I Am the light and the life and the truth of the world.
- 109 “Come unto Me, O ye Gentiles!
And I will show unto you the greater things,
the knowledge which is hid up because of unbelief.
- 110 “Come unto Me, O ye house of Israel!
And it shall be made manifest unto you how great things
the Father hath laid up for you from the
foundation of the world;
And it hath not come unto you because of unbelief.
- 111 “Behold, when ye shall rend that veil of unbelief which
doth cause you to remain in your awful state of
wickedness and hardness of heart and blindness of mind,
Then shall the great and marvelous things which have been
hid up from the foundation of the world from you—

a Mi 7:4-18

- a A 12:110 | 112 Yea, when ye shall call upon the Father in My name
with a broken ^aheart and a contrite spirit,
Then shall ye know that the Father hath remembered
the covenant which He made unto your fathers,
O house of Israel—
- b 1N 3:238-253 | 113 And then shall My revelations which I have caused
to be written by My servant ^bJohn be unfolded
in the eyes of all the people—
- 114 Remember, when ye see these things, ye shall know
that the time is at hand that they shall be
made manifest in very deed;
Therefore, when ye shall receive this record, ye may know
that the work of the Father has commenced
upon all the face of the earth.
- 115 “Therefore, repent! all ye ends of the earth,
and come unto Me!
and believe in My gospel!
and be baptized in My name!
For he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,
But he that believeth not shall be damned;
And signs shall follow them that believe in My name.
- 116 “And blessed is he that is found faithful
unto My name at the last day,
For they shall be lifted up to dwell in the kingdom
prepared for them from the foundation of the world;
- 117 And behold, it is I that hath spoken it. Amen.”
- 2** AND NOW I, Moroni, have written the words which
were commanded me, according to my memory;
And I have told you the things which I have sealed up;
Therefore, touch them not in order that ye may ^ctranslate;
For that thing is forbidden you, except by and by
it shall be wisdom in God.
- c 3N 9:98
Mn 4:18, 32
- 2 And behold, ye may be privileged that ye may
show the plates unto those who shall
assist to bring forth this work;
And unto three shall they be shown by the power of God;
Wherefore, they shall know of a surety
that these things are ^dtrue.
- d 1N 1:2; 3:256
2N 11:39
Mos 1:9-10
A 1:110
Mi 7:37;
10:4-6, 26
- 3 And in the mouth of three witnesses

shall these things be established;

And the testimony of three and this work—in the which shall be shown forth the power of God, and also His word, of which the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost beareth record—

And all this shall stand as a testimony against the world at the last day;

4 And if it so be that they repent and come unto the Father in the name of Jesus, they shall be received into the kingdom of God.

5 And now, if I have no authority for these things, judge ye, For ye shall know that I have authority when ye shall see me, And we shall stand before God at the last day. Amen.

3 AND NOW I, Moroni, proceed to give the record of Jared and his brother.

2 For it came to pass that after that the Lord had prepared the stones which the brother of Jared had carried up into the mount, the brother of Jared came down out of the mount;

And he did put forth the ^astones into the ^bvessels which were prepared, one in each end thereof,

And behold, they did give light unto the vessels thereof;

3 And thus the Lord caused stones to shine in darkness to give light unto men, women and children, that they might not cross the great waters in darkness.

4 And it came to pass that when they had prepared all manner of food, that thereby they might subsist upon the water—

And also food for their flocks and herds and whatsoever beast or animal or fowl that they should carry with them—

5 And it came to pass that when they had done all these things, They got aboard of their vessels, or barges, and set forth into the sea, commending themselves unto the Lord their God.

6 And it came to pass that the Lord God caused that there should a furious wind blow upon the face of the waters

a Eth 1:65-68

b Eth 1:43-52

a Eth 1:45-52

- toward the Promised Land;
 And thus they were tossed upon the waves
 of the sea before the wind.
- 7 And it came to pass that they were many times buried in
 the depths of the sea because of the mountain waves
 which broke upon them,
 And also the great and terrible tempests which
 were caused by the fierceness of the wind.
- 8 And it came to pass that when they were buried
 in the deep, there was no water that could hurt them,
 their vessels being ^atight like unto a dish,
 And also they were tight like unto the ark of Noah;
- 9 Therefore, when they were encompassed about
 by many waters, they did cry unto the Lord,
 And He did bring them forth again
 upon the top of the waters.
- 10 And it came to pass that the wind did never cease
 to blow toward the Promised Land
 while they were upon the waters;
 And thus they were driven forth before the wind;
- 11 And they did sing praises unto the Lord,
 Yea, the brother of Jared did sing praises unto the Lord,
 And he did thank and praise the Lord all the day long,
 And when the night came, they did not cease
 to praise the Lord.
- 12 And thus they were driven forth;
 And no monster of the sea could break them,
 neither whale that could mar them;
 And they did have light continually, whether
 it was above the water or under the water.
- 13 And thus they were driven forth three hundred
 and forty and four days upon the water,
 And they did land upon the shore of the Promised Land;
- 14 And when they had set their feet upon the shores
 of the Promised Land,
 They bowed themselves down upon the face of the land,
 And did humble themselves before the Lord,
 And did shed tears of joy before the Lord because
 of the multitude of His tender mercies over them.
- 15 And it came to pass that they went forth upon the face

of the land and began to till the earth.

- 16 And Jared had four sons,
And they were called Jacom and Gilgah
and Mahah and Orihah;
- 17 And the brother of Jared also begat sons and daughters;
- 18 And the friends of Jared and his brother were in number
about twenty and two souls,
And they also begat sons and daughters
before they came to the Promised Land;
And therefore, they began to be many.
- 19 And they were taught to walk humbly before the Lord;
And they were also taught from on high.
- 20 And it came to pass that they began to spread upon the
face of the land and to multiply and to till the earth,
And they did wax strong in the land;
- 21 And the brother of Jared began to be old and saw
that he must soon go down to the grave,
Wherefore, he saith unto Jared:
“Let us gather together our people,
that we may number them,
That we may know of them what they will
desire of us before we go down to our graves.”
- 22 And accordingly the people were gathered together.
- 23 Now the number of the sons and the daughters
of the brother of Jared were twenty and two souls;
And the number of the sons and daughters of Jared
were twelve, he having four sons.
- 24 And it came to pass that they did number their people;
And after that they had numbered them, they did desire
of them the things which they would that they
should do before they went down to their graves.
- 25 And it came to pass that the people desired of them
that they should anoint one of their sons
to be a king over them.
- 26 And now behold, this was grievous unto them;
- 27 But the brother of Jared said unto them:
“Surely, this thing ^aleadeth into captivity.”

^a Mos 11:7-15

- 28 But Jared said unto his brother:
 “Suffer them that they may have a king.”
 And therefore, he said unto them:
 “Choose ye out from among our sons a king,
 even whom ye will.”
- 29 And it came to pass that they chose
 even the firstborn of the brother of Jared,
 And his name was Pagag.
- 30 And it came to pass that he refused
 and would not be their king;
- 31 And the people would that his father should constrain him,
 But his father would not;
 And he commanded them that they should not
 constrain *any* man to be their king.
- 32 And it came to pass that they chose
 all the brothers of Pagag,
 And they would not.
- 33 And it came to pass that neither would the sons of Jared,
 even all, save it were one;
 And Orihah, he was anointed to be king over the people;
- 34 And he began to reign,
 And the people began to prosper,
 And they became exceeding rich.
- 35 And it came to pass that Jared died, and his brother also.
- 36 And it came to pass that Orihah
 did walk humbly before the Lord,
 And did remember how great things
 the Lord had done for his father,
 And also taught his people how great things
 the Lord had done for their fathers.
- 37 And it came to pass that Orihah did execute judgment
 upon the land in righteousness all his days,
 whose days were exceeding many;
- 38 And he begat sons and daughters, yea, he begat thirty
 and one, among whom were twenty and three sons;
- 39 And it came to pass that he also begat Kib in his old age.
- 40 And it came to pass that Kib reigned in his stead;
 And Kib begat Corihor;

- 41 And when Corihor was thirty and two years old,
he rebelled against his father and went over
and dwelt in the Land of Nehor;
And he begat sons and daughters,
And they became exceeding fair;
Wherefore, Corihor drew away many people after him.
- 42 And when he had gathered together an army,
he came up unto the Land of Moron
where the king dwelt and took him captive,
Which brought to pass the saying of the brother of Jared,
that they would be brought into captivity;
- 43 Now the Land of Moron where the king dwelt was near
the land which is called Desolation by the Nephites.
- 44 And it came to pass that Kib dwelt in captivity,
and his people under Corihor his son,
until he became exceeding old;
Nevertheless, Kib begat Shule in his old age
while he was yet in captivity.
- 45 And it came to pass that Shule was angry with his brother;
And Shule waxed strong and became mighty,
as to the strength of a man,
And he was also mighty in judgment;
- 46 Wherefore, he came to the Hill Ephraim,
And he did molten out of the hill and made swords out
of steel for those which he had drawn away with him;
And after that he had armed them with swords,
he returned to the City Nehor and gave battle
unto his brother Corihor,
By which means he obtained the kingdom
and restored it unto his father Kib.
- 47 And now because of the thing which Shule had done,
his father bestowed upon him the kingdom;
Therefore, he began to reign in the stead of his father.
- 48 And it came to pass that he did
execute judgment in righteousness;
And he did spread his kingdom upon all the face of the
land, for the people had become exceeding numerous.
- 49 And it came to pass that Shule also
begat many sons and daughters;
- 50 And Corihor repented of the many evils

- which he had done,
Wherefore, Shule gave him power in his kingdom.
- 51 And it came to pass that Corihor
had many sons and daughters,
- 52 And among the sons of Corihor,
there was one whose name was Noah.
- 53 And it came to pass that Noah rebelled against Shule
the king, and also his father Corihor,
And drew away Cohor his brother, and also
all his brethren and many of the people;
- 54 And he gave battle unto Shule the king, in the which
he did obtain the land of their first inheritance,
And he became a king over that part of the land.
- 55 And it came to pass that he gave battle again
unto Shule the king;
And he took Shule the king and
carried him away captive into Moron.
- 56 And it came to pass as he was about to put him to death,
the sons of Shule crept into the house of Noah
by night and slew him,
And broke down the door of the prison
and brought out their father,
And placed him upon his throne in his own kingdom;
Wherefore, the son of Noah did build up
his kingdom in his stead.
- 57 Nevertheless, they did not gain power anymore
over Shule the king;
And the people which were under the reign of Shule
the king did prosper exceedingly and wax great;
- 58 And the country was divided,
And there were two kingdoms—the kingdom of Shule
and the kingdom of Cohor, the son of Noah;
- 59 And Cohor, the son of Noah, caused that his people
should give battle unto Shule, in the which
Shule did beat them and did slay Cohor.
- 60 And now Cohor had a son which was called Nimrod;
And Nimrod gave up the kingdom of Cohor unto Shule,
And he did gain favor in the eyes of Shule;
Wherefore, Shule did bestow great favors upon him,

in the which he did do in the kingdom of Shule
according to his desires.

