



# THE BOOK OF JACOB

## THE BROTHER OF NEPHI

The words of his preaching unto his brethren. He confoundeth a man who seeketh to overthrow the doctrine of Christ. A few words concerning the history of the people of Nephi.

### CHAPTER 1

*Jacob and Joseph seek to persuade men to believe in Christ and keep His commandments—Nephi dies—Wickedness prevails among the Nephites. About 544–421 B.C.*

1 For behold, it came to pass that fifty and five years had passed away from the time that Lehi left Jerusalem; wherefore, Nephi gave me, Jacob, a <sup>a</sup>commandment concerning the <sup>b</sup>small plates, upon which these things are engraven.

2 And he gave me, Jacob, a commandment that I should <sup>a</sup>write upon <sup>b</sup>these plates a few of the things which I considered to be most precious; that I should not touch, save it were lightly, concerning the history of this people which are called the people of Nephi.

3 For he said that the history of his people should be engraven upon his <sup>a</sup>other plates, and that I should <sup>b</sup>preserve these plates and hand them down unto my seed, from generation to generation.

4 And if there were preaching which was <sup>a</sup>sacred, or revelation which was great, or prophesying, that I should engraven the <sup>b</sup>heads of them upon these plates, and touch upon them as much as it were possible,