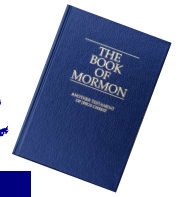




Book of Mormon Summary - 1 Nephi



Ch1 - Nephi Begins Record - Lehi Prophesies Destruction of Jerusalem

- Nephi was born of "goodly parents" and taught gospel
- Nephi feels "highly favored" of the Lord, even through affliction
- Nephi begins his record in the Language of the Egyptians
- Lehi's time is during reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah
- Lehi prayed, saw a pillar of fire on a rock, and heard things that made him "tremble exceedingly"
- Overcome with the Spirit he went home and laid down
- Carried away into vision
 - He saw God with numberless concourses of angels in praise
 - He saw the Savior and apostles, Jesus gave him a book and bade him to read
 - He read and was filled with the Spirit
 - Wo's pronounced upon Jerusalem, they will be carried captive into Babylon
- Lehi rejoiced greatly in what he saw and heard
- Nephi abridged Lehi's record, followed by his own life's record
- Lehi began preaching to the people of Jerusalem about their destruction
- Jews were angry and sought to take away his life

Ch2 - Lehi's Family Leaves Property and Flees Into Wilderness

- Lord spoke to Lehi in dream, commanded to depart into wilderness
- Lehi left his home, possessions, gold, silver and precious things
- Lehi's family was Lehi, Sariah, Laman, Lemuel, Sam and Nephi
- Lehi wished Laman would be steadfast and immovable like a river that emptied into the Red Sea
- Laman and Lemuel murmured and called Lehi's visions "foolish imaginations of his heart" and acted like the rebellious Jews in Jerusalem
- Lehi confounded Laman & Lemuel and they did what he said
- Nephi was young, but large in stature, and was visited by the Lord and was faithful
- Nephi shared spiritual things with Sam and Sam believed
- Laman & Lemuel would not listen to Nephi
- Nephi worried about his brothers. God spoke to him and said "inasmuch as shall keep my commandments, ye shall prosper and be led to the land of promise"
- God tells Nephi that Laman & Lemuel will be cut off if they rebel, and Nephi will be a ruler and a teacher over them
- Lamanites will be cursed but have no power of Nephites until they also rebel

Ch3 - Lehi Sends Sons Back to Jerusalem to Get Brass Plates

- Lehi has dream, the Lord commanded to return to get Brass Plates
- Laman & Lemuel murmur and complain, but Nephi says "I will go and do the things which the Lord has commanded..."

- Brothers get to Jerusalem and upon 1st attempt, they cast lots and it fell upon Laman
 - Laman tries to talk Laban out of plates. Laban was angry and tries to slay him. He flees back to his brothers
- Nephi suggests 2nd attempt where they retrieve their gold and riches and trade with Laban
- Nephi and brothers get possessions and offer to Laban for plates. Laban lusts after property and tries to kill them for it
- Nephi and brothers have to leave property and flee and hide
- Laman & Lemuel angry about losing gold, complain and smite Nephi and Sam with a rod
- Angel appears and rebukes Laman & Lemuel and declares their iniquities
- Angel instructs them to return to get plates for 3rd attempt
- Laman & Lemuel continue to murmur and don't believe it's possible

Ch4 - Nephi Slays Laban and Gets Brass Plates

- Nephi preaches to angry brothers and they reluctantly return for 3rd attempt
- Nephi goes into town alone, not knowing what he was going to do
- Spirit leads Nephi to drunk & unconscious Laban laying on ground
- Nephi is instructed to kill Laban
- Nephi hesitates, but Spirit presses him to slay Laban saying "the Lord slayeth the wicked to bring forth His righteous purposes" and "it is better than one man should perish than that a nation should dwindle and perish in unbelief"
- Nephi slays Laban with his own sword and puts on his clothes
- Nephi gets Laban's servant to open the treasury to get the brass plates
- Zoram (Laban's servant) thinks Nephi is Laban and gets plates
- Nephi compels Zoram to leave with them into wilderness, promises him freedom with them
- Zoram accepts Nephi's oath and leaves so Jews would not know concerning Nephi and his brothers in wilderness
- They return to Lehi and Sariah