- 61 And also in the reign of Shule, there came prophets
among the people which were sent from the Lord,
Prophesying that the wickedness and idolatry of the people
was bringing a curse upon the land, in the which
they should be destroyed if they did not repent.
- 62 And it came to pass that the people did revile
against the prophets and did mock them.
- 63 And it came to pass that King Shule did execute judgment
against all those who did revile against the prophets,
And he did execute a law throughout all the land
which gave power unto the prophets
that they should go whithersoever they would,
And by this cause the people were brought
unto repentance;
- 64 And because the people did repent of their iniquities
and idolatries, the Lord did spare them,
And they began to prosper again in the land.
- 65 And it came to pass that Shule begat sons
and daughters in his old age;
- 66 And there were no more wars in the days of Shule;
And he remembered the great things that the Lord
had done for his fathers in bringing them across
the great deep into the Promised Land;
Wherefore, he did execute judgment
in righteousness all his days.
- 67 And it came to pass that he begat Omer,
And Omer reigned in his stead;
- 68 And Omer begat Jared;
And Jared begat sons and daughters;
- 69 And Jared rebelled against his father
and came and dwelt in the Land of Heth.
- 70 And it came to pass that he did flatter much people
because of his cunning words, until he had
gained the half of the kingdom;
- 71 And when he had gained the half of the kingdom,
he gave battle unto his father,
And he did carry away his father into captivity
and did make them serve in captivity;

- 72 And now in the days of the reign of Omer, he was in
captivity the half of his days.
- 73 And it came to pass that he begat sons and daughters,
among whom were Esrom and Coriantumr;
And they were exceeding angry because of the doings
of Jared their brother, insomuch that they did
raise an army and gave battle unto Jared.
- 74 And it came to pass that they did
give battle unto him by night.
- 75 And it came to pass that when they had slain the
army of Jared, they were about to slay him also;
And he pled with them that they would not slay him
and he would give up the kingdom unto his father.
- 76 And it came to pass that they did grant unto him his life;
77 And now Jared became exceeding sorrowful because
of the loss of the kingdom, for he had set his heart
upon the kingdom and upon the glory of the world.
- 78 Now the daughter of Jared, being exceeding expert and
seeing the sorrow of her father, thought to devise a plan
whereby she could redeem the kingdom unto her father.
- 79 Now the daughter of Jared was exceeding fair;
And it came to pass that she did talk with her father
and saith unto him:
“Whereby hath my father so much sorrow?”
- 80 Hath he not read the record which our fathers
brought across the great deep?
- 81 Behold, is there not an account concerning them of old,
that they by their secret plans did obtain
kingdoms and great glory?
- 82 “And now therefore, let my father send for Akish,
the son of Kimnor;
And behold, I am fair,
And I will dance before him,
And I will please him that he will desire me to wife;
Wherefore, if he shall desire of thee that ye
shall give unto him me to wife,
Then shall ye say, ‘I will give her if ye will bring
unto me the head of my father the king.’”

- 83 And now Omer was a friend to Akish,
Wherefore, when Jared had sent for Akish,
The daughter of Jared danced before him, that she
pleased him, insomuch that he desired her to wife.
- 84 And it came to pass that he said unto Jared:
“Give her unto me to wife.”
- 85 And Jared said unto him:
“I will give her unto you if ye will bring unto me
the head of my father the king.”
- 86 And it came to pass that Akish gathered in unto the
house of Jared all his kinsfolk and saith unto them:
“Will ye swear unto me that ye will be faithful unto me
in the thing which I shall desire of you?”
- 87 And it came to pass that they all swear unto him
by the God of heaven, and also by the heavens,
and also by the earth and by their heads,
That whoso should vary from the assistance
which Akish desired should lose his head,
- 88 And whoso should divulge whatsoever thing Akish
made known unto them, the same should lose his life.
- And it came to pass that thus they did agree with Akish,
89 And Akish did administer unto them the oaths which
were given by them of old who also sought power,
which had been handed down, even from Cain
who was a murderer from the beginning;
- 90 And they were kept up by the power of the devil
to administer these oaths unto the people
to keep them in darkness,
To help such as sought power to gain power,
and to murder,
and to plunder,
and to lie,
and to commit all manner of wickedness
and whoredoms;
- 91 And it was the daughter of Jared which put it
into his heart to search up these things of old,
And Jared put it into the heart of Akish;
Wherefore, Akish administered it unto his kindreds
and friends, leading them away by fair promises
to do whatsoever thing he desired.

- 92 And it came to pass that they formed
a secret combination, even as they of old,
Which combination is most abominable
and wicked above all in the sight of God;
- 93 For the Lord worketh not in secret combinations,
Neither doth He will that man should shed blood,
But in all things hath forbidden it,
from the beginning of man.
- 94 And now I, Moroni, do not write the manner
of their oaths and combinations,
For it hath been made known unto me
that they are had among all people;
And they are had among the Lamanites,
And they have caused the destruction of this people
of which I am now speaking,
And also the destruction of the people of Nephi;
- 95 And whatsoever nation shall uphold such
secret combinations to get power and gain,
until they shall spread over the nation—
Behold, they shall be destroyed;
For the Lord will not suffer that the blood of His saints,
which shall be shed by them, shall always cry
unto Him from the ground for vengeance
upon them and yet He avengeth them not.
- 96 Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, it is wisdom in God
that these things should be shown unto you,
that thereby ye may repent of your sins,
And suffer not that these murderous combinations shall
get above you, which are built up to get power and gain,
And the work, yea, even the work
of destruction come upon you;
- 97 Yea, even the sword of the justice of the Eternal God
shall fall upon you to your overthrow and
destruction if ye shall suffer these things to be;
- 98 Wherefore, the Lord commandeth you, when ye shall see
these things come among you, that ye shall awake
to a sense of your awful situation because of this
secret combination which shall be among you,
Or wo be unto it because of the blood
of them which have been slain!
For they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it,
and also upon those who build it up.

- 99 For it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up
 seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands,
 nations and countries,
- 100 And it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people;
 For it is built up by the devil, which is the father of all lies,
 Even that same liar which beguiled our first parents,
- 101 Yea, even that same liar which hath caused man
 to commit murder from the beginning,
 Which hath hardened the hearts of men that they
 have murdered the prophets and stoned them
 and cast them out from the beginning.
- 102 Wherefore, I, Moroni, am commanded to write
 these things that evil may be done away,
 And that the time may come that satan may have
 no power upon the hearts of the children of men,
 But that they may be persuaded to do good continually,
 That they may come unto the fountain of all righteousness
 and be saved.

4 AND NOW I, Moroni, proceed with my record.

- 2 Therefore, behold, it came to pass that because of
 the secret combinations of Akish and his friends,
 Behold, they did overthrow the kingdom of Omer;
 Nevertheless, the Lord was merciful unto Omer,
 and also to his sons and to his daughters which
 were not or which did not seek his destruction;
- 3 And the Lord warned Omer in a dream
 that he should depart out of the land.

- Wherefore, Omer departed out of the land
 with his family and traveled many days,
 And came over and passed by the Hill of Shim,
- 4 And came over by the ^aplace where the Nephites
 were destroyed, and from thence eastward,
 And came to a place which was called Ablom,
 by the seashore,
 And there he pitched his tent,
 And also his sons and his daughters and all
 his household, save it were Jared and his family.
- 5 And it came to pass that Jared was anointed king
 over the people by the hand of wickedness;

^a Mn 3:3-6

- And he gave unto Akish his daughter to wife.
- 6 And it came to pass that Akish
sought the life of his father-in-law,
And he appealed unto those whom he had sworn
by the oath of the ancients,
And they obtained the head of his father-in-law as he
sat upon his throne giving audience to his people;
- 7 For so great had been the spreading of this wicked
and secret society that it had corrupted
the hearts of all the people;
Therefore, Jared was murdered upon his throne,
And Akish reigned in his stead.
- 8 And it came to pass that Akish
began to be jealous of his son;
Therefore, he shut him up in prison and kept him
upon a little or no food until he had suffered death.
- 9 And now the brother of him that suffered death— and his
name was Nimrah—was angry with his father because
of that which his father had done unto his brother.
- 10 And it came to pass that Nimrah gathered together
a small number of men and fled out of the land
and came over and dwelt with Omer.
- 11 And it came to pass that Akish begat other sons,
And they won the hearts of the people, notwithstanding
they had sworn unto him to do all manner
of iniquity according to that which he desired.
- 12 Now the people of Akish were desirous for gain,
even as Akish was desirous for power;
Wherefore, the sons of Akish did offer them money,
by the which means they drew away
the more part of the people after them;
- 13 And there began to be a war between the sons of Akish
and Akish, which lasted for the space of many years,
Yea, unto the destruction of nearly all the people
of the kingdom,
- 14 Yea, even all, save it were thirty souls
and they which fled with the house of Omer;
Wherefore, Omer was restored again
to the land of his inheritance.

- 15 And it came to pass that Omer began to be old;
Nevertheless, in his old age he begat Emer,
And he anointed Emer to be king to reign in his stead;
- 16 And after that he had anointed Emer to be king,
he saw peace in the land for the space of two years,
And he died having seen exceeding many days
which were full of sorrow.
- 17 And it came to pass that Emer did reign in his stead
and did fill the steps of his father;
- 18 And the Lord began again to take the curse
from off the land,
And the house of Emer did prosper exceedingly
under the reign of Emer;
- 19 And in the space of sixty and two years,
they had become exceeding strong,
insomuch that they became exceeding rich,
Having all manner of fruit and of grain,
and of silks and of fine linen,
and of gold and of silver and of precious things;
- 20 And also all manner of cattle,
of oxen and cows,
and of sheep and of swine and of goats,
and also many other kind of animals which
were useful for the food of man;
- 21 And they also had horses and asses,
And there were elephants and cureloms and cumoms—
All of which were useful unto man, and more especially
the elephants and cureloms and cumoms.
- 22 And thus the Lord did pour out His blessings upon
this land, which was choice above all other lands;
And He commanded that whoso should possess the land
should possess it unto the Lord or they should be
destroyed when they were ripened in iniquity;
“For upon such,” saith the Lord, “I will pour out
the fullness of My wrath.”
- 23 And Emer did execute judgment
in righteousness all his days,
And he begat many sons and daughters;
And he begat Coriantum,
And he anointed Coriantum to reign in his stead;
- 24 And after that he had anointed Coriantum to reign in his
stead, he lived four years and he saw peace in the land,

- Yea, and he even saw the Son of Righteousness
 and did rejoice and glory in His day;
 And he died in peace.
- 25 And it came to pass that Coriantum did walk
 in the steps of his father,
 And did build many mighty cities,
 And did administer that which was good
 unto his people in all his days.
- 26 And it came to pass that he had no children,
 even until he was exceeding old.
- 27 And it came to pass that his wife died,
 being an hundred and two years old.
- 28 And it came to pass that Coriantum took to wife in his
 old age a young maid and begat sons and daughters;
 Wherefore, he lived until he was an hundred
 and forty and two years old.
- 29 And it came to pass that he begat Com,
 And Com reigned in his stead;
 And he reigned forty and nine years and he begat Heth,
 And he also begat other sons and daughters;
- 30 And the people had spread again over all
 the face of the land,
 And there began again to be an exceeding
 great wickedness upon the face of the land;
 And Heth began to embrace the secret plans
 again of old to destroy his father.
- 31 And it came to pass that he did dethrone his father,
 For he slew him with his own sword;
 And he did reign in his stead.
- 32 And there came prophets in the land again,
 crying repentance unto them,
 That they must prepare the way of the Lord, or there
 should come a curse upon the face of the land,
 Yea, even there should be a great famine, in the which
 they should be destroyed if they did not repent;
- 33 But the people believed not the words of the prophets,
 but they cast them out,
 And some of them they cast into pits
 and left them to perish.

