
THE BOOK OF
MORMON
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THE KEYSTONE

ENOS

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**The
Book of Mormon**



**The
Keystone
of Our
Religion**

Summary

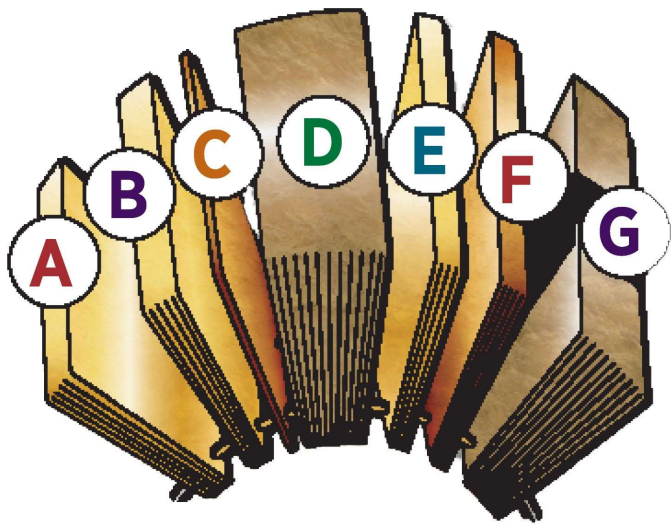
- 1 chapter; 46 verses
- Unabridged from the Small Plates of Nephi
- Covers ~ 78 years (~499BC – 421BC)
- 0.5% of the BoM
- Takes place at Land of Nephi
- Written by Enos, grandson of Lehi

Peoples of Mesoamerica (Book of Mormon Lands)



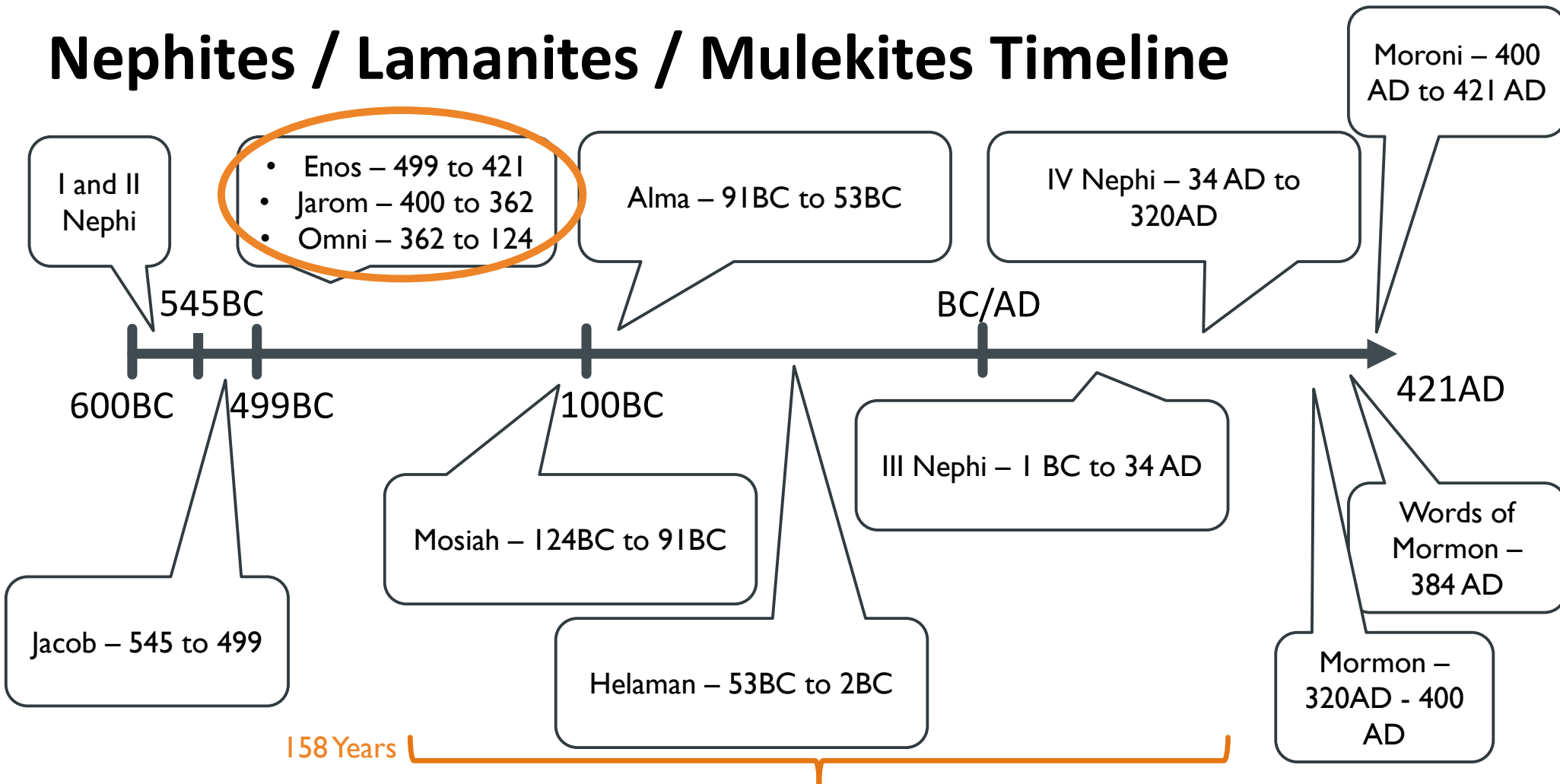
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THE RECORDS INCLUDED IN THE PLATES