Ch5 - Sariah Complains to Lehi - Sons Return from Jerusalem with Plates

- Sariah supposes that sons perished in wilderness, complains to Lehi
- Sons return, family rejoices exceedingly & offer sacrifices
- Lehi reads the Brass Plates and discovers what's in them
 - 5 Books of Moses
 - Account of the Creation and Adam & Eve
 - Record of the Jews from the beginning down to the commencement of the reign of Zedekiah, King of Judah
 - Prophecies of the holy prophets, from the beginning
 - Genealogy of Lehi's fathers
 - Proof that Lehi is a descendant of Joseph, son of Jacob
 - Lehi, filled with the Spirit, begins to prophecy about his seed
 - Nephi realizes the incredible value of the Brass Plates and sees how wise God is

Ch6 - Nephi's Plates are for the Things of God

- Nephi does not give all Lehi's history in his record, because it can't be written on the plates of Nephi
- Purpose of Nephi's writing is to "persuade men to come unto the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and be saved"
- Plates are reserved for things pleasing to God, and those that are "of worth unto the children of men"

Ch7 - Nephi & Brothers Return to Get Ishmael's Family to Join Them

- Lehi sends Nephi and Brothers to invite Ishmael's family
- Ishmael's family accepts and takes journey with Nephi
- Laman & Lemuel and daughters and sons of Ishmael rebel and want to return to Jerusalem
- Nephi preaches against their wickedness and they bind him with cords and want to kill him
- Nephi prays for strength and his bands are loosed. Laman & Lemuel try again to lay hands on Nephi
- Ishmael's family pleads with Laman & Lemuel to stop. They feel sorry and ask Nephi to forgive them
- Nephi forgives them, and they return to the tent of Lehi and offer sacrifice in gratitude

Ch8 - Lehi's Vision of the Tree of Life

- Lehi has dream that makes him fear for Laman & Lemuel
- Lehi's Dream
 - A man appears to Lehi in white robe and says follow me
 - They are in a dark and dreary waste for many hours
 - Lehi's prays for deliverance and sees a large, spacious field
 - He sees a tree, whose fruit is desirable to make one happy
 - Lehi goes and partakes and learns it's sweetest above all other fruit, and whiter than any whiteness he had seen
 - His soul is filled with exceeding great joy, and he desires for his family to partake
 - He looks and sees Sariah, Sam and Nephi at the head of a river that ran near the tree. They appeared to not know where to go
 - Lehi beckons to them to come to the tree and partake
 - They all come to tree and partake
 - Lehi looks for Laman & Lemuel
 - He sees them, but they would not come and partake of the fruit
 - He beholds a rod of iron, which extended along the bank of the river and leads to the tree
 - He beholds a straight and narrow path along the rod of iron
 - It also leads to the head of the fountain, unto a large field as if it was a world
 - He sees numberless concourses of people pressing forward to obtain the fruit of the tree
 - He sees many commence but get lost in a mist of darkness

- He sees others catch hold and cling to the rod of iron, and make it to the tree
- After they partake they look around and are ashamed and fall away
- Lehi looks and see a great and spacious building filled with prideful people mocking and pointing fingers at those at the tree
- Lehi sees many more people come to the tree, and fall down and partake of the fruit
- He also saw many feeling their way toward the great and spacious building and join them mocking the righteous
- Lehi tells children that Laman & Lemuel did not partake of the fruit in his dream, and he fears for them
- He exhorts them with all the feeling of a tender parent to hearken to his words

Ch9 - Nephi Makes His Small Plates and His Large Plates

- Nephi is commanded to keep two sets of plates. The large plates for a more secular history, and the small plates for the ministry