- 34 And it came to pass that they did all these things according to the commandment of the King Heth.
- 35 And it came to pass that there began to be a great dearth upon the land, And the inhabitants began to be destroyed exceeding fast, because of the dearth, For there was no rain upon the face of the earth; And there came forth poisonous serpents also upon the face of the land and did poison many people.
- 36 And it came to pass that their flocks began to flee before the poisonous serpents toward the Land Southward, which was called by the Nephites Zarahemla.
- 37 And it came to pass that there were many of them which did perish by the way; Nevertheless, there were some which fled into the Land Southward.
- 38 And it came to pass that the Lord did cause the serpents that they should pursue them no more, But that they should hedge up the way that the people could not pass, That whoso should attempt to pass might fall by the poisonous serpents.
- 39 And it came to pass that the people did follow the course of the beasts and did devour the carcasses of them which fell by the way, until they had devoured them all;
- 40 Now when the people saw that they must perish, they began to repent of their iniquities and cry unto the Lord.
- 41 And it came to pass that when they had humbled themselves sufficiently before the Lord, The Lord did send rain upon the face of the earth and the people began to revive again, And there began to be fruit in the North Countries and in all the countries round about;
- 42 And the Lord did show forth His power unto them in preserving them from famine.
- 43 And it came to pass that Shez, which was a descendant of Heth—for Heth had perished by the famine

and all his household, save it were Shez—
Wherefore, Shez began to build up again a broken people.

- 44 And it came to pass that Shez did remember
the destruction of his fathers;
And he did build up a righteous kingdom, for he
remembered what the Lord had done in bringing
Jared and his brother across the deep;
And he did walk in the ways of the Lord;
And he begat sons and daughters;
- 45 And his eldest son whose name was Shez
rebelled against him,
Nevertheless, Shez was smitten by the hand
of a robber because of his exceeding riches,
which brought peace again unto his father.
- 46 And it came to pass that his father did build up
many cities upon the face of the land,
And the people began again to spread
over all the face of the land;
- 47 And Shez did live to an exceeding old age,
And he begat Riplakish;
And he died and Riplakish reigned in his stead.
- 48 And it came to pass that Riplakish did not do that
which was right in the sight of the Lord,
For he did have many ^awives and concubines,
And did lay that upon men's shoulders which was grievous
to be borne—yea, he did tax them with heavy taxes;
And with the taxes he did build many spacious buildings,
- 49 And he did erect him an exceeding beautiful throne.

And he did build many prisons;
And whoso would not be subject unto taxes,
he did cast into prison,
And whoso was not able to pay taxes,
he did cast into prison;
- 50 And he did cause that they should labor
continually for their support,
And whoso refused to labor,
he did cause to be put to death;
Wherefore, he did obtain all his fine work,
Yea, even his fine gold he did cause to be refined in prison,
And all manner of fine workmanship
he did cause to be wrought in prison.

^a Jac 1:15; 2:32-43
Mos 7:2-5

- 51 And it came to pass that he did afflict the people
with his whoredoms and abominations;
And when he had reigned for the space of forty and two
years, the people raised up in rebellion against him,
And there began to be war again in the land, insomuch
that Riplakish was killed and his descendants
were driven out of the land.
- 52 And it came to pass that after the space of many years,
Morianton—he being a descendant of Riplakish—
gathered together an army of outcasts and went forth
and gave battle unto the people;
And he gained power over many cities;
- 53 And the war became exceeding sore and did last
for the space of many years,
And he did gain power over all the land and
did establish himself king over all the land;
- 54 And after that he had established himself king, he did ease
the burden of the people, in the which he did gain favor
in the eyes of the people and they did anoint him
to be their king;
- 55 And he did do justice unto the people, but not
unto himself because of his many whoredoms;
Wherefore, he was cut off from the presence of the Lord.
- 56 And it came to pass that Morianton built up many cities,
And the people became exceeding rich under his reign—
both in buildings,
and in gold and in silver,
and in raising grain,
and in flocks and herds,
and such things which had been restored unto them;
- 57 And Morianton did live to an exceeding great age
and then he begat Kim;
And Kim did reign in the stead of his father,
And he did reign eight years and his father died.
- 58 And it came to pass that Kim
did not reign in righteousness,
Wherefore, he was not favored of the Lord;
- 59 And his brother did raise up in rebellion against him,
in the which he did bring him into captivity;
And he did remain in captivity all his days,
And he begat sons and daughters in captivity,
And in his old age he begat Levi and he died.

- 60 And it came to pass that Levi did serve in captivity after the death of his father for the space of forty and two years;
- 61 And he did make war against the king of the land, in the which he did obtain unto himself the kingdom;
- 62 And after that he had obtained unto himself the kingdom, he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, And the people did prosper in the land; And he did live to a good old age and begat sons and daughters, And he also begat Corom whom he anointed king in his stead.
- 63 And it came to pass that Corom did that which was good in the sight of the Lord all his days; And he begat many sons and daughters; And after that he had seen many days, he did pass away, even like unto the rest of the earth; And Kish reigned in his stead.
- 64 And it came to pass that Kish passed away also, And Lib reigned in his stead.
- 65 And it came to pass that Lib also did that which was good in the sight of the Lord;
- 66 And in the days of Lib the poisonous serpents were destroyed, Wherefore, they did go into the Land Southward to hunt food for the people of the land, for the land was covered with animals of the forest;
- 67 And Lib also, himself, became a great hunter;
- 68 And they built a great city by the Narrow Neck of Land, by the place where the sea divides the land;
- 69 And they did preserve the Land Southward for a wilderness to get game.
- 70 And the whole face of the land northward was covered with inhabitants; And they were exceeding industrious, And they did buy and sell and traffic one with another that they might get gain.
- 71 And they did work in all manner of ore, And they did make gold and silver and iron and brass and all manner of metals; And they did dig it out of the earth;

- Wherefore, they did cast up mighty heaps of earth for to
get ore of gold and of silver and of iron and of copper;
72 And they did work all manner of fine work.
- 73 And they did have silks and fine-twined linen;
And they did work all manner of cloth that they
might clothe themselves from their nakedness.
- 74 And they did make all manner of tools to till the earth—
both to plow and to sow,
to reap and to hoe,
and also to thrash;
- 75 And they did make all manner of tools,
in the which they did work their beasts;
- 76 And they did make all manner of weapons of war;
- 77 And they did work all manner of work
of exceeding curious workmanship.
- 78 And never could be a people more blessed than were
they and more prospered by the hand of the Lord;
- 79 And they were in a land that was choice above all lands,
for the Lord had spoken it.
- 80 And it came to pass that Lib did live many years
and begat sons and daughters;
And he also begat Hearthom.
- 81 And it came to pass that Hearthom
reigned in the stead of his father;
- 82 And when Hearthom had reigned twenty and four years,
Behold, the kingdom was taken away from him,
- 83 And he served many years in captivity, yea,
even all the remainder of his days;
- 84 And he begat Heth and Heth
lived in captivity all his days;
- 85 And Heth begat Aaron and Aaron
dwelt in captivity all his days;
And he begat Amnigaddah and Amnigaddah
also dwelt in captivity all his days;
And he begat Coriantum and Coriantum
dwelt in captivity all his days;
And he begat Com.
- 86 And it came to pass that Com drew away
the half of the kingdom,
- 87 And he reigned over the half of the kingdom

- forty and two years;
 And he went to battle against the king Amgid,
 And they fought for the space of many years, in the which
 Com gained power over Amgid and obtained power
 over the remainder of the kingdom;
- 88 And in the days of Com there
 began to be robbers in the land,
 And they adopted the old plans and administered oaths
 after the manner of the ancients and sought again
 to destroy the kingdom.
- 89 Now Com did fight against them much,
 Nevertheless, he did not prevail against them;
- 90 And there came also in the days of Com many prophets
 and prophesied of the destruction of that great people,
 except they should repent and turn unto the Lord
 and forsake their murders and wickedness.
- 91 And it came to pass that the prophets
 were rejected by the people,
 And they fled unto Com for protection,
 for the people sought to destroy them;
 And they prophesied unto Com many things;
 And he was blessed in all the remainder of his days,
- 92 And he lived to a good old age and begat Shiblón,
 And Shiblón reigned in his stead;
- 93 And the brother of Shiblón rebelled against him,
 And there began to be an exceeding great war
 in all the land.
- 94 And it came to pass that the brother of Shiblón did cause
 that all the prophets which prophesied of the
 destruction of the people should be put to death;
- 95 And there was great calamity in all the land, for they had
 testified that a great curse should come upon the land,
 and also upon the people,
 And that there should be a great destruction among them,
 such an one as never had been
 upon the face of the earth,
- 96 And their ^abones should become as heaps of earth
 upon the face of the land, except they
 should repent of their wickedness;
- 97 And they hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord
 because of their wicked combinations.

^a O 1:37-39
 Mos 5:61-71
 A 13:74
 Eth 6:57-58

- Wherefore, there began to be wars and contentions in
all the land, and also many famines and pestilences,
Insomuch that there was a great destruction, such an one
as never had been known upon the face of the earth;
And all this came to pass in the days of Shiblón;
- 98 And the people began to repent of their iniquity,
And inasmuch as they did, the Lord
did have mercy on them.
- 99 And it came to pass that Shiblón was slain;
And Seth was brought into captivity,
And he did dwell in captivity all his days.
- 100 And it came to pass that Ahah, his son,
did obtain the kingdom,
And he did reign over the people all his days;
- 101 And he did do all manner of iniquity in his days, in
the which he did cause the shedding of much blood;
And few were his days;
- 102 And Ethem, being a descendant of Ahah,
did obtain the kingdom,
And he also did do that which was wicked in his days.
- 103 And it came to pass in the days of Ethem, there came
many prophets and prophesied again unto the people;
Yea, they did prophesy that the Lord would utterly
destroy them from off the face of the earth,
except they repented of their iniquities.
- 104 And it came to pass that the people hardened their hearts
and would not hearken unto their words;
And the prophets mourned and withdrew
from among the people.
- 105 And it came to pass that Ethem did execute
judgment in wickedness all his days;
And he begat Moron.
- 106 And it came to pass that Moron did reign in his stead,
And Moron did do that which was wicked
before the Lord.
- 107 And it came to pass that there arose a rebellion
among the people because of that secret combination
which was built up to get power and gain;
And there arose a mighty man among them in iniquity

and gave battle unto Moron, in the which
 he did overthrow the half of the kingdom;
 And he did maintain the half of the kingdom
 for many years.

108 And it came to pass that Moron did overthrow him
 and did obtain the kingdom again.

109 And it came to pass that there arose another mighty man,
 And he was a descendant of the brother of Jared.

110 And it came to pass that he did overthrow Moron
 and obtain the kingdom;
 Wherefore, Moron dwelt in captivity
 all the remainder of his days;
 And he begat Coriantor.

111 And it came to pass that Coriantor
 dwelt in captivity all his days;

112 And in the days of Coriantor there also came many
 prophets and prophesied of great and marvelous
 things and cried repentance unto the people,
 And except they should repent, the Lord God
 would execute judgment against them
 to their utter destruction,

113 And that the Lord God would send or bring forth
^aanother people to possess the land by His power,
 after the manner which He brought their fathers;

114 And they did reject all the words of the prophets because
 of their secret society and wicked abominations.

115 And it came to pass that Coriantor begat Ether;
 And he died having dwelt in captivity all his days.

5 AND IT came to pass that the days of Ether
 were in the days of Coriantumr;
 And Coriantumr was king over all the land,
 2 And Ether was a prophet of the Lord.

