

Table 3.J Beginning text of The Book of Helaman

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The original manuscript diction and spelling<sup>1</sup>

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^ = insertion above the line  
[ ] = part of page and text destroyed

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| 16 | The Book of Helaman   |
| 17 | Chapter I   |
| 18 | An account of the Nephites their Wars & Contem [ ]  |
| 19 | the Prophecies of many Holy Propets before the comeing [ ]                                      |
| 20 | -kord of Helaman which was the Son of Helaman & also ac[ ]                                      |
| 21 | even down to the comeing of Christ & also many of the Lama[ ]                                   |
| 22 | -unt of their conversion an account of the righteousness of t[ ]                                |
| 23 | -edness & abominations of the Nephites according to the Reckord of Helaman [ ]                  |
| 24 | -en down to the coming of Christ which is called the Book of Helaman &C et. [ ]                 |
| 25 | ----- [ ]   |
|    | fortyeth year of the  |
| 26 | And now behold it came to pass in the commencement of the ^ Reign of the Judges ov [ ]          |
| 27 | the People of Nephi therer began to be a serious difficulty among the People of the Nephite [ ] |

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The printer's manuscript diction and spelling<sup>2</sup>

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| 16 | The Book of Helaman --- Chapter ---- I -----   |
| 17 | An account of the Nephites - Their wars & contentions & their dissen-                        |
| 18 | sions - And also the prophecies of many Holy Prophets before the comeing of Christ           |
| 19 | according to the Record of Helaman which was the Son of Helaman & also according             |
| 20 | to the Records of his Sons even down to the coming of Christ - And also many of the          |
| 21 | Lamanites are converted - An account of their conversion - An account of the                 |
| 22 | righteousness of the Lamanites & the wickedness & abominations of the Nephites according     |
| 23 | to the Record of Helaman & his Sons even down to the coming of Christ which is               |
| 24 | called the Book of Helaman &C ----- And now behold it came to pass                           |
| 25 | in the commencement of the fortieth year of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nep   |
| 26 | -hi there began to be a serious difficulty among the people of the Nephites for behold Paho- |

<sup>1</sup> Skousen, ed., *The Original Manuscript of the Book of Mormon*, 487.

<sup>2</sup> Skousen, ed., *The Printer's Manuscript of the Book of Mormon, Part Two*, 710-11 (manuscript page 330).

THE BOOK OF HELAMAN.

CHAPTER I.

*An account of the Nephites. Their wars and contentions, and their dissension. And also the prophecies of many Holy Prophets, before the coming of Christ, according to the record of Helaman, which was the son of Helaman, and also according to the records of his sons, even down to the coming of Christ. And also many of the Lamanites are converted. An account of their conversion. An account of the righteousness of the Lamanites, and the wickedness and abominations of the Nephites, according to the record of Helaman and his sons, even down to the coming of Christ, which is called the Book of Helaman, &c.*

And now behold, it came to pass in the commencement of the fortieth year of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi, there began to be a serious difficulty among the people of the Nephites. For behold, Pahoran had died, and gone the

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Printer's manuscript analysis

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Title: The Book of Helaman the Book of Helaman

Title appositive:

Chapter designation: Chapter ---- I

Introductory declaration:

*Content synopsis*

An account of the Nephites – Their wars & contentions & their dissensions – And also the prophecies of many Holy Prophets before the coming of Christ ... And also many of the Lamanites are converted – An account of their conversion – An account of the righteousness of the Lamanites & the wickedness & abominations of the Nephites

*Contextual statement of chronology*

in the commencement of the fortieth year of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi

*Societal description*

there began to be a serious difficulty among the people of the Nephites

*Verification*

according to the Record of Helaman which was the Son of Helaman  
also according to the Records of his Sons even down to the coming of Christ  
according to the Record of Helaman & his Sons even down to the coming of Christ

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<sup>3</sup> Smith, *The Book of Mormon* (1830), 407.