

Comparison of Chapter Divisions: 1830 and 1981 Editions

Explanation The differences in the chapter divisions between the first edition of the Book of Mormon and the 1981 edition are listed in this four-page chart. Chapters in the 1830 edition were longer, in part because the Book of Mormon was printed in narrative rather than verse form—what we would expect from a historical record. The text was first arranged into its present verses in the 1879 edition to facilitate the location of particular passages. Modern readers may be interested to see how the sections of the Book of Mormon were divided in the 1830 edition, which are divided along broad conceptual lines. For example, all of Jacob’s speech in Jacob 2–3 and all of Alma’s blessing to his son Corianton in Alma 39–42 were single chapters.

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1830 and 1981 Editions

1830 Edition Chapters	Pages	1981 Edition Chapters	Pages
FIRST NEPHI			
I	5–16	1–5	1–11
II	16–21	6–9	11–17
III	21–35	10–14	17–30
IV	35–38	15	30–33
V	38–52	16:1–19:21	33–46
VI	52–56	19:22–21:26	46–50
VII	56–59	22	50–53
SECOND NEPHI			
I	59–66	1–2	53–60
II	66–68	3	60–62
III	68–71	4	62–65
IV	71–73	5	65–67
V	74–78	6–8	67–72
VI	78–83	9	72–77
VII	83–85	10	78–80
VIII	86–91	11–15	80–86
IX	91–99	16–22	86–93
X	99–102	23–24	94–96
XI	102–112	25–27	96–106
XII	112–118	28–30	106–112
XIII	118–120	31	112–115
XIV	120–121	32	115–116
XV	121–122	33	116–117
JACOB			
I	123–124	1	117–119
II	124–129	2–3	119–123
III	129–139	4–5	123–132
IV	139–140	6	132–133
V	140–143	7	133–135

1830 Edition Chapters	Pages	1981 Edition Chapters	Pages
ENOS			
I	143–145	1	136–138
JAROM			
I	146–147	1	138–140
OMNI			
I	148–151	1	140–143
WORDS OF MORMON			
I	151–153	1	143–145
MOSIAH			
I	153–162	1–3	145–154
II	162–165	4	154–157
III	166–167	5	157–159
IV	167–168	6	159
V	168–173	7–8	159–164
VI	173–177	9–10	164–167
VII	177–184	11:1–13:24	167–173
VIII	184–189	13:25–16:15	173–179
IX	190–201	17–21	179–189
X	201–202	22	189–190
XI	202–215	23–27	190–202
XII	215–216	28:1–19	202–203
XIII	217–221	28:20–29:47	203–207
ALMA			
I	221–230	1–3	207–215
II	230–232	4	215–217
III	232–238	5	217–223
IV	238–239	6	223
V	239–242	7	223–226
VI	242–245	8	226–228
VII	245–248	9	228–231

1830 Edition**Chapters****Pages**

VIII	248–254
IX	254–259
X	259–266
XI	266–268
XII	269–282
XIII	282–289
XIV	289–299
XV	299–304
XVI	304–323
XVII	323–330
XVIII	330–332
XIX	332–340
XX	340–347
XXI	348–362
XXII	362–366
XXIII	366–370
XXIV	370–377
XXV	377–381
XXVI	382–393
XXVII	393–398
XXVIII	398–400
XXIX	400–405
XXX	405–407

1981 Edition**Chapters****Pages**

10–11	231–237
12:1–13:9	237–242
13:10–15:19	242–248
16	248–250
17–20	250–261
21–22	261–266
23–26	266–275
27–29	275–280
30–35	280–297
36–37	297–304
38	304–305
39–42	305–313
43–44	313–320
45–49	320–332
50	333–336
51	336–339
52–53	339–344
54–55	344–348
56–58	348–357
59–60	357–361
61	361–362
62	363–366
63	366–368

HELAMAN

I	407–411	1–2	368–372
II	412–426	3–6	372–384
III	426–436	7–10	384–392
IV	436–441	11–12	392–397
V	441–451	13–16	397–406

THIRD NEPHI

I	452–456	1–2	406–410
II	457–465	3–5	410–417
III	465–470	6–7	417–422

1830 Edition		1981 Edition	
Chapters	Pages	Chapters	Pages
IV	470–476	8–10	422–427
V	476–483	11–13:24	427–434
VI	483–485	13:25–14:27	434–435
VII	485–488	15–16	435–440
VIII	488–493	17–18	440–444
IX	493–500	19:1–21:21	444–452
X	501–503	21:22–23:13	452–454
XI	503–505	23:14–26:5	454–457
XII	506–508	26:6–27:22	457–460
XIII	509–513	27:23–29:9	460–464
XIV	513–514	30	464
FOURTH NEPHI			
I	514–518	1	465–468
MORMON			
I	518–524	1–3	469–474
II	524–528	4–5	474–478
III	529–531	6–7	478–481
IV	531–538	8–9	481–487
ETHER			
I	538–547	1–4	487–496
II	547–548	5	496
III	548–555	6–8	496–502
IV	555–562	9–11	502–508
V	562–566	12	508–512
VI	566–573	13–15	512–518
MORONI			
I	574	1	518
II	574	2	518–519
III	575	3	519
IV	575	4	519
V	575–576	5	519–520
VI	576	6	520
VII	577–580	7	521–525
VIII	581–583	8	525–527
IX	583–585	9	527–529
X	585–588	10	529–531