

to 'restore the Lamanites unto the true faith in God. But our labors were vain; their 'hatred was fixed, and they were led by their evil nature that they became wild, and ferocious, and a blood-thirsty people, full of idolatry and filthiness; feeding upon beasts of prey; dwelling in tents, and wandering about in the wilderness with a short skin girdle about their loins and their heads shaven; and their skill was in the bow, and in the cimeter, and the ax. And many of them did eat nothing save it was raw meat; and they were continually seeking to destroy us.

21. And it came to pass that the people of Nephi did till the land, and 'raise all manner of grain, and of fruit, and flocks of herds, and flocks of all manner of cattle of every kind, and goats, and wild goats, and also many horses.

22. And there were exceeding many prophets among us. And the people were a stiffnecked people, hard to understand.

23. And there was nothing save it was 'exceeding harshness, preaching and prophesying of wars, and contentions, and destructions, and continually reminding them of death, and the duration of eternity, and the judgments and the power of God, and all these things—stirring them up contin-

ually to keep them in the fear of the Lord. I say there was nothing short of these things, and exceeding great plainness of speech, would keep them from going down speedily to destruction. And after this manner do I write concerning them.

24. And I saw wars between the Nephites and Lamanites in the course of my days.

25. And it came to pass that I began to be old, *and an hundred and seventy and nine years had passed away from the time that our father Lehi 'left Jerusalem.

26. And I saw that I must soon go down to my grave, having been wrought upon by the power of God that I must preach and prophesy unto this people, and declare the word according to the truth which is in Christ. And I have declared it in all my days, and have rejoiced in it above that of the world.

27. And I soon go to the place of my rest, which is with my Redeemer; for I know that in him I shall rest. And I rejoice in the day when my mortal shall put on 'immortality, and shall stand before him; then shall I see his face with pleasure, and he will say unto me: Come unto me, ye blessed, there is a place prepared for you in the "mansions of my Father. Amen.

THE BOOK OF JAROM

Jarom, son of Enos, keeps the records—The Nephites serve the Lord and are prospered.

1. Now behold, I, Jarom, write a few words according to the commandment of my father, Enos, that our genealogy may be kept.

2. And as "these plates are small, and as these things are written for the intent of the benefit of our brethren the 'Lamanites, wherefore, it must needs be that I write a little; but I shall not write the things of my prophesy-

g, ver. 14. Jac. 7:24. *h*, see *n*, Jac. 7. *i*, 1 Ne. 18:25. *j*, see *a*, 1 Ne. 16. *k*, 1 Ne. 1:4. 2:2. 3. *l*, see *d*, 2 Ne. 2. 1 Cor. 15:53. 2 Tim. 1:10. *m*, Eth. 12:32—34. D. & C. 72:4. 98:18. John 14:2, 3. THE BOOK OF JAROM: *a*, see *b*, 1 Ne. 6. *b*, see *c*, 2 Ne. 27. * B. C. 420.

ing, nor of my revelations. For what could I write more than my fathers have written? For have not they revealed the plan of salvation? I say unto you, Yea; and this sufficeth me.

3. Behold, it is expedient that much should be done among this people, 'because of the hardness of their hearts, and the deafness of their ears, and the blindness of their minds, and the stiffness of their necks; nevertheless, God is exceeding merciful unto them, and has not as yet swept them off from the face of the land.

4. And there are many among us who have many revelations, for they are not all stiffnecked. And as many as are not stiff-necked and have faith, have communion with the Holy Spirit, which maketh manifest unto the children of men, according to their faith.

5. And now, behold, *two hundred years had passed away, and the people of Nephi had waxed strong in the land. They observed to 'keep the law of Moses and the sabbath day holy unto the Lord. And they profaned not; neither did they blaspheme. And the laws of the land were exceedingly strict.

6. And they were scattered upon much of the face of the land, and the Lamanites also. And they were exceeding more numerous than were they of the Nephites; and they 'loved murder and would drink the blood of beasts.

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

Lord; wherefore, we withstood the Lamanites and swept them away out of our lands, and began to fortify our cities, or whatsoever place of our inheritance.

8. And we multiplied exceedingly, and spread upon the face of the land, and became exceeding 'rich in gold, and in silver, and in precious things, and in fine workmanship of wood, in buildings, and in machinery, and also in iron and copper, and brass and steel, making all manner of tools of every kind to till the ground, and weapons of war—yea, the sharp pointed arrow, and the quiver, and the dart, and the javelin, and all preparations for war.

9. And thus being prepared to meet the Lamanites, they did not prosper against us. But the word of the Lord was verified, which he spake unto our fathers, saying that: 'Inasmuch as ye will keep my commandments ye shall prosper in the land.

10. And it came to pass that the prophets of the Lord did threaten the people of Nephi, according to the word of God, that if they did not keep the commandments, but should fall into transgression, they should be 'destroyed from off the face of the land.

11. Wherefore, the prophets, and the priests, and the teachers, did labor diligently, exhorting with all long-suffering the people to diligence; teaching the 'law of Moses, and the intent for which it was given; persuading them to look forward unto the Messiah, and believe in him to come as though he already was. And after this manner did they teach them.

c, Enos 23. *d*, see *o*, 2 Ne. 25. *e*, see *n*, Jac. 7. Enos 20. *f*, see *n*, 1 Ne. 18. *g*, see *h*, 2 Ne. 1. *h*, 1 Ne. 12:19, 20. Al. 45:10—14. He. 13:5—10. 3 Ne. 27:32. Morm. 6. *i*, see *o*, 2 Ne. 25. * B. C. 399.