Wherefore, Ether came forth in the days of Coriantumr
 and began to prophesy unto the people,
 For he could not be ¹constrained because
 of the Spirit of the Lord which was in him;

3 For he did cry from the morning, even until
 the going down of the sun,

^a O 1:24-39
 Eth 6:21-23

¹ constrained =
 repressed
 2N 1:49
 Eth 6:34

- Exhorting the people to believe in God unto repentance,
lest they should be destroyed,
Saying unto them that by faith all things are fulfilled;
- 4 Wherefore, whoso believeth in God might with surety
hope for a better world, yea, even a place
at the right hand of God,
Which hope cometh of faith maketh
an anchor to the souls of men,
Which would make them sure and steadfast,
always ^aabounding in good works,
being led to glorify God.
- 5 And it came to pass that Ether did prophesy great
and marvelous things unto the people which
they did not believe because they saw them not.
- 6 And now I, Moroni, would speak somewhat
concerning these things;
I would show unto the world that faith
is things which are hoped for and not seen;
- 7 Wherefore, dispute not because ye see not,
For ye receive no witness— not until after
the trial of your faith.
- For it was by faith that Christ ^bshowed Himself unto
our fathers after that He had risen from the dead;
- 8 And He showed not Himself unto them
until after they had faith in Him;
Wherefore, it must needs be that some had faith in Him,
For He showed Himself not unto the world;
- 9 But because of the faith of men, He has shown Himself
unto the world and glorified the name of the Father,
And prepared the way that thereby others
might be partakers of the heavenly gift,
That they might hope for those things
which they have not seen;
- 10 Wherefore, ye may also have hope and be
partakers of the gift, if ye will but have faith.
- 11 Behold, it was by faith that they of old
were ^ccalled after the holy order of God;
Wherefore, by faith was the law of Moses given.
- 12 But in the gift of His Son hath God
prepared a more excellent way,

a Mos 3:21
A 5:41

b 3N 5:1-11

c A 9:63-10:5

- 13 And it is by faith that it hath been fulfilled;
 For if there be no faith among the children of men,
 God can do no miracle among them;
 Wherefore, He showed not Himself until after their faith.
- a A 10:77-81
 14 Behold, it was the faith of Alma and Amulek
 that caused the ^aprison to tumble to the earth.
- b H 2:104-114
 15 Behold, it was the faith of Nephi and Lehi that wrought
 the change upon the Lamanites, that they were
^bbaptized with fire and with the Holy Ghost.
- c A chs 12-15
 16 Behold, it was the faith of Ammon and his brethren which
^cwrought so great a miracle among the Lamanites;
 Yea, and even all they which wrought miracles
 wrought them by faith,
 Even those which were before Christ,
 and also them which were after.
- d 3N 13:15-27
 17 And it was by faith that the three disciples obtained
 a ^dpromise that they should not taste of death,
 And they obtained not the promise until after their faith.
- 18 And neither at any time hath any wrought miracles
 until after their faith;
 Wherefore, they first believed in the Son of God.
- 19 And there were many whose faith was so exceeding strong,
 even before Christ came, which could not be
 kept from within the veil,
 But truly saw with their eyes the things which they
 had beheld with an eye of faith and they were glad.
- e Eth 1:66-72
 20 And behold, we have seen in this record
 that one of these was the brother of Jared;
 For so great was his faith in God that when God put
 forth His ^efinger, He could not hide it from the sight
 of the brother of Jared because of his word
 which he had spoken unto Him,
 which word he had obtained by faith;
- f Eth 1:85, 90-91
 21 And after that the brother of Jared
 had beheld the finger of the Lord,
 Because of the promise which the brother of Jared
 had obtained by faith, the Lord could ^fnot
 withhold anything from his sight;
 Wherefore, He showed him all things,

for he could no longer be kept without the veil.

- 22 And it is by faith that my fathers have obtained
the ^apromise that these things should come
unto their brethren through the Gentiles;
Therefore, the Lord hath commanded me,
yea, even Jesus Christ. a En 1:23-28
- 23 And I said unto Him:
“Lord, the Gentiles will mock at these things
because of our weakness in writing,
For Lord, Thou hast made us mighty in word by faith,
Whereunto Thou hast not made us mighty in writing;
- 24 For Thou hast made all this people that they
could speak much because of the Holy Ghost
which Thou hast given them;
And Thou hast made us that we could write but little
because of the awkwardness of our hands.
- 25 “Behold, Thou hast not made us mighty in writing
like unto the brother of Jared,
For Thou madest him that the ^bthings which he wrote
were mighty, even as Thou art, unto the
overpowering of man to read them; b Eth 1:92-101
- 26 Thou hast also made our words powerful and great,
even that we cannot write them;
Wherefore, when we write, we behold our weakness
and stumble because of the placing of our words;
And I fear lest the Gentiles shall mock at our words.”
- 27 And when I had said this, the Lord spake unto me, saying:
“Fools mock, but they shall mourn;
And My grace is sufficient for the meek that they
shall take no advantage of your weakness;
And if men come unto Me, I will show unto them
their weakness;
- 28 I give unto men ^cweakness that they may be humble,
And My grace is sufficient for all men
that humble themselves before Me; c Jac 3:8
For if they humble themselves before Me and have faith
in Me, then will I make weak things
become strong unto them.
- 29 “Behold, I will show unto the Gentiles their weakness,

And I will show unto them that faith, hope and charity
bringeth unto Me the fountain of all righteousness.”

30 And I, Moroni, having heard these words,
was comforted and said:
“O Lord, Thy righteous will be done,
For I know that Thou workest unto the children of men
according to their faith;
For the brother of Jared said unto the mountain Zerin,
a¹“Remove!”—

a Jac 3:7

And it was removed,
31 And if he had not had faith, it would not have moved.

“Wherefore, Thou workest after that men have faith;
For thus did Thou manifest Thyself unto Thy disciples,
32 For after that they had faith and did speak in Thy name,
Thou didst show Thyself unto them in great power;
And I also rememberest that Thou hast said that
Thou hast prepared a house for man, yea, even
among the mansions of Thy Father, in the which
man might have a more excellent hope;
Wherefore, man must hope, or he cannot receive an
inheritance in the place which Thou hast prepared.

33 “And again, I remember that Thou hast said
that Thou hast loved the world,
Even unto the laying down of Thy life for the world,
That Thou mightest take it again to prepare a place
for the children of men.

34 “And now I know that this love which Thou hast had
for the children of men is charity;
Wherefore, except men shall have charity,
they cannot inherit that place which Thou hast
prepared in the mansions of Thy Father;

35 Wherefore, I know by this thing which Thou hast said—
that if the Gentiles have not charity
because of our weakness—

¹ prove = to try
the qualities of

That Thou wilt ¹prove them and take away their talent,
yea, even that which they have received,
And give unto them which shall have more abundantly.”

36 And it came to pass that I prayed unto the Lord that
He would give unto the Gentiles grace

that they might have charity.

- 37 And it came to pass that the Lord said unto me:
 “If they have not charity, it mattereth not unto thee;
 Thou hast been faithful;
 Wherefore, thy garments shall be made clean;
- 38 And because thou hast seen thy weakness,
 thou shalt be made strong,
 Even unto the sitting down in the place which I have
 prepared in the mansions of My Father.”
- 39 And now I, Moroni, bid farewell unto the Gentiles, yea,
 and also unto my brethren whom I love, until we
 shall meet before the judgment seat of Christ,
 Where all men shall know that my garments
 are not spotted with your ^ablood;
- 40 And then shall ye know that I have seen Jesus,
 And that He hath talked with me face to face,
 And that He told me in plain humility, even as a man
 telleth another, in mine own language
 concerning these things;
 And only a few have I written because
 of my weakness in writing.
- 41 And now I would commend you to seek this Jesus
 of whom the prophets and apostles have written,
 That the grace of God the Father and also the Lord Jesus
 Christ and the Holy Ghost, which beareth record
 of Them, may be and abide in you forever. Amen.

a 2N 6:88
 Jac 1:20
 Mos 1:65
 Mn 4:101

6 AND NOW I, Moroni, proceed to finish my record
 concerning the destruction of the people
 of which I have been writing.

- 2 For behold, they rejected all the words of Ether;
 For he truly told them of all things
 from the beginning of man,
 And how that after the waters had receded from off
 the face of this land, it became a choice land
 above all other lands, a ^bchosen land of the Lord—
- 3 Wherefore, the Lord would have that all men should
 serve Him which dwelt upon the face thereof—
 And that it was the place of the New Jerusalem,
 which should come down out of heaven,

b 3N 9:58

and the holy sanctuary of the Lord.

4 Behold, Ether saw the days of Christ;
 And he spake concerning a New Jerusalem
 upon this land—

And he spake also concerning the house of Israel
 and the Jerusalem from whence Lehi should come—
 After that it should be destroyed, it should be
 built up again a holy city unto the Lord;

5 Wherefore, it could not be a New Jerusalem,
 for it had been in a time of old,
 But it should be built up again and
 become a holy city of the Lord;
 And it should be built up unto the house of Israel—

6 And that a New Jerusalem should be built up
 upon this land unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph,
 for the which things there has been a type—
 For as Joseph brought his father down into
 the Land of Egypt, even so he died there;

7 Wherefore, the Lord brought a remnant of the seed
 of Joseph out of the Land of Jerusalem,
 That He might be merciful unto the seed of Joseph,
 that they should perish not,
 Even as He was merciful unto the father of Joseph,
 that he should perish not.

8 Wherefore, the remnant of the house of Joseph
 shall be built up upon this land,
 And it shall be a land of their inheritance;
 And they shall build up a holy city unto the Lord,
 like unto the Jerusalem of old;
 And they shall no more be confounded until
 the end come when the earth shall pass away;

9 And there shall be a new heaven and a new earth;
 And they shall be like unto the old, save the old have
 passed away and all things have become new.

10 And then cometh the New Jerusalem;
 And blessed are they which dwell therein,
 For it is they whose garments are white
 through the blood of the Lamb;
 And they are they which are numbered among the remnant
 of the seed of Joseph which were of the house of Israel.

