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## EVENING NEWS.

Thursday, September 21, 1876.

## THE BOOK OF MORMON—WHAT IT IS.

[The following is an extract from an article concerning the Book of Mormon, written by Orson Pratt, Church Historian, in December, 1871, for insertion in the *Universal Cyclopaedia*. It is now forwarded for publication in the *Deseret News*.]

The first edition of this wonderful book (meaning the Book of Mormon) was published early in 1830. It has since been translated and published in the Welsh, Danish, German, French and Italian languages of the east, and in the language of the Sandwich Islands of the west. It is a volume one-third as large as the Bible, consisting of sixteen sacred books.

A small volume of plates of the first six books of this collection were made by the prophet Nephi, nearly six centuries before Christ. Nephi gave a brief sketch of his life and family, who were commanded of God to leave Jerusalem six hundred years before Christ. These came to the eastern border of the Red Sea, where they camped, and were soon joined by two or three more families from Jerusalem. The little company proceeded for many days in their journey along the eastern borders of the sea, after which they altered their course nearly eastward, and came to what they called the great waters; this must have been the borders of the Arabian Gulf or Indian Ocean. Here they were commanded to build a ship, on which they embarked, being directed continually in the ship's course by a miraculous light, which appeared by the hand of the Lord for the purpose. At length, after many sufferings and hardships, they landed on the western coast of North America, not far, as is believed, from the thirtieth degree of south latitude.

This little colony brought with them from Jerusalem, their ancient scriptures, engraved in Egyptian characters, on brass plates. About one-half of the colony apostatized, and greatly persecuted the righteous, and sought to destroy the prophet Nephi. Being commanded of God, Nephi and his followers fled from their enemies, and traveled a great distance north, and located their colony near the great waters of what is now called the Amazon. But a few years elapsed, when the Lamanites, having discovered the location of the Nephties, began to make war upon them, continuing many depredations and murders. The enmity between the colonies continued for many generations, during which hundreds of thousands were slain in battle.

About four centuries after leaving Jerusalem, the Nephties again migrated northward, traveling many days through a wilderness, they found themselves upon the banks of a river, which they called Sidon, known in modern times as the great river. Here, to their great joy, they discovered a colony of Jews, who left Jerusalem the same year that their nation was carried captive into Babylon. The Nephties united with this colony. About this time, the small plates of Nephi were again discovered, mostly with prophecies and revelations.

The prophet Nephi, not only constructed the small plates, but also made a large volume of plates, intended for a more extended history of his people, and to enable him to make a more voluminous collection of sacred writings, that might, in future generations, be revealed. These writings were kept by a scribe, and the prophet, each recording the most prominent historical events of his day, together with the additional revelations received.

During the first half century before Christ, the north wing of the continent became extensively colonized, by emigration from the south. At the time of the crucifixion, both the Nephties and Lamanites, because of their great wickedness in the stoning and killing of their prophets, were visited with great judgments, in the form of tempests, earthquakes, and fire from heaven. Three days of total darkness occurred.

Nearly a year after these events, Jesus, the resurrected Redeemer, descended from heaven, taught them his gospel and chose twelve ministers to preach the same and established his church. All the inhabitants of the continent were soon converted, righteousness prevailed for two or three centuries, succeeded by a period of almost universal apostasy. A lengthy exterminating war followed. The Nephties were conquered and slain by the Lamanites, their last battles being fought on and around about the hill where the sacred plates were found. This national extermination lasted three hundred and eighty-four years after the birth of Christ.

Before this dreadful event, the prophet Mormon, by the command of God, made a volume of plates, and engraved thereon an abridgment of the history of the nation from the time the plates were found until his own day. This abridgment was chiefly taken from the large volume of plates constructed by Nephi. In this abridgment were copied a very few of the many revelations and prophecies which had, from time to time, been given to the nation and engraved on former records.

The small plates of Nephi, in the possession of Mormon, were by him joined in the same volume with those which he, himself, had manufactured, and the two sets combined, were called the Book of Mormon.

After Mormon had completed the abridgment, he committed the volume, which still contained many blank pages, into the hands of the prophet, Moroni, his son, with instructions to finish the history, record a few other revelations, and then depart to the same, to preserve them from the Lamanites, who had sworn to destroy them. All the balance of the Nephtie records were hid by Moroni, in the hill above referred to.

The prophet Moroni, after the destruction of his nation, kept himself hid from the Lamanites thirty-six years, during which he wrote a short sketch of the history of a still more ancient nation, called Jaredites, whose ancestors came from the land of Shinarra, a colony crossed the great western ocean in eight barges, being three hundred and forty-four years upon the water. They landed on the western coast of Mexico, and extended their settlements over all the North American portion of the continent, where they dwelt until about six centuries before Christ, when, because of wickedness, they were all destroyed. Either, one of their last prophets, wrote a sacred history of his nation, and engraved the plates of Mormon, and called the Book of Ether.

One of the founders of the Jaredite nation, a great prophet, saw in vision all things from the foundation of the world to the end thereof, which were written, a copy of which was engraved by Moroni on the plates of Mormon, and then

sealed up. It was this portion which the prophet Joseph Smith was forbidden to translate, or to unloose the seal. In due time this will also be revealed together with all the sacred records kept by the ancient nations of this continent, preparatory to the time when "the knowledge of God shall cover the earth as the waters cover the great deep."

Moroni informs us that he was commanded of God to hide the records in the earth, with a divine promise that in the latter times they should be brought to light, and their contents published to all nations. The last date given by him is four hundred and twenty years after the birth of Christ.

Historian's Office,

Salt Lake City, Dec. 17, 1874.

ORSON PRATT, Sen.

PEOPLE'S COUNTY CONVENTION

People's Central Committee,

Salt Lake City, Sept. 11, 1876.

To the Voters of the People's Ticket.

A Convention for Salt Lake County, to elect 18 delegates, to represent the county in the People's Territorial Convention and transact such other business as may properly come before it, is hereby called to convene in the County Court House, Salt Lake City, on Saturday, Sept. 30th, at 11 a.m. Said Convention will consist of 50 delegates, allotted to the several precincts in the county as follows—