

## *A Plain English Reference to The Book of Jarom*

*Jarom preaches, deals with war  
See The Book of Jarom*

I, Jarom, will obey my father Enos, who gave me these plates before he died. I will write a few words so this record and **genealogy**, begun by my great-grandfather, Lehi, will continue. There's not much room left to engrave on these plates, and since they are kept **for the spiritual benefit** of our **brethren**, the **Lamanites**, I will not engrave much. I don't need to repeat the plan of salvation my fathers have already revealed in their writings. It's more important for **much to be done** among the Nephites because they're so hard hearted and blinded with pride. In spite of this, God is very merciful to them and He has **not yet** swept them off the land.

**Many** Nephites have **many revelations**, for **not all** of us **resist** the Holy Spirit. Those who do not resist have **communion** with Him according to their faith.

In the year 400 BC, twenty-one years after my father Enos gave me these plates, we Nephites had become strong in the land. We were **protected** because we kept the law of Moses and the Sabbath day holy. We did not profane or blaspheme, and the **laws of the land were very strict**.

We and the Lamanites have populated **much** of the land, but the

Lamanites are much **more** populous than we. They are a wild people who love murder, and they drink the blood of animals.

They have come to battle against us for years, but our kings and leaders have been **mighty men in the faith of the Lord**, teaching people His ways. This is why we've been able to repel the Lamanites and force them **out of our lands**. We also fortified our cities and lands of inheritance against their attacks.

We've multiplied greatly and have become rich with much gold, silver and precious things. We've had many fine craftsmen who worked with wood and have built fine buildings and machinery.

Others are skilled in metalwork, using copper, brass and steel to make all types of farming tools and weapons, helping us to keep the Lamanites from prevailing against us. The Lord's word has been verified He spoke to our forefathers:

*"As you keep my commandments, you will prosper in the land."*

Our prophets have threatened the Nephites according to God's word, telling them that if they did not keep commandments and fell into transgression, they would be destroyed off the face of the land.

Because of this great warning from the Lord, the prophets, priests and teachers

work hard, **patiently preaching** to their people, the Nephites.

They teach them the law of Moses, saying it was given to persuade us to **look forward** to the Messiah, to believe in Him as if He had **already** come. These righteous men keep us Nephites from being swept off the land of promise by constantly urging us to repent.

By the year 362 BC, for most of the time since Lehi had arrived in the promised land, there has been warfare between the us and the Lamanites.

I, Jarom, finish my writing because there's not much room left to engrave on these small plates.

Refer to Nephi's larger plates to find a record of our wars, as the Nephite kings have written, or have ordered to be written. I now give these plates to my son Omni, to keep according to my fathers' command.