- 11 And then also cometh the Jerusalem of old
and the inhabitants thereof;
Blessed are they, for they have been washed
in the blood of the Lamb;
- 12 And they are they which were scattered
and gathered in from the four quarters
of the earth and from the North Countries,
And are partakers of the fulfilling of the covenant
which God made with their father Abraham.
- 13 And when these things come,
bringeth to pass the scripture which saith,
“There are they which were ^afirst, which shall be last,
And there are they which were last, which shall be first.”
- 14 And I was about to write more, but I am forbidden;
But great and marvelous were the prophecies of Ether!
But they esteemed him as naught and cast him out,
And he hid himself in the cavity of a rock by day,
And by night he went forth viewing the things
which should come upon the people;
- 15 And as he dwelt in the cavity of a rock,
he made the remainder of this record,
Viewing the destructions which came
upon the people, by night.
- 16 And it came to pass that in that same year which
he was cast out from among the people,
there began to be a great war among the people;
For there were many which rose up who were mighty men
and sought to destroy Coriantumr by their secret plans
of wickedness of which hath been spoken.
- 17 And now Coriantumr having studied himself in all
the arts of war and all the cunning of the world,
Wherefore, he gave battle unto them
which sought to destroy him;
- 18 But he repented not,
neither his fair sons, nor daughters,
neither the fair sons and daughters of Cohor,
neither the fair sons and daughters of Corihor;
And in fine, there was none of the fair sons and daughters
upon the face of the whole earth
which repented of their sins;

a 1N 3:200

- 19 Wherefore, it came to pass that in the first year
 that Ether dwelt in the cavity of a rock,
 There were many people which were slain by the sword of
 those secret combinations fighting against Coriantumr,
 that they might obtain the kingdom.
- 20 And it came to pass that the sons of Coriantumr
 fought much and bled much.
- 21 And in the second year, the word of the Lord came unto
 Ether that he should go and prophesy unto ^aCoriantumr,
 That if he would repent and all his household, the Lord
 would give unto him his kingdom and spare the people;
 22 Otherwise, they should be destroyed,
 and all his household, save it were himself;
 And he should only live to see the fulfilling of the
 prophecies which had been spoken concerning
^banother people receiving the land for their inheritance;
- 23 And Coriantumr should receive a burial by them;
 And every soul should be destroyed,
 save it were Coriantumr.
- 24 And it came to pass that Coriantumr repented not,
 neither his household,
 neither the people;
 And the wars did cease not;
 And they sought to kill Ether,
 But he fled from before them and hid again
 in the cavity of the rock.
- 25 And it came to pass that there arose up Shared,
 And he also gave battle unto Coriantumr;
 And he did beat him, insomuch that in the third year
 he did bring him into captivity;
- 26 And the sons of Coriantumr, in the fourth year,
 did beat Shared and did obtain the kingdom again
 unto their father.
- 27 Now there began to be a war upon all the face of the land,
 Every man with his band fighting for that which he desired;
- 28 And there were robbers and, in fine, all manner
 of wickedness upon all the face of the land.
- 29 And it came to pass that Coriantumr
 was exceeding angry with Shared;

a O 1:35-39

b Eth 4:113
 O 1:24-39

And he went against him with his armies to battle,
 And they did meet in great anger,
 And they did meet in the Valley of Gilgal;
 And the battle became exceeding sore.

30 And it came to pass that Shared fought against him
 for the space of three days.

31 And it came to pass that Coriantumr beat him and
 pursued him until he came to the Plains of Heshlon.

32 And it came to pass that Shared gave him battle again
 upon the plains;
 And behold, he did beat Coriantumr and
 drove him back again to the Valley of Gilgal;

33 And Coriantumr gave Shared battle again in the Valley
 of Gilgal, in the which he beat Shared and slew him;

34 And Shared wounded Coriantumr in the thigh, that he
 did not go to battle again for the space of two years,
 In the which time all the people upon all the face
 of the land were a shedding blood and
 there was none to ¹constrain them.

¹ see note Eth 5:2

35 And now there began to be a great curse upon the land
 because of the iniquity of the people,
 In the which if a man should lay his tool or his sword upon
 the shelf or upon the place whither he would keep it,
 And behold, upon the morrow he could not find it,
 so great was the curse upon the land;

36 Wherefore, every man did cleave unto that which
 was his own with his hands and would not borrow,
 neither would he lend;
 And every man kept the hilt of his sword thereof
 in his right hand in the defense of his property
 and his own life and of his wives and children.

37 And now after the space of two years
 and after the death of Shared,
 Behold, there arose the brother of Shared,
 And he gave battle unto Coriantumr, in the which
 Coriantumr did beat him and did pursue him
 to the Wilderness of Akish.

38 And it came to pass that the brother of Shared
 did give battle unto him in the Wilderness of Akish;

- And the battle became exceeding sore
and many thousands fell by the sword.
- 39 And it came to pass that Coriantumr
did lay siege to the wilderness;
And the brother of Shared did march forth
out of the wilderness by night and slew a part
of the army of Coriantumr as they were drunken;
- 40 And he came forth to the Land of Moron and placed
himself upon the throne of Coriantumr.
- 41 And it came to pass that Coriantumr dwelt with his army
in the wilderness for the space of two years, in the
which he did receive great strength to his army.
- 42 Now the brother of Shared, whose name was Gilead,
also received great strength to his army
because of secret combinations.
- 43 And it came to pass that his high priest
murdered him as he sat upon his throne;
- 44 And it came to pass that one of the secret combinations
murdered him in a secret pass and obtained
unto himself the kingdom;
And his name was Lib;
And Lib was a man of great stature,
more than any other man among all the people.
- 45 And it came to pass that in the first year of Lib,
Coriantumr came up unto the Land of Moron
and gave battle unto Lib.
- 46 And it came to pass that he fought with Lib, in the which
Lib did smite upon his arm, that he was wounded;
Nevertheless, the army of Coriantumr did press forward
upon Lib, that he fled to the borders upon the seashore.
- 47 And it came to pass that Coriantumr pursued him;
And Lib gave battle unto him upon the seashore.
- 48 And it came to pass that Lib did smite the army
of Coriantumr, that they fled again
to the Wilderness of Akish.
- 49 And it came to pass that Lib did pursue him
until he came to the Plains of Agosh;

- 50 And Coriantumr had taken all the people with him,
as he fled before Lib, in that quarter of the land
whither he fled;
- 51 And when he had come to the Plains of Agosh,
he gave battle unto Lib,
And he smote upon him until he died;
Nevertheless, the brother of Lib did come against
Coriantumr in the stead thereof,
And the battle became exceeding sore, in the which
Coriantumr fled again before the army
of the brother of Lib.
- 52 Now the name of the brother of Lib was called Shiz.
- 53 And it came to pass that Shiz pursued after Coriantumr,
And he did overthrow many cities,
And he did slay both women and children,
And he did burn the cities thereof;
- 54 And there went a fear of Shiz throughout all the land,
Yea, a cry went forth throughout the land:
“Who can stand before the army of Shiz?
Behold, he sweepeth the earth before him!”
- 55 And it came to pass that the people began to flock together
in armies throughout all the face of the land;
- 56 And they were divided—
and a part of them fled to the army of Shiz,
and a part of them fled to the army of Coriantumr.
- 57 And so great and lasting had been the war,
And so long had been the scene of bloodshed and carnage,
that the whole face of the land was covered
with the bodies of the dead;
- 58 And so swift and speedy was the war,
that there was none left to bury the dead,
But they did march forth from the shedding
of blood to the shedding of blood,
Leaving the ^abodies of both men, women and children
strewn upon the face of the land
to become a prey to the worms of the flesh;
- 59 And the scent thereof went forth upon the face
of the land, even upon all the face of the land;
Wherefore, the people became troubled by day
and by night because of the scent thereof.

^a O 1:37-39
Mos 5:61-71
A 13:74
Eth 4:95-96

- 60 Nevertheless, Shiz did not cease to pursue Coriantumr,
 For he had sworn to avenge himself upon Coriantumr
 of the blood of his brother which had been slain.
- And the word of the Lord came to Ether,
 that Coriantumr should not fall by the sword.
- 61 And thus we see that the Lord did visit them
 in the fullness of His wrath,
 And their wickedness and abominations had prepared
 a way for their everlasting destruction.
- 62 And it came to pass that Shiz did pursue Coriantumr
 eastward, even to the borders by the seashore,
 And there he gave battle unto Shiz
 for the space of three days;
- 63 And so terrible was the destruction among the armies
 of Shiz, that the people began to be frightened and
 began to flee before the armies of Coriantumr;
- 64 And they fled to the Land of Corihor and swept off
 the inhabitants before them—all they
 that would not join them,
 And they pitched their tents in the Valley of Corihor;
- 65 And Coriantumr pitched his tents in the Valley of Shurr.
- 66 Now the Valley of Shurr was near the Hill Comron;
 Wherefore, Coriantumr did gather his armies together
 upon the Hill Comron and did sound a trumpet
 unto the armies of Shiz to invite them forth to battle.
- 67 And it came to pass that they came forth,
 but were driven again;
 And they came the second time,
 And they were driven again the second time.
- 68 And it came to pass that they came again the third time,
 And the battle became exceeding sore.
- 69 And it came to pass that Shiz smote upon Coriantumr,
 that he gave him many deep wounds;
- 70 And Coriantumr, having lost his blood, fainted
 and was carried away as though he were dead.
- 71 Now the loss of men, women and children on both sides
 was so great that Shiz commanded his people that
 they should not pursue the armies of Coriantumr;

Wherefore, they returned to their camp.

- 72 And it came to pass that when Coriantumr had recovered of his wounds, he began to remember the words which Ether had spoken unto him;
- 73 He saw that there had been slain by the sword already nearly two millions of his people, And he began to sorrow in his heart; Yea, there had been slain two millions of mighty men, and also their wives and their children;
- 74 He began to repent of the evil which he had done; He began to remember the words which had been spoken by the mouth of all the prophets, And he saw them, that they were fulfilled thus far, every whit; And his soul mourned and refused to be comforted.
- 75 And it came to pass that he wrote an epistle unto Shiz, desiring him that he would spare the people, And he would give up the kingdom for the sake of the lives of the people.
- 76 And it came to pass that when Shiz had received his epistle, he wrote an epistle unto Coriantumr, That if he would give himself up that he might slay him with his own sword, that he would spare the lives of the people.
- 77 And it came to pass that the people repented not of their iniquity; And the people of Coriantumr were stirred up to anger against the people of Shiz,
- 78 And the people of Shiz were stirred up to anger against the people of Coriantumr; Wherefore, the people of Shiz did give battle unto the people of Coriantumr,
- 79 And when Coriantumr saw that he was about to fall, he fled again before the people of Shiz.
- 80 And it came to pass that he came to the waters of Ripliancum, which, by interpretation, is "large" or "to exceed all"; Wherefore, when they came to these waters, they pitched their tents; And Shiz also pitched his tents near unto them;

- And therefore, on the morrow they did come to battle.
- 81 And it came to pass that they fought
 an exceeding sore battle,
 In the which Coriantumr was wounded again
 and he fainted with the loss of blood.
- 82 And it came to pass that the armies of Coriantumr
 did press upon the armies of Shiz that they beat them—
 that they caused them to flee before them;
 And they did flee southward and did pitch their tents
 in a place which was called Ogath.
- 83 And it came to pass that the army of Coriantumr
 did pitch their tents by the Hill Ramah;
 And it was that ^asame hill where my father Mormon did
 hide up the records unto the Lord which were sacred.
- 84 And it came to pass that they did gather together
 all the people upon all the face of the land
 which had not been slain, save it were Ether.
- 85 And it came to pass that Ether did behold
 all the doings of the people;
 And he beheld that the people which were for Coriantumr
 were gathered together to the army of Coriantumr,
 And the people which were for Shiz were
 gathered together to the army of Shiz;
- 86 Wherefore, they were for the space of four years gathering
 together the people that they might get all
 which were upon the face of the land,
 And that they might receive all the strength
 which it was possible that they could receive.
- 87 And it came to pass that when they were all gathered
 together, everyone to the army which he would,
 with their wives and their children—
 Both men, women and children
 being armed with weapons of war,
 Having shields and breastplates and headplates,
 And being clothed after the manner of war—
 They did march forth one against another to battle;
 And they fought all that day and conquered not.
- 88 And it came to pass that when it was night,

a Mn 3:3-8

they were weary and retired to their camps;
And after that they had retired to their camps,
they took up a howling and a lamentation
for the loss of the slain of their people;
And so great were their cries, their howlings and
lamentations, that it did rend the air exceedingly.