Ch10 - Lehi Prophecies of the Destruction of Jerusalem

- Nephi begins HIS account
- Lehi speaks of the destiny of the Jews in Jerusalem
- He prophesies of their capture by Babylon, but in the due time of the Lord they will return out of captivity
- He prophesies of a prophet to come among the Jews 600 years after Lehi left Jerusalem. This prophet will be the Messiah
- He prophesies of John to come before the Savior and baptize Him
- Lehi teaches that the Messiah will teach the Jews then manifest himself by the Holy Ghost to the Gentiles
- Nephi desires to see what his father saw in a dream
- Nephi is given authority by the Holy Ghost to speak and write

Ch11 Nephi Sees the Vision of the Tree of Life and the Life of the Savior

- Nephi ponders the words of his father and is caught away in the Spirit to an exceedingly high mountain
- The Spirit asks what he desires
- Nephi desires to see Lehi's dream
- He is given a vision of what Lehi saw
 - Nephi sees Mary and is taught the condescension of God
 - He sees a new baby Jesus in Mary's arms
 - The angel teaches him about Lehi's dream
 - The Tree is the "Love of God" which sheddeth itself abroad in the hearts of the children of men and is most desirable
 - Great and spacious building is the pride of the world
- Nephi sees Jesus baptized by John
- He sees Jesus' ministry and the Jews cast him out
- He sees the 12 Apostles and how Jesus healed the sick
- He sees Jesus crucified and slain for the sins of the world
- He sees multitudes of people waiting to fight the Apostles

- They're in a large and spacious building
- Nephi sees the eventual fall of the great and spacious building and anyone who fights against the Lamb

Ch12 - Nephi Sees in Vision the Land of Promise and Future Events

- Nephi is shown his posterity and wars and bloodshed in the promised Land
- He sees the time of darkness and judgments preceding the coming of Christ
- He sees the heavens open and Jesus descends upon his people
- The 12 disciples are called to minister to his people and will judge them
- He sees 4 generations pass away in righteousness after Jesus' coming
- The angel explains the meaning of many parts of Lehi's dream that Nephi saw, explaining how his people will fall into Satan's snare and be overcome
- He sees them gathered for a great battle and their eventual dwindling in unbelief, becoming a dark, loathsome and filthy people, full of idleness and abominations

Ch13 - Nephi is Shown Colonization of America and the Restoration

- Nephi is shown the great and abominable church permeating the land of the Gentiles
- He sees the Spirit of God influence Columbus to cross the sea
- He sees many other Gentiles inspired by the Spirit to come
- Nephi sees his seed scattered before the Gentiles and smitten, while the Gentiles prospered in the land of promise
- He sees the Revolutionary War and how the Gentiles on the land of promise are delivered by the hand of God from all other nations
- Nephi sees the Bible and the angel explains what it is, and how plain and precious things were taken away by the great and abominable church
- Satan has power over the Gentiles because of their stumbling because of the precious things lost from scripture
- The angel shows Nephi how the Lord will visit his people and they will write the things of God and these writings will be brought forth to bring the Gentiles out of darkness
- The last records (the Book of Mormon) will establish the truth of the first (the Bible)
- The last days will show the Lord manifest to the Gentiles, then the Gentiles will manifest him to all others, making the first last and the last first

Ch14 - Angel Tells Nephi of 2 Churches - Of God and of the Devil

- Gentiles shall be numbered among the House of Israel if they hearken the Lord and their stumbling blocks will be removed
- They will be a blessed people upon the promised land forever and not be brought into captivity if they heed Him
- The Lord will do a Great and Marvelous Work

- The Great & Abominable Church deceives the world
- Nephi sees John the Revelator who will write the remainder of what he sees unto the end of the world
- Nephi is forbidden to write more of what he saw

