
THE BOOK OF
MORMON
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THE KEYSTONE

JAROM

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**The
Book of Mormon**



Summary

- 1 chapters; 32 verses
- Unabridged from the Small Plates of Nephi
- Covers ~ 38 years (400BC – 362BC)
- 0.4% of the BoM
- Takes place at Land of Nephi
- Written by Jarom, great-grandson of Lehi

BoM Verse Statistics

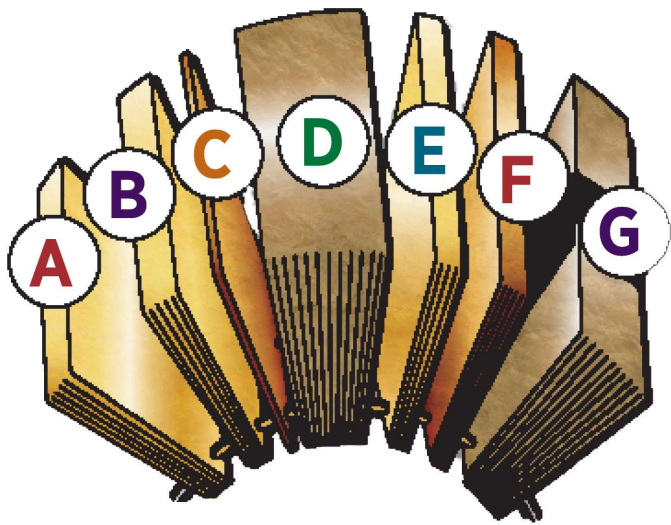
Book	Chapters	Verses	% of Total Verses
I Nephi	7	986	11.3%
II Nephi	15	1172	13.5%
Jacob	5	309	3.6%
Enos	1	46	0.5%
Jarom	1	32	0.4%
Omni	1	54	0.6%
Words of Mormon	1	27	0.3%
Mosiah	13	1072	12.3%
Alma	30	2575	29.6%
Helaman	5	565	6.5%
III Nephi	14	863	9.9%
IV Nephi	1	59	0.7%
Mormon	4	279	3.2%
Ether	6	489	5.6%
Moroni	10	173	2.0%
Total	114	8701	100.0%

Peoples of Mesoamerica (Book of Mormon Lands)