- 89 And it came to pass that on the morrow
they did go again to battle,
And great and terrible was that day;
- 90 Nevertheless, they conquered not;
And when the night came again, they did rend the air
with their cries and their howlings and their mournings
for the loss of the slain of their people.
- 91 And it came to pass that Coriantumr wrote again
an epistle unto Shiz, desiring that he
would not come again to battle,
But that he would take the kingdom
and spare the lives of the people;
- 92 But behold, the Spirit of the Lord had ceased striving
with them and satan had full power
over the hearts of the people,
For they were given up unto the hardness of their hearts
and the blindness of their minds,
that they might be destroyed;
Wherefore, they went again to battle.
- 93 And it came to pass that they fought all that day,
And when the night came, they slept upon their swords;
And on the morrow they fought even until the night came,
- 94 And when the night came, they were drunken with anger,
even as a man which is drunken with wine;
And they slept again upon their swords;
And on the morrow they fought again,
- 95 And when the night came, they had all fallen by the sword,
save it were fifty and two of the people of Coriantumr
and sixty and nine of the people of Shiz.
- 96 And it came to pass that they
slept upon their swords that night;
And on the morrow they fought again,
And they contended in their mights with their swords
and with their shields all that day;

- 97 And when the night came there were thirty and two
of the people of Shiz and twenty and seven
of the people of Coriantumr.
- 98 And it came to pass that they ate and slept
and prepared for death on the morrow;
- 99 And they were large and mighty men,
as to the strength of men.
- 100 And it came to pass that they fought
for the space of three hours,
And they fainted with the loss of blood.
- 101 And it came to pass that when the men of Coriantumr
had received sufficient strength that they could walk,
they were about to flee for their lives;
But behold, Shiz arose, and also his men,
And he swore in his wrath that he would slay Coriantumr,
or he would perish by the sword;
- 102 Wherefore, he did pursue them,
And on the morrow he did overtake them;
And they fought again with the sword.
- 103 And it came to pass that when they had all fallen
by the sword, save it were Coriantumr and Shiz,
Behold, Shiz had fainted with loss of blood.
- 104 And it came to pass that when Coriantumr had
leaned upon his sword, that he rested a little,
And he smote off the head of Shiz.
- 105 And it came to pass that after he had smote off the head
of Shiz, that Shiz raised up on his hands and fell;
And after that he had struggled for breath, he died.
- 106 And it came to pass that Coriantumr fell to the earth
and became as if he had no life;
- 107 And the Lord spake unto Ether
and said unto him, “Go forth.”
- 108 And he went forth and beheld
that the words of the Lord had all been fulfilled;
And he finished his record—and the ^ahundredth part
I have not written—
And he had hid them in a manner
that the ^bpeople of Limhi did find them.

^a WM 1:8
H 2:13
3N 2:92; 12:1-5

^b Mos 5:63-64

109 Now the last words which are written by Ether are these:
“Whether the Lord will that I be translated,
or that I suffer the will of the Lord in the flesh,
It mattereth not, if it so be that I am saved
in the kingdom of God. Amen.”

THE BOOK OF MORONI



a Book of Ether

1 NOW I, Moroni, after having made an end
of abridging the ^aaccount of the people of Jared,
I had supposed to not have written more,
but I have not as yet perished.

And I make not myself known to the Lamanites,
lest they should destroy me;

2 For behold, their wars are exceeding fierce
among themselves;

And because of their hatred, they put to death
every Nephite that will not deny the Christ;

3 And I, Moroni, will not deny the Christ;
Wherefore, I wander whithersoever I can
for the safety of mine own life.

4 Wherefore, I write a few more things,
contrary to that which I had supposed—
For I had supposed not to have written any more—
But I write a few more things that perhaps they may be
of worth unto my brethren the Lamanites
in some future day, according to the will of the Lord.

2 *The words of Christ which He spake unto His disciples,
the twelve whom He had chosen, as He laid
His hands upon them.*

2 AND HE called them by name, saying:
“Ye shall call on the Father in My name in mighty prayer;
And after that ye have done this, ye shall have power
that on him whom ye shall lay your hands,
ye shall give the Holy Ghost;
And in My name shall ye give it,
For thus do Mine apostles.”

b 3N 8:70-72

3 Now Christ ^bspake these words unto them
at the time of His first appearing;
And the multitude heard it not;
But the disciples heard it,

And on as many as they laid their hands
fell the Holy Ghost.

3 *The manner which the disciples, which were called the
elders of the church, ordained priests and teachers.*

2 **AFTER THEY** had prayed unto the Father in the name
of Christ, they laid their hands upon them and said:
“In the name of Jesus Christ I ordain you to be a priest”—
Or if he be a teacher, “I ordain you to be a teacher”—
“To preach repentance and remission of sins through
Jesus Christ by the endurance of faith
on His name to the end. Amen.”

3 And after this manner did they ordain priests and teachers,
according to the gifts and callings of God unto men;
And they ordained them by the power of the Holy Ghost,
which was in them.

4 *The manner of their elders and priests administering
the flesh and blood of Christ unto the church.*

2 *And they administered it according to the
commandments of Christ.
Wherefore, we know that the manner to be true.
And the elder or priest did minister it.*

3 **AND THEY** did kneel down with the church
and pray to the Father in the name of Christ, saying:

4 “O God, the Eternal Father,
We ask Thee in the ^aname of Thy Son Jesus Christ
to bless and sanctify this bread to the souls
of all those who partake of it,
That they may eat in remembrance of the body of Thy Son,
And witness unto Thee, O God, the Eternal Father,
That they are willing to take upon them the name of Thy Son,
And always remember Him and keep His commandments
which He hath given them,
That they may always have His Spirit to be with them.
Amen.”

a 2N 13:16

5 *The manner of administering the wine.*

2 **BEHOLD, THEY** took the cup and said:

3 “O God, the Eternal Father,
 We ask Thee in the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ
 to bless and sanctify this wine to the souls
 of all those who drink of it,
 That they may do it in remembrance of the blood
 of Thy Son which was shed for them,
 That they may witness unto Thee,
 O God, the Eternal Father,
 That they do always remember Him,
 That they may have His Spirit to be with them. Amen.”

6 *And now I speak concerning
 baptism.*

2 **BEHOLD, ELDERS,** priests and teachers were baptized;
 And they were not baptized, save they brought forth fruit
 meet that they were worthy of it;
 Neither did they receive any unto baptism, save they came
 forth with a broken heart and a contrite spirit and
 witnessed unto the church that they truly repented
 of all their sins;

3 And none were received unto baptism, save they
 took upon them the name of Christ, having
 a determination to serve Him unto the end.

4 And after that they had been received unto baptism
 and were wrought upon and cleansed by the power
 of the Holy Ghost, they were numbered among
 the people of the church of Christ;

5 And their names were taken that they might be
 remembered and nourished by the good
 word of God to keep them in the right way—
 To keep them continually watchful unto prayer,
 relying alone upon the merits of Christ who was
 the author and the finisher of their faith.

6 And the church did meet together oft to fast and to pray
 and to speak one with another concerning
 the welfare of their souls;
 And they did meet together oft to partake of bread
 and wine in remembrance of the Lord Jesus;

7 And they were strict to observe that there
 should be no iniquity among them.

And whoso was found to commit iniquity
and three witnesses of the church
did condemn them before the elders—

8 And if they repented not and confessed not—
Their names were blotted out and they were
not numbered among the people of Christ;
But as oft as they repented and sought forgiveness,
with real intent, they were forgiven.

9 And their meetings were conducted by the church
after the manner of the workings of the Spirit
and by the power of the Holy Ghost;
For as the power of the Holy Ghost led them—
whether to preach,
or exhort,
or to pray,
or to supplicate,
or to sing—
Even so it was done.

7 *And now I, Moroni, write a few of the words
of my father Mormon, which he spake
concerning faith, hope and charity.
For after this manner did he speak unto the people
as he taught them in the synagogue which they
had built for the place of worship.*

2 **AND NOW I**, Mormon, speak unto you,
my beloved brethren;
And it is by the grace of God the Father and our Lord
Jesus Christ and His holy will, because of the gift
of His calling unto me, that I am permitted
to speak unto you at this time;

3 Wherefore, I would speak unto you that are of the church,
that are the peaceable followers of Christ,
And that have obtained a sufficient hope by which ye
can enter into the rest of the Lord from this time
henceforth, until ye shall rest with Him in heaven.

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4 And now my brethren, I judge these things of you because
of your peaceable walk with the children of men;
For I remember the word of God which saith:
“By their works ye shall know them;
For if their works be good, then they are good also.”

- 5 For behold, God hath said:
 “A man being evil cannot do that which is good.”
- For if he offereth a gift or prayeth unto God, except he shall do it with real intent, it profiteth him nothing;
- 6 For behold, it is not counted unto him for righteousness.
- 7 For behold, if a man being evil giveth a gift,
 he doeth it grudgingly;
 Wherefore, it is counted unto him
 the same as if he had retained the gift;
 Wherefore, he is counted evil before God.
- 8 And likewise also is it counted evil unto a man
 if he shall pray, and not with real intent of ^aheart;
 Yea, and it profiteth him nothing,
 for God receiveth none such;
 Wherefore, a man being evil cannot do that which is good;
 Neither will he give a good gift.
- 9 For behold, a bitter fountain
 cannot bring forth good water;
 Neither can a good fountain bring forth bitter water;
 Wherefore, a man being the servant of the devil
 cannot follow Christ;
 And if he follow Christ, he cannot be a servant of the devil.
- 10 Wherefore, all things which are good cometh of God;
 And that which is evil cometh of the devil;
 For the devil is an enemy unto God
 and fighteth against Him continually,
 And inviteth and enticeth to sin
 and to do that which is evil continually.
- 11 But behold, that which is of God inviteth
 and enticeth to do good continually;
 Wherefore, everything which inviteth and enticeth
 to do good and to love God and to serve Him
 is inspired of God;
- 12 Wherefore, take heed, my beloved brethren, that ye
 do not judge that which is evil to be of God,
 Or that which is good and of God to be of the devil.
- 13 For behold, my brethren, it is given unto you to judge,
 that ye may know good from evil;
 And the way to judge is as plain, that ye may know

a Eth 1:83-85

- with a ^aperfect knowledge, as the daylight
is from the dark night;
- 14 For behold, the Spirit of Christ is given to every man,
that they may know good from evil.
- Wherefore, I show unto you the way to judge:
For everything which inviteth to do good and
to ^bpersuade to believe in Christ is sent forth
by the power and gift of Christ;
- 15 Wherefore, ye may know with a perfect knowledge
it is of God;
But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil and
believe not in Christ and deny Him and serve not God,
Then ye may know with a perfect knowledge
it is of the devil;
- 16 For after this manner doth the devil work,
For he persuadeth no man to do good—No! Not one!
neither doth his angels,
neither doth they which subject themselves unto him.
- 17 And now my brethren, seeing that ye know the light by
which ye may judge, which light is the light of Christ,
See that ye do not judge wrongfully;
For with that same judgment which ye judge,
ye shall also be judged;
- 18 Wherefore, I beseech of you, brethren, that ye
should search diligently in the light of Christ
that ye may know good from evil;
And if ye will lay hold upon every good thing and
condemn it not, ye certainly will be a child of Christ.
- 19 And now my brethren, how is it possible
that ye can lay hold upon every good thing?
- 20 And now I come to that faith
of which I said I would speak,
And I will tell you the way whereby
ye may lay hold on every good thing.
- 21 For behold, God knowing all things,
being from everlasting to everlasting,
Behold, He sent angels to minister unto the children of
men, to make manifest concerning the coming of Christ;
And in Christ there should come every good thing;
- 22 And God also declared unto prophets by His own mouth

b Eth 1:106

that Christ should come.