Ch15 - Lehi's Seed Will Receive the Gospel from the Gentiles

- Nephi returns from vision to his Father's tent and finds them disputing about what Lehi saw
- Nephi reprimands them and asks if they have "inquired of the Lord"
- He explains the branches of the olive tree and how they were broken off from the House of Israel
- Lehi's descendants will be scattered by the Gentiles
- Lehi's seed will be brought to a knowledge of their forefathers and their Redeemer and eventually be grafted in again
- Nephi teaches his brethren of the latter day gathering of Israel
- His brothers are pacified
- He explains Lehi's Dream to them
 - The Tree is a representation of the Tree of Life
 - The Rod of Iron is the Word of God
 - The River of Water was filthiness and it was a gulf that separated the wicked from the Tree of Life and the Saints
 - He explains the justice of God, how it separates the wicked from the righteous
 - No unclean thing can enter Kingdom of God, but must suffer the justice of God
 - Wicked are kept from the fruit of the Tree which is the greatest of all the gifts of God

Ch16 - Liahona Guides Them - Lehi's Sons Marry Ishmael's Daughters

- The wicked take them truth to be hard, if they would walk uprightly they would not murmur and say they are hard things
- Laman & Lemuel humble themselves and Nephi has hope for them
- They take daughters of Ishmael to wife
- The Lord commands Lehi to journey into the wilderness
- He finds the Liahona at his tent door in the morning
- 2 spindles pointed the way on the Liahona, working by faith & righteousness
- They gathered their things and departed into wilderness
- They followed the Liahona for many days South/Southeast direction
- Nephi breaks his bow hunting food; his brothers are angry
- They returned to family without food, fatigued and hungry
- Laman & Lemuel, and even Lehi murmur because of lack of food
- Nephi makes a new bow and asks Lehi where he should go for food
- Lehi humbles himself because of Nephi's faith and words and inquires of the Lord
- Lehi is chastened in the depths of sorrow because of his murmuring
- The Lord tells Lehi to look upon the ball and read instructions
- They learn that it works according to faith and diligence
- They see by small things great things come to pass
- Nephi follows and slays food to everyone's joy

- Ishmael dies in their travels and is buried in Nahom
- Daughters of Ishmael and Laman & Lemuel murmur against Lehi
- They say Nephi is a deceiver and desire to kill Lehi and Nephi
- The voice of the Lord chastens them exceedingly and they soften
- They are again blessed on their journey

Ch17 - Nephi Commanded to Build Ship - Rebukes His Brothers

- They travel nearly eastward from that time forward
- Their women bore children and there was much affliction
- They are provided for as they are righteous for 8 years in wilderness
- They arrive in a place they call Bountiful, close to the sea, because of much fruit and wild honey
- The Lord tells Nephi to go into the mountain to pray
- He is commanded build a ship and will be shown how
- Nephi is told where to find materials
- Nephi is faithful and exhorts his brothers
- He molten tools out of the rock
- His brothers murmur at him, mocking him for thinking he can build a ship and cross the sea
- They didn't want to help, and didn't believe he was instructed to
- Nephi preaches to them comparing Moses and the Children of Israel
- He speaks of their miracles and being delivered and fed with manna and led through wilderness
- He rebukes them for their lack of faith even though they have seen angels and heard His voice from time to time
- His brothers are angry and try to throw him into the sea
- Nephi is given power and commands them to "Touch me not"
- They are confounded and are afraid to touch him because of the power of the Spirit in him
- He stretches forth his hand and shocks them so they know it's the Lord
- They attempt to worship Nephi and he forbids them and commands them to worship God and honor their parents

Ch18 - The Ship is Finished & They Embark - They Rebel and Bind Nephi

- They all worship the Lord and work on the ship as the Lord showed Nephi
- Nephi went into the mount oft and prayed oft - wherefore the Lord showed unto him great things
- The ship is finished and it is exceedingly fine
- They put forth the ship and are driven before the wind
- After many days Laman & Lemuel and wives become merry & irreverent
- Nephi tries to talk to them but they get angry with him
- They bind him with cords and treat him harshly
- The Liahona stops working and a terrible tempest appears
- They are driven back for 3 days while Nephi is bound
- They fear for their lives but don't loose Nephi until they feel the judgements of God upon them on day 4