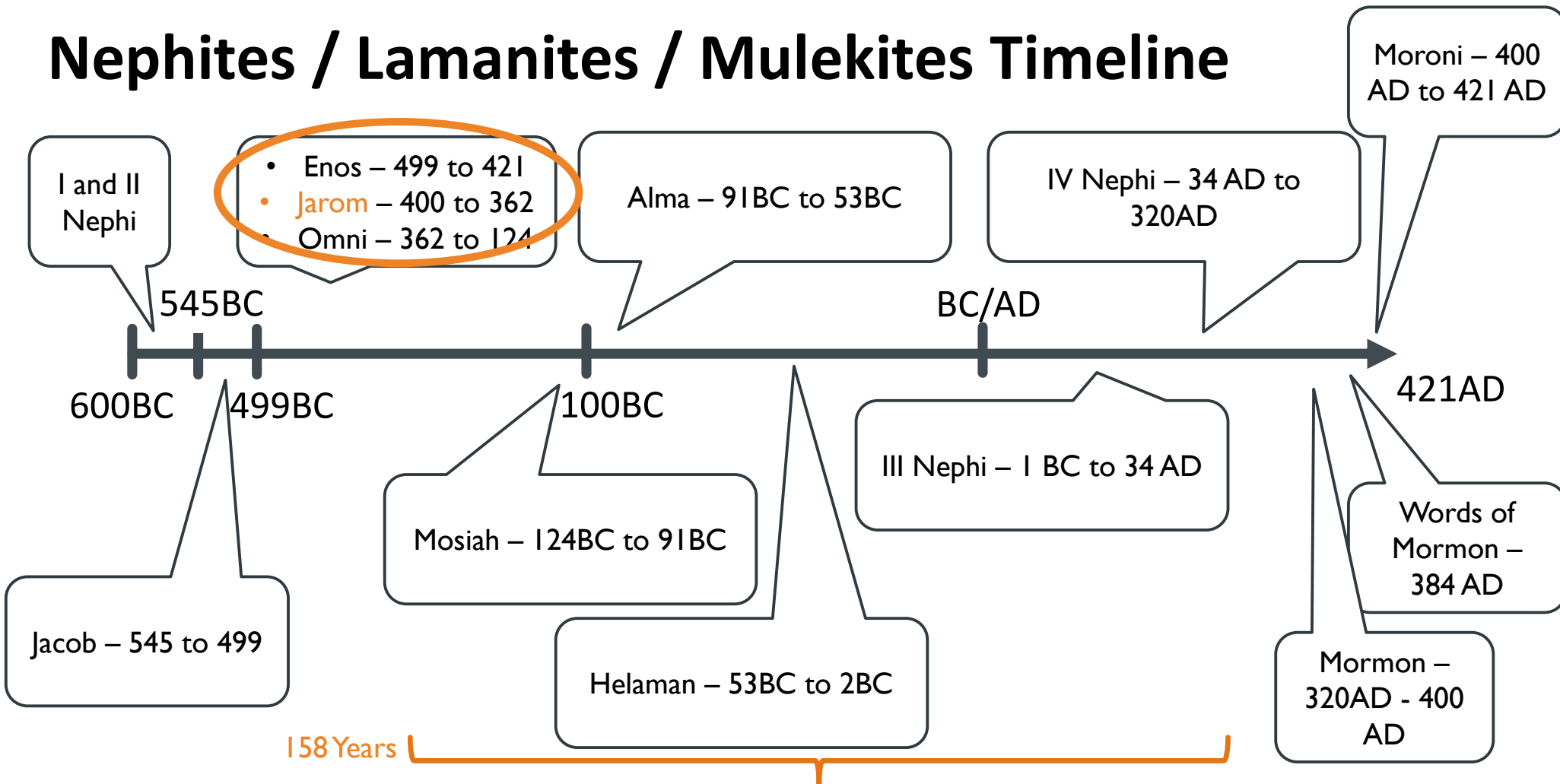
City of
Nephi

THE RECORDS INCLUDED IN THE PLATES



- A – Lost abridgement
- B – Small plates of Nephi (unabridged)
- C – Words of Mormon
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- E – 24 Gold Plates (abridged)
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Nephites / Lamanites / Mulekites Timeline



JAROM'S ANCESTRY

1. Lehi
2. Jacob
3. Enos
4. Jarom

LESSONS FROM JAROM

- Growing wickedness among the Nephites
- Departing from the purposes of the records as well as departing from the Lord
- The impacts of righteous leaders upon a people
- Personal and collective preparation

DEPARTING FROM THE PURPOSES



- Jarom 1:1-5
 - *I 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 prophesying, nor of my revelations.*
 - Jacob 1:1-4
 - I Nephi 5:223-224
- } Purposes

WHY - DEPARTING FROM THE PURPOSES

- Jarom 1:1-5
 - *3 For what could I write more than my fathers have written?*
 - *4 For have not they revealed the plan of salvation?*
 - *5 I say unto you, Yea; and this sufficeth me.*
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- First use of the phrase in verse 4 – plan of salvation



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The central purpose of the book is Jesus

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I Many names of Jesus are used

- Jesus appears in the BoM 168 times
- Christ appears 341 times
- Messiah 30 times
- Savior 12 times
- Lamb of God 34 times
- Redeemer 41 times
- Only Begotten 9 times

Total ~ 100
different names
of Jesus

The Book of Mormon is focused on Jesus

② Many mentions of Jesus are made

- If only one reference per verse, a reference to Jesus would be found in every other verse
- 97% of the chapters in the BoM have at least one reference to Jesus

Almost
3500
times

*Come unto
Christ*



“And the way is prepared from the foundation of the world, if it so be that they repent and come unto Him...”

~ 1 Nephi 3:28



NEPHITES WERE DEPARTING FROM THE LORD

- Jarom 1:6-9
- Hardness of their hearts
- Deafness of their ears
- Blindness of their minds
- Stiffness of their necks



Personal application –

1. Do any of these apply to where I'm at right now?
2. What can I do about it?

WHAT KEPT THEM FROM DESTRUCTION?

1. Not everyone was stiff-necked – vrs 8,9
2. Their leaders were still men of faith – vrs 17,18
 - Leaders greatly affect the lives of the people – I Chronicles 21 example
3. Effectual preaching – vrs 23-28

PREPARATION

Jarom 1:17-21

1. Faithful leaders (vrs 17)
2. Know the ways of the Lord (vrs 17)
3. Make fortifications (vrs 18) – Alma 22:1-6
4. Make weapons of war (vrs 19)
 - Prepare for the onslaught of the enemy – Ephesians 6
 - Prepare for future trials

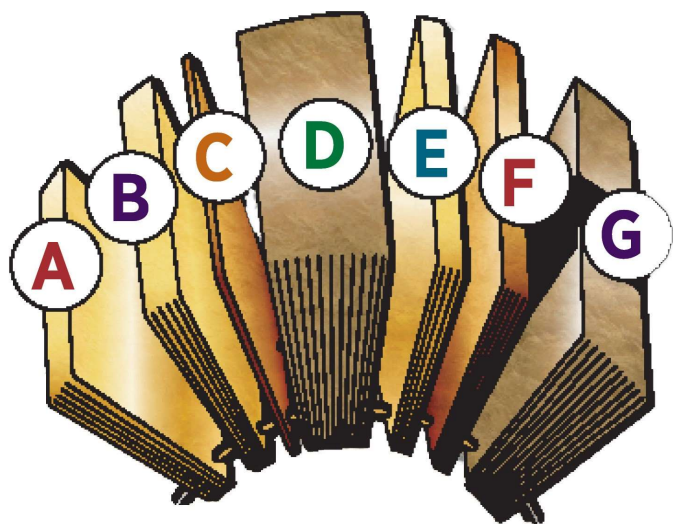
NEPHITE TEACHINGS

Jarom 1:23-28

- Keep the commandments or destruction will come
- Teaching the Law of Moses and the intent for which it was given
 1. Law defines sin – Romans 3:20
 2. Law is the schoolmaster, until Christ – Galatians 3:24
 3. Christ came to fulfill the law – Matt 5:19; Romans 10:4
- Look forward to the Messiah as though He's already come; Repent

TWO SETS OF RECORDS BEING KEPT AT THIS TIME

Jarom 1:30-32



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Appendix