- A – Lost abridgement
- B – Small plates of Nephi (unabridged)
- C – Words of Mormon
- D – Large plates of Nephi (abridged)
- E – 24 Gold Plates (abridged)
- F – Moroni's writing
- G – Sealed Portion

Nephites / Lamanites / Mulekites Timeline



LESSONS FROM ENOS

- The prayer of faith obtains the covenant
- Pray for your friends and family
- Pray for your enemies as well
- God will preserve the record
- Nephite and Lamanite culture
- Looking forward to the afterlife

JACOB TEACHING ENOS – IN HIS LANGUAGE

“Behold, it came to pass that I, Enos, knowing my father, that he was a just man: for **he taught me in his language**, and also in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” ~ Enos 1:1

- Reformed Egyptian
- Mosiah 1:4-6

ENOS – AN EXAMPLE OF PRAYER



- Wrestled before God; struggling for forgiveness and remission of his sins
- This was the goal and purpose of his writing
- He was old enough to be out hunting on his own
- Prayed all day and into the night
- That his prayer might “reach the heavens”

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

“And there came a voice unto me saying, Enos, thy sins are forgiven thee, and thou shalt be blessed.” ~ Enos 1:7

“And while I was thus struggling in the spirit, behold, **the voice of the Lord came unto my mind again**, saying...” ~ Enos 1:13

His soul **hungered** (vrs 5); **does ours?**



HOW DOES SALVATION COME?



- “And I said, **Lord, how is it done?**
- And he said unto me, because of thy faith in Christ, whom thou hast never before heard nor seen.
- And many years pass away, before he shall manifest himself in the flesh; wherefore, go to, thy faith hath made thee whole.”
- Enos 1:9-11
- II N 13:28

OBJECTS OF ENOS' PRAYER

Order	Object of his prayer	God's response
First	His own salvation	Forgave his sins
Second	His brethren, the Nephites	Will respond to them depending on how they keep His commandments
Third	His brethren, the Lamanites	Will preserve the record to come forth to the Lamanite descendants at a future time

PRAYER IS KEY TO THE LIFE OF A SAINT



- We must pray always, and not faint; we must not perform anything unto the Lord save we have prayed first ~ II N 14:3
- God chastened the Brother of Jared when he neglected prayer ~ Ether 1:5
- We are commanded to pray over our land, our homes, our flocks and herds, all that we have and do.
- The neglect of prayer has commenced the decline of many a man's spirituality ~ Joseph Luff

ARE WE NEGLECTING PRAYER?



- “Instead of mourning over our loss of spirituality and our present lethargy, let us examine and see whether or not the rust on our characters and experience has not been occasioned by neglect of prayer.”
- Cowper told the truth when he said:
*“Restraining prayer we cease to fight,
Prayer keeps the Christian’s armor bright.”*

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING!

“If we would be solaced in sorrow, guarded in pleasure, protected in danger, strengthened in weakness, faithful in duty, proof against temptation, courageous in conflict, patient in tribulation, meed under revilement, steadfast in virtue, exemplars of goodness, the salt of the earth – Saints, indeed, we must with other duties remember to pray always, and not to faint.

If we desire the labor of our hand to bring profit, our fields to be fruitful, our enterprises to be successful, and all our engagements to result in good to ourselves and others, as well as glory to God, we should earnestly pray during all stages of our activity, and we should engage in no pursuit which cannot consistently be accompanied with prayer for the direction and blessing of heaven upon it.”

~ Apostle Joseph Luff, Old Jerusalem Gospel

LAMANITES CONTINUE TO SEEK THE NEPHITES DESTRUCTION

“And they swore in their wrath, that if it were possible, they would **destroy our records and us**; and, also, **all the traditions of our fathers.**”
~ Enos 1:22

■ Jacob 5:39

GOD WILL PRESERVE THE RECORD

“And the Lord said unto me, Thy fathers have also required of me this thing; and it shall be done unto them according to their faith, for their faith was like unto thine.” ~ Enos 1:28

God made similar promises to Nephi and others



LESSONS ON PRAYER



- Take your concerns to God; believe that He will hear you
- Don't give up (all day and into the night)
- Don't do ALL the talking; leave time to listen for God's response
- Don't be selfish with all of your requests
- God doesn't always answer with an audible voice; appears that more times than not He answers by giving thoughts to your mind

LAMANITE SOCIETY (VERSES 30-33)

- Hunter/gatherers
- Lived in tents
- Evil nature and hatred toward the Nephites
- Wild, ferocious, bloodthirsty
- Filthy, focused on idols
- Warring people, bent on destroying the Nephites

NEPHITE SOCIETY (VERSES 34-41)

- Farmers
- Raised grain, fruit, herds
- Became stiff-necked and needed frequent reminding of death, the duration of eternity, and the judgment of God
- Do we require the same to keep us from going toward destruction?
- Wars with the Lamanites continued

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE AFTERLIFE

- Enos' teachings:

1. Immortality, eternity is forever
2. A place of rest
3. Be with Christ (my Redeemer)
4. Nothing to fear when standing before Him
5. A place prepared in the mansions of God



Appendix