- Lehi and Sariah are stricken in years and are on sick beds with grief from children
- Nephi is loosed and prays and the Liahona begins to work again
- They reach the promised land after many days
- They began to till the earth and make a home and plant seeds
- They are blessed and flourish as a people
- They find all manner of wild animals for their use, and gold, silver and copper abundantly

Ch19 - Nephi Makes His Record From Gold Plates

- Nephi makes a record of his father and of their journeyings on gold plates, including the prophecies of Lehi and Nephi
- Nephi didn't know when he made them that the Lord would command him to keep a record
- He had 2 sets of plates, for a wise purpose from the Lord
- One for the wars and contentions to be handed down from generation to generation
- The other for sacred things to be of great worth
- According to the angel, the Messiah comes 600 years from the time Lehi left Jerusalem
- He will be rejected of His people and scourged, spit upon and crucified
- The prophet Zenos spake concerning a sign of 3 days of darkness upon His death
- The Lord will visit all the House of Israel that day with either great joy or thundering and lightening of His power
- The rocks of the earth will rend because of the groanings of the earth and people will see the "God of nature suffers"
- Those at Jerusalem shall be scourged by all people because they crucify the God of Israel and reject Him
- They will wander in the flesh and perish and be hated
- The day will come when they remember the covenants He made with their fathers and be gathered from the four quarters of the earth
- Nephi writes these things so that his people can REMEMBER their Redeemer
- The Spirit worketh in Nephi unto wearying where his joints are weak for those at Jerusalem, because he would have perished with them
- Nephi taught these things to his brethren and read them many things
- He taught them of the House of Israel in other lands
- He taught them the books of Moses, and Isaiah to persuade them to believe in the Lord their Redeemer and "Likened the scriptures to us for our profit and learning"
- He taught them of their House of Israel heritage

Ch20 - Israel Has Been Chosen in Furnace of Affliction (Isa. 48)

- Isaiah speaks to house of Jacob, who are chosen
- House of Israel calls itself the holy city, but have not stayed themselves upon the God of Israel
- For the Lord's name's sake, He will defer his anger and not cut them off

- The Lord has refined the House of Israel and chosen them in the furnace of affliction
- There is no peace for the wicked

Ch21 - Israel Will Be Gathered With Power in Last Days (Isa. 49)

- Tribe of Jacob will be raised up and restored in the last days
- They will become a light to the Gentiles
- The Lord will comfort his people and they shall be smitten no more
- Kings shall be "thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers"
- God will feed those that oppress Israel with their own flesh, and they will know that the Lord is the Savior and Redeemer

Ch22 - Gentiles Will Nourish Israel with the Gospel in Last Day

- Nephi expounds Isaiah's writings to his brethren
- Words were manifest unto Isaiah by the voice of the Spirit, by which all things are made known to the prophets
- Nephi explains that the House of Israel will be scattered upon all the face of the earth, among all nations
- Because they harden their hearts against the Holy One of Israel, they shall be scattered and "hated of all men"
- The Lord will lift the Gentiles and set them up for a standard, and a mighty nation will God raise up among them on the face of this land of promise
- The mighty nation will scatter the seed of Lehi
- The Lord will do a marvelous work among the Gentiles, which will be of great worth unto the seed of Lehi
- Lord compares it to the Gentiles nourishing the seed of Lehi and carrying them on their arms and shoulders
- The House of Israel will be brought out of obscurity and darkness
- The abominable church will turn upon their own heads and war among themselves and they shall be drunken with their own blood
- The Lord will protect the righteous from the wicked and the righteous need not fear
- Moses said the Lord will raise up a prophet like unto him, and those that will not hear him will be cut off
- Because of the righteousness of the people Satan will have no power
- He will be bound for many years
- Nephi witnesses that the words are true, and they testify man must be obedient to the commandments of God

End of 1 Nephi Book of Mormon Summary