- 23 And behold, there were divers ways that He did manifest things unto the children of men, which were good; And all things which are good cometh of Christ; Otherwise, men were fallen and there could no good thing come unto them;
- 24 Wherefore, by the ministering of angels and by every word which proceeded forth out of the mouth of God, men began to exercise faith in Christ; And thus by faith they did lay hold upon every good thing; And thus it was until the coming of Christ;
- 25 And after that He came, men also were saved by faith in His name; And by faith they become the sons of God.
- 26 And assuredly as Christ liveth, He spake these words unto our fathers, saying:
 “Whatsoever thing ye shall ask the Father in My name, which is good, in faith ^abelieving that ye shall receive, Behold, it shall be done unto you.”
- 27 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, hath miracles ceased because that Christ hath ascended into heaven and hath sat down on the right hand of God to claim of the Father His rights of mercy which He hath upon the children of men?—
- 28 For He hath answered the ends of the law, And He claimeth all those that hath faith in Him; And they that have faith in Him will cleave unto every good thing; Wherefore, He advocateth the cause of the children of men; And He dwelleth eternally in the heavens—
- 29 And because that He hath done this, my beloved brethren, hath miracles ceased?
- 30 Behold, I say unto you, Nay! Neither hath angels ceased to minister unto the children of men;
- 31 For behold, they are subject unto Him to minister according to the word of His command, Showing themselves unto them of strong faith and a firm mind in every form of godliness;
- 32 And the office of their ministry is to call men unto repentance,

a En 1:24
 Mos 2:36
 A 13:51
 3N 8:51; 13:6
 Mn 4:84

- And to fulfill and to do the work of the covenants of the
 Father which He hath made unto the children of men,
 To prepare the way among the children of men by
 declaring the word of Christ unto the chosen vessels
 of the Lord, that they may bear testimony of Him.
- 33 And by so doing, the Lord God prepareth the way that
 the residue of men may have faith in Christ,
 that the Holy Ghost may have place in
 their hearts according to the power thereof;
- 34 And after this manner bringeth to pass the Father
 the covenants which He hath made
 unto the children of men.
- 35 And Christ hath said:
 “If ye will have faith in Me, ye shall have power
 to do whatsoever thing is expedient in Me.”
- 36 And He hath said:
 “Repent! all ye ends of the earth,
 and come unto Me!
 and be baptized in My name!
 and have faith in Me that ye may be saved!”
- 37 And now my beloved brethren, if this be the case, that
 these things are true which I have spoken unto you—
 And God will show unto you with power and great glory
 at the last day that they are ^atrue—
 And if they are true, hath the day of miracles ceased?
- 38 Or hath angels ceased to appear unto the children of men?
- 39 Or hath He withheld the power of the Holy Ghost
 from them?
- 40 Or will He, so long as time shall last?
 Or the earth shall stand?
 Or there shall be one man upon
 the face thereof to be saved?
- 41 Behold, I say unto you, Nay!
 For it is by faith that miracles are wrought;
 And it is by faith that angels appear
 and minister unto men.
- 42 Wherefore, if these things have ceased,
 wo be unto the children of men!
 For it is because of unbelief,

a 1N 1:2; 3:256
 2N 11:39;
 15:12-14
 Mos 1:9-10
 A 1:110
 Eth 2:2
 Mi 10:4-6, 26

- And all is vain, for no man can be saved, according to the words of Christ, save they shall have faith in His name;
- 43 Wherefore, if these things have ceased, then has faith ceased also and awful is the state of man, For they are as though there had been no redemption made.
- 44 But behold, my beloved brethren, I judge better things of you, For I judge that ye have faith in Christ because of your meekness; For if ye have not faith in Him, then ye are not fit to be numbered among the people of His church.
- 45 And again, my beloved brethren, I would speak unto you concerning hope;
- 46 How is it that ye can attain unto faith, save ye shall have hope? And what is it that ye shall hope for?
- 47 Behold, I say unto you that ye shall have hope through the atonement of Christ and the power of His resurrection to be raised unto life eternal, And this because of your faith in Him according to the promise;
- 48 Wherefore, if a man have faith, he must needs have hope; For without faith, there cannot be any hope.
- 49 And again, behold, I say unto you that he cannot have faith and hope, save he shall be meek and lowly of heart; If so, his faith and hope are vain, For none is acceptable before God, save the meek and lowly of heart;
- 50 And if a man be meek and lowly in heart and confesses by the power of the Holy Ghost that Jesus is the Christ, he must needs have charity; For if he have not charity, he is nothing; Wherefore, he must needs have charity—
- 51 And charity suffereth long, and is kind and envieth not, and is not puffed up, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil,

and rejoiceth not in iniquity,
 but rejoiceth in the truth,
 beareth all things,
 believeth all things,
 hopeth all things,
 endureth all things—

- Wherefore, my beloved brethren, if ye have not charity
 ye are nothing, for charity never faileth;
- 52 Wherefore, cleave unto charity, which is the greatest of all,
 for all things must fail;
 But charity is the pure love of Christ,
 And it endureth forever;
 And whoso is found possessed of it at the last day,
 it shall be well with them.
- 53 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, pray unto the Father
 with all the energy of heart,
 That ye may be filled with this love which He
 hath bestowed upon all who are true followers
 of His Son Jesus Christ,
 That ye may become the sons of God,
 That when He shall appear, we shall be like Him—
 for we shall see Him as He is—
 That we may have this hope,
 That we may be purified even as He is pure. Amen.

8 *An epistle of my father Mormon, written to me, Moroni.
 And it was written unto me soon after my calling to the
 ministry.*

- 2 **AND ON** this wise did he write unto me, saying:
 “My beloved son Moroni,
 I rejoice exceedingly that your Lord Jesus Christ
 hath been mindful of you and hath called you
 to His ministry and to His holy work;
- 3 I am mindful of you always in my prayers,
 Continually praying unto God the Father,
 in the name of His holy Child Jesus,
 That He through His infinite goodness and grace
 will keep you through the endurance of faith
 on His name to the end.
- 4 “And now my son, I speak unto you concerning

- that which grieveth me exceedingly;
 For it grieveth me that there should
 disputations rise among you;
- 5 For if I have learned the truth, there have been
 disputations among you concerning
 the baptizing of your little children.
- 6 “And now my son, I desire that ye should labor
 exceedingly that this gross error
 should be removed from among you;
 For, for this intent I have written this epistle.
- 7 “For immediately after I had learned these things of you,
 I inquired of the Lord concerning the matter;
- 8 And the word of the Lord came to me by the power
 of the Holy Ghost, saying:
 ‘Listen to the words of Christ your Redeemer,
 your Lord and your God;
- 9 Behold, I came into the world, not to call the righteous,
 but sinners to repentance;
 The whole need no physician, but they that are sick;
 Wherefore, little children are whole,
 for they are not capable of committing sin;
 Wherefore, the curse of Adam is taken from them in Me,
 that it hath no power over them;
 And the law of circumcision is done away in Me.’
- 10 “And after this manner did the Holy Ghost
 manifest the word of God unto me;
 Wherefore, my beloved son, I know that it is
 solemn ^amockery before God that ye
 should baptize little children.
- 11 “Behold, I say unto you that this thing shall ye teach:
 Repentance and baptism unto they which are
 accountable and capable of committing sin;
 Yea, teach parents that they must repent and be baptized
 and humble themselves as their little children,
 And they shall all be saved with their little children;
 And their little children need no repentance,
 neither baptism.
- 12 “Behold, baptism is unto repentance to the fulfilling
 the commandments unto the remission of sins;
- 13 But little children are alive in Christ,

a Mos 1:122

- even from the foundation of the world;
 If not so, God is a partial God, and also a
 changeable Being and a respecter to persons;
 For how many little children have died without baptism?
 14 Wherefore, if little children could not be saved without
 baptism, these must have gone to an endless hell.
- 15 “Behold, I say unto you that he that supposeth that
 little children needeth baptism is in the gall
 of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity,
 For he hath neither faith, hope nor charity;
 Wherefore, should he be cut off while in the thought,
 he must go down to hell;
- 16 For awful is the wickedness to suppose that God
 saveth one child because of baptism and the other
 must perish because he hath no baptism;
- 17 Wo be unto him that shall pervert the ways
 of the Lord after this manner!
 For they shall perish, except they repent!
- 18 “Behold, I speak with boldness,
 having authority from God;
 For I ^afear not what man can do;
 For perfect love casteth out all fear;
 And I am filled with charity, which is everlasting love;
 Wherefore, all children are alike unto me;
 Wherefore, I love little children with a perfect love;
 And they are all alike and partakers of salvation;
- 19 For I know that God is not a partial God,
 neither a changeable Being,
 But He is unchangeable from all eternity to all eternity.
- 20 “Little children cannot repent;
 Wherefore, it is awful wickedness to deny
 the pure mercies of God unto them,
 For they are all alive in Him because of His mercy;
- 21 And He that saith that little children needeth baptism
 denieth the mercies of Christ and setteth at naught the
 atonement of Him and the power of His redemption;
- 22 Wo unto such! for they are in danger of death,
 hell and an endless torment;
- 23 I speak it boldly! God hath commanded me.
- 24 “Listen unto them and give heed,
 Or they stand against you at the judgment seat of Christ;

a 2N 5:83, 93

- 25 For behold that all little children are alive in Christ,
and also all they that are without the law;
- 26 For the power of redemption cometh
on all they that have no law;
Wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is
under no condemnation, cannot repent,
And unto such baptism availeth nothing;
- 27 But it is mockery before God! denying the mercies
of Christ and the power of His Holy Spirit
and putting trust in dead works.
- 28 “Behold, my son, this thing had not ought to be!
For repentance is unto them that are under condemnation
and under the curse of a broken law;
- 29 And the firstfruits of repentance is baptism,
And baptism cometh by faith,
unto the fulfilling the commandments,
And the fulfilling the commandments
bringeth remission of sins,
And the remission of sins
bringeth meekness and lowliness of heart,
And because of meekness and lowliness of heart
cometh the visitation of the Holy Ghost,
Which Comforter filleth with hope and perfect love,
Which love endureth by diligence unto prayer, until the
end shall come when all the saints shall dwell with God.
- 30 “Behold, my son, I will write unto you again
if I go not out soon against the Lamanites.
- 31 “Behold, the pride of this nation, or the pride
of the Nephites, hath proved their destruction,
except they should repent;
- 32 Pray for them, my son, that repentance
may come unto them.
- 33 “But behold, I fear lest the Spirit hath ceased
striving with them;
And in this part of the land they are also seeking to put
down all power and authority which cometh from God,
And they are denying the Holy Ghost;
- 34 And after rejecting so great a knowledge,
my son, they must perish soon,
Unto the fulfilling of the prophecies
which were spoken by the prophets,

as well as the words of our Savior Himself.

