

Contents of the Plates of Brass

Key Scripture 1 Nephi 5:11–14

Explanation The plates of brass contained a copy of the Law (five books of Moses), a history of the Jews, Lehi's genealogy, and the writings of many prophets. Some of these records were comparable to certain books now found in the Old Testament, but others did not find their way into the Bible. Nephi's summary of these contents, found in 1 Nephi 5:11–14, is graphically displayed here, along with sample references illustrating the profound influence of these records elsewhere in the Book of Mormon.

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Listed in 1 Nephi 5:11–14

1 Nephi 5:11 Five Books of Moses

creation of the world	2 Nephi 2:15
account of Adam and Eve	2 Nephi 2:18–19
law of Moses	2 Nephi 5:10

1 Nephi 5:12 A Record of the Jews to the Reign of Zedekiah Jacob 2:23

1 Nephi 5:13 Prophecies of the Holy Prophets

Isaiah	coming of Christ	2 Nephi 19:1–8
	scattering of Israel	2 Nephi 19:11–21
	day of the Gentiles	1 Nephi 20
	victory of God	1 Nephi 21
Zenos	burial of Christ	1 Nephi 19:10
	allegory of the olive tree	Jacob 5
	hymn on prayer	Alma 33:4–11
Zenock	crucifixion of Christ	1 Nephi 19:10
Neum	crucifixion of Christ	1 Nephi 19:10
Joseph	concerning his posterity	2 Nephi 4:2
Jeremiah	many prophecies	Helaman 8:20

1 Nephi 5:14 Genealogy of Lehi's Fathers Alma 10:3