

they returned again to the ^{2b}land of Zarahemla.

29. And it came to pass that they also took ^{2c}others to a considerable number, and took their journey again into the wilderness.

30. And I, Amaleki, had a brother, who also went with them; and I have not since known concerning them. And I am about to lie down in my grave; and these plates are ^{2d}full. And I make an end of my speaking.

THE WORDS OF MORMON

Mormon's abridgment and the smaller plates of Nephi—Relation of the foregoing part of the Book of Mormon to that which follows.

1. And now I, Mormon, being about to deliver up the ^arecord which I have been making into the hands of my son Moroni, behold I have witnessed almost all the destruction of my people, the Nephites.

2. And it is ^bmany hundred years after the coming of Christ ^{*}that I deliver these records into the ^chands of my son; and it supposeth me that he will witness the entire destruction of my people. But may God grant that he may survive them, that ^dhe may write somewhat concerning them, and somewhat concerning Christ, that perhaps some day it may profit them.

3. And now, I speak somewhat concerning that which I have written; for after I had made an ^eabridgment from the ^fplates of Nephi, down to the ^greign of this king Benjamin, of whom Amaleki spake, I searched among the ^hrecords which had been delivered into my hands, and I found ⁱthese plates, which contained this small account of the proph-

ets, from Jacob down to the reign of this king Benjamin, and also ^kmany of the words of Nephi.

4. And the things which are upon these plates pleasing me, because of the prophecies of the coming of Christ; and my fathers knowing that many of them have been fulfilled; yea, and I also know that as many things as have been prophesied concerning us down to this day have been fulfilled, and as many as go beyond this day must surely come to pass—

5. Wherefore, I chose ^lthese things, to finish my record upon them, which remainder of my ^mrecord I shall take from the ⁿplates of Nephi; and I cannot write the ^ohundredth part of the things of my people.

6. But behold, I shall take ^pthese plates, which contain these prophesyings and revelations, and put them with the remainder of my ^qrecord, for they are choice unto me; and I know they will be choice unto my brethren.

7. And I do this for a ^rwise purpose; for thus it whispereth me, according to the workings of the Spirit of the Lord which is in me. And now, I do not know all

2b, see *h*. 2c, Mos. 9:3, 4. 2d, vers. 11, 19. THE WORDS OF MORMON: *a*, 3 Ne. 5:10. *Morm.* 1:1—4. 2:17, 18. 5:9. 6:1, 6. 8:1, 4, 5, 14—16. 9:32—36. *Moro.* 9:23, 24. 10:1—5. *b*, *Morm.* 6:5. *c*, *Morm.* 6:6. *d*, *Morm.* 8:1—8. *e*, *Morm.* 5:9. *f*, see *f*, 1 Ne. 1. *g*, *Om.* 23—25. *h*, *Morm.* 4:23. *i*, see *b*, 1 Ne. 6. *k*, see 1 and 2 Ne. 1, ver. 6. *m*, 3 Ne. 5:14—18. *Morm.* 1:1. *n*, 1 Ne. 9:2. See *f*. See ver. 3; also see *f*, 1 Ne. 1. *o*, ver. 3. 3 Ne. 5:8—11. 26:6—12. *Morm.* 5:9. *p*, ver. 5. *q*, see *c*. *r*, D. & C. 3, 10. *ABOUT A. D. 385.

things; but the Lord knoweth all things which are to come; wherefore, he worketh in me to do according to his will.

8. And my prayer to God is concerning my brethren, that they may once again come to the knowledge of God, yea, the redemption of Christ; that they may once again be a 'delightful people.

9. And now I, Mormon, *proceed to finish out my "record, which I take from the plates of Nephi; and I make it according to the knowledge and the understanding which God has given me.

10. Wherefore, it came to pass that after Amaleki had delivered up "these plates into the hands of king Benjamin, he took them and put them with the "other plates, which contained records which had been handed down by the kings, from generation to generation until the days of king Benjamin.

11. And they were handed down from king Benjamin, from generation to generation until they have fallen into "my hands. And I, Mormon, pray to God that they may be preserved from this time henceforth. And I know that they will be preserved; for there are great things written upon them, out of which "my people and "their brethren shall be "judged at the great and last day, according to the word of God which is written.

12. And now, concerning this king Benjamin—he had somewhat of contentions among his own people.

13. And it came to pass also that the armies of the Lamanites came down out of the "land of

Nephi, to battle against his people. But behold, king Benjamin gathered together his armies, and he did stand against them; and he did fight with the strength of his own arm, with the "sword of Laban.

14. And in the strength of the Lord they did contend against their enemies, until they had slain many thousands of the Lamanites. And it came to pass that they did contend against the Lamanites until they had driven them out of all the lands of their inheritance.

15. And it came to pass that after there had been false Christs, and their mouths had been shut, and they punished according to their crimes;

16. And after there had been false prophets, and false preachers and teachers among the people, and all these having been punished according to their crimes; and after there having been much contention and many dissensions away unto the Lamanites, behold, it came to pass that king Benjamin, with the assistance of the holy prophets who were among his people—

17. For behold, king Benjamin was a holy man, and he did reign over his people in righteousness; and there were many holy men in the land, and they did speak the word of God with power and with authority; and they did use much "sharpness because of the stiff-neckedness of the people—

18. Wherefore, with the help of these, king Benjamin, by laboring with all the might of his body and the faculty of his whole soul, and also the prophets, did once more establish peace in the land.

t, 2 Ne. 30:6. u, ver. 3. v, see p. w, see f. x, 3 Ne. 5:8—11. Morm. 4:23. y, He. 15:3. See p, Jac. 5. z, He. 15:4. See q, Jac. 5. 2a, 2 Ne. 25:18. 29:11. 33:11, 14, 15. 3 Ne. 27:23—27. Eth. 4:8—10. 5:4. 2b, see b, 2 Ne. 5. 2c, see a, 1 Ne. 4. 2d, see a, 1 Ne. 16. * ABOUT A. D. 385.