

Table 3.L Beginning text of The Book of Nephi [Fourth Nephi¹]

The printer's manuscript diction and spelling²

line numbers added
^ = insertion above the line

14	People which ore of the House of Israel. = The Book of Nephi which is the Son
15	of Nehi one of the Disciples of Jesus Christ – An account of the People of Nephi accor
	Chapter first
16	-ding to his Record – ^ And it came to pass that the thirty & fourth year year
17	passed away & also the thirty & fifth & behold the Disciples of Jesus had formed
18	a Church of Christ in all the lands round about & as many as did come unto

The 1830 printed edition diction, spelling and punctuation³

THE BOOK OF NEPHI,
WHICH IS THE SON OF NEPHI, ONE OF THE
DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST.

CHAPTER I.

An account of the people of Nephi, according to his Record.

And it came to pass that the thirty and fourth year passed away, and also the thirty and fifth, and behold the disciples of Jesus had formed a church of Christ in all the lands round about. And as many as did come unto them, and did truly

¹ “The original text had four individual books with the title, ‘The Book of Nephi’. There was no numbering to distinguish between 1 Nephi, 2 Nephi, 3 Nephi, and 4 Nephi. The first and second books were distinguished early on when the words *first* and *second* were supralinearly inserted in the manuscripts, sometimes with heavier ink flow, sometimes with lighter—in either case, the insertion was not immediate.... The subsequent editing of these four book titles has been inconsistent.... The distinction for the last two books was first made by Orson Pratt in the 1879 LDS edition, when he added the extra headings ‘III Nephi’ and ‘IV Nephi’ before ‘The Book of Nephi’. These extra headings for the last two books have continued in all subsequent LDS editions.” Skousen, *Analysis of Textual Variants of the Book of Mormon, Part One*, 42-43.

² Skousen, ed., *The Printer's Manuscript of the Book of Mormon, Part Two*, 870 (manuscript page 410).

³ Smith, *The Book of Mormon* (1830), 514.

Printer's manuscript analysis

Title: The Book of Nephi

Title appositive: which is the Son of Nehi one of the Disciples of Jesus Christ

Chapter designation: Chapter first

Introductory declaration:

Content synopsis

An account of the People of Nephi

Contextual statement of chronology

the thirty & fourth year ... passed away

also the thirty & fifth

Societal description

behold the Disciples of Jesus had formed a Church of Christ in all the lands round about

Verification

according to his Record