35 “Farewell, my son, until I shall write unto you
or shall meet you again. Amen.”

9 *The second epistle of Mormon to his son Moroni.*

“MY BELOVED son, I write unto you again
that ye may know that I am yet alive;
But I write somewhat that which is grievous.

2 “For behold, I have had a sore battle with the Lamanites,
in the which we did not conquer;
And Archeantus has fallen by the sword,
and also Laram and Emron,
Yea, and we have lost a great number of our choice men.

3 “And now behold, my son, I fear lest the Lamanites
shall destroy this people, for they do not repent,
And satan stirreth them up continually
to anger one with another.

4 “Behold, I am laboring with them continually;
And when I speak the word of God with sharpness,
they tremble and anger against me;
And when I use no sharpness,
they harden their hearts against it;
Wherefore, I fear lest the Spirit of the Lord
hath ceased striving with them;

5 For so exceedingly do they anger, that it seemeth me
that they have no fear of death;
And they have lost their love one toward another;
And they ^athirst after blood and revenge continually.

6 “And now my beloved son, notwithstanding
their hardness, let us labor diligently;
For if we should cease to labor, we should be
brought under condemnation;
For we have a labor to perform whilst in this tabernacle
of clay, that we may conquer the enemy of all
righteousness and rest our souls in the kingdom of God.

7 “And now I write somewhat concerning
the sufferings of this people;

8 For according to the knowledge which I have received
from Amoron,

a Mn 2:13-14

- Behold, the Lamanites have many prisoners
 which they took from the tower of Sherrizah;
 And there were men, women and children,
 9 And the husbands and fathers of those women
 and children they have slain,
 And they feed the women upon the flesh of their husbands
 and the children upon the flesh of their fathers;
 And no water, save a little, do they give unto them.
- 10 “And notwithstanding this great abomination
 of the Lamanites, it doth not exceed
 that of our people in Moriantum;
- 11 For behold, many of the daughters of the Lamanites
 have they taken prisoners;
 And after depriving them of that which was most dear
 and precious above all things—
 which is chastity and virtue—
 And after that they had done this thing, they did
 murder them in a most cruel manner,
 torturing their bodies even unto death;
 And after that they have done this, they
 devour their flesh like unto wild beasts
 because of the hardness of their hearts;
 And they do it for a token of bravery.
- 12 “O my beloved son, how can a people like this
 that are without civilization—
 And only a few years have passed away and they
 were a civil and a delightsome people—
 But O my son, how can a people like this,
 whose delight is in so much abomination—
 How can we expect that God will stay His hand
 in judgment against us?
- 13 “Behold, my heart cries, Wo unto this people!
 14 Come out in judgment, O God,
 And hide their sins and wickedness
 and abominations from before Thy face!
- 15 “And again, my son, there are many widows
 and their daughters which remain in Sherrizah;
 And that part of the provisions which the Lamanites
 did not carry away,
 Behold, the army of Zenephi has carried away and left
 them to wander whithersoever they can for food;

And many old women do faint by the way and die.

- 16 “And the army which is with me is weak;
And the armies of the Lamanites are
betwixt Sherrizah and me;
And as many as have fled to the army of Aaron
have fallen victims to their awful brutality.
- 17 “O the depravity of my people!
They are without order and without mercy.
- 18 “Behold, I am but a man and I have
but the strength of a man,
And I cannot any longer enforce my commands;
And they have become strong in their perversion;
- 19 And they are alike brutal, sparing none,
neither old nor young;
And they delight in everything, save that which is good;
And the sufferings of our women and our children
upon all the face of this land doth exceed everything—
Yea, tongue cannot tell, neither can it be written.
- 20 “And now my son, I dwell no longer
upon this horrible scene;
- 21 Behold, thou knowest the wickedness of this people;
Thou knowest that they are without principle
and past feeling;
And their wickedness doth exceed that of the Lamanites;
- 22 Behold, my son, I cannot recommend them
unto God, lest He should smite me.
- 23 “But behold, my son, I recommend thee unto God,
And I trust in Christ that thou wilt be saved;
And I pray unto God that He would spare thy life
to witness the return of His people unto Him,
or their utter destruction;
- 24 For I know that they must perish, except they repent
and return unto Him;
And if they perish, it will be ^alike unto the Jaredites,
because of the ^bwillfulness of their hearts,
seeking for blood and revenge;
- 25 And if it so be that they perish, we know that many of
our brethren have ^cdissented over unto the Lamanites
and many more will also dissent over unto them;
- 26 Wherefore, write somewhat a few things, if thou

^a Eth ch 6

^b Mos 8:61-78
3N 3:17-20
4N 1:42

^c 1N 3:177-178
A 21:13-14

art spared and I should perish and not see thee;
 But I trust that I may see thee soon, for I have sacred
 records that I would deliver up unto thee.

a 1N 2:18

- 27 “My son, be faithful ^ain Christ;
 And may not the things which I have written
 grieve thee, to weigh thee down unto death,
 But may Christ lift thee up;
 And may His sufferings and death,
 and the showing His body unto our fathers,
 and His mercy and longsuffering,
 and the hope of His glory and of eternal life
 rest in your mind forever;
- 28 And may the grace of God the Father, whose throne is high
 in the heavens, and our Lord Jesus Christ, who sitteth
 on the right hand of His power until all things shall
 become subject unto Him, be and abide with you
 forever. Amen.”

10 NOW I, Moroni, write somewhat as seemeth me good;
 And I write unto my brethren the Lamanites,

And I would that they should know that more than
¹four hundred and twenty years have passed away
 since the ^bsign was given of the coming of Christ;

1 AD 420+
 b 3N 1:8-20

2 And I seal up these records after that I have spoken
 a few words by way of exhortation unto you.

3 Behold, I would exhort you that when ye shall read
 these things—if it be wisdom in God that ye
 should read them—

That ye would remember how merciful the Lord hath
 been unto the children of men from the creation
 of Adam, even down until the time
 that ye shall receive these things,

c 2N 3:29

And ponder it in your ^chearts.

4 And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you
 that ye would ask God the Eternal Father, in the name
 of Christ, if these things are not true;

2 and = then
 d 1N 1:2; 3:256
 2N 11:39;
 15:12-14
 Mos 1:9-10
 A 1:110
 Eth 2:2
 Mi 7:37; 10:26

5 And if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent,
 having faith in Christ,

²And He will manifest the ^dtruth of it unto you
 by the power of the Holy Ghost;
 And by the power of the Holy Ghost,

- ye may know the truth of all things;
- 6 And whatsoever thing is ^agood, is just and true;
Wherefore, nothing that is good denieth the Christ,
but acknowledgeth that He is.
- 7 And ye may know that He is
by the power of the Holy Ghost;
Wherefore, I would exhort you
that ye deny not the power of God;
For He worketh by power according to the faith
of the children of men, the same today
and tomorrow and forever.
- 8 And again I exhort you, my brethren, that ye deny not
the gifts of God, for they are many
and they come from the same God;
- 9 And there are different ways
that these gifts are administered,
But it is the same God which worketh all in all;
And they are given by the manifestations of the Spirit
of God unto men to profit them.
- 10 For behold, to one is given by the Spirit of God,
that he may teach the word of wisdom;
And to another, that he may teach the
word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
And to another, exceeding great faith;
And to another, the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
- 11 And again, to another, that he may work mighty miracles;
And again, to another, that he may prophesy
concerning all things;
And again, to another, the beholding of angels
and ministering spirits;
And again, to another, all kinds of ^btongues;
And again, to another, the interpretation of languages
and of divers kinds of tongues.
- 12 And all these gifts come by the Spirit of Christ;
And they come unto every man severally,
according as He will.
- 13 And I would exhort you, my beloved brethren, that ye
remember that every good gift cometh of Christ.
- 14 And I would exhort you, my beloved brethren,
that ye remember that He is the same yesterday,

a Mi 7:10-18

b 2N 14:2-6
O 1:44

- today and forever,
 And that all these gifts of which I have spoken,
 which are spiritual, never will be done away,
 even as long as the world shall stand, only
 according to the unbelief of the children of men.
- 15 Wherefore, there must be faith;
 And if there must be faith, there must also be hope;
 And if there must be hope, there must also be charity;
 And except ye have charity, ye can in no wise
 be saved in the kingdom of God;
- 16 Neither can ye be saved in the kingdom of God,
 if ye have not faith;
 Neither can ye, if ye have no hope;
 And if ye have no hope, ye must needs be in despair;
 And despair cometh because of iniquity.
- 17 And Christ truly said unto our fathers:
 “If ye have faith, ye can do all things
 which are expedient unto Me.”
- 18 And now I speak unto all the ends of the earth—
 That if the day cometh that the power and gifts of God
 shall be done away among you,
 it shall be because of unbelief;
- 19 And wo be unto the children of men if this be the case!
 For there shall be none that doeth good among you—
 No! Not one!
- 20 For if there be one among you that doeth good,
 he shall work by the power and gifts of God.
- 21 And wo unto them which shall
 do these things away and die!
 For they die in their sins,
 And they cannot be saved in the kingdom of God;
 And I speak it according to the words of Christ;
 And I lie not.
- 22 And I exhort you to remember these things!
 For the time speedily cometh that ye
 shall know that I lie not,
 For ye shall see me at the bar of God,
 And the Lord God will say unto you:
 “Did I not declare My words unto you which were written
 by this man, like as one crying from the dead?”

- 23 Yea, even as one speaking out of the dust?"
- 24 I declare these things unto the fulfilling of the prophecies;
 25 And behold, they shall proceed forth out
 of the mouth of the Everlasting God;
 And His word shall hiss forth from generation
 to generation;
- 26 And God shall show unto you that
 that which I have written is ^atrue.
- 27 And again, I would exhort you that ye would
 come unto Christ and lay hold upon every good gift
 and touch not the evil gift, nor the unclean thing!
- 28 And ^bawake! And arise from the dust, O Jerusalem!
 Yea, and put on thy beautiful garments,
 O daughter of Zion!
 And strengthen thy stakes and enlarge thy borders forever,
 that thou mayest no more be confounded,
 That the covenants of the Eternal God which He hath
 made unto thee, O house of Israel, may be fulfilled.
- 29 Yea, come unto Christ and be perfected in Him
 and deny yourselves of all ungodliness,
 And if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness and
 love God with all your might, mind and strength,
 Then is His grace sufficient for you,
 that by His grace ye may be perfect in Christ;
 And if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ,
 ye can in no wise deny the power of God.
- 30 And again, if ye by the grace of God are perfect in Christ
 and deny not His power,
 Then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God
 through the shedding of the blood of Christ,
 Which is in the covenant of the Father unto the remission
 of your sins, that ye become holy without spot.
- 31 And now, I bid unto all, farewell;
 I soon go to rest in the paradise of God until my spirit
 and body shall again ^creunite,
 And I am brought forth triumphant through the air to
 meet you before the pleasing bar of the great Jehovah,
 the Eternal Judge of both ¹quick and dead. Amen.

a 1N 1:2; 3:256
 2N 11:39;
 15:12-14
 Mos 1:9-10
 A 1:110
 Eth 2:2
 Mi 7:37; 10:4-6

b Isa 52:1-2; 54:2, 4

c 2N 6:31-35

¹ quick = living

THE END