

What Parts of the Old Testament Record Could the Nephites have Possessed?

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After being warned to flee Jerusalem, Lehi sent his four sons back to obtain family records from a man named Laban. The Book of Mormon tells us what was contained on those brass plates:

. . . my father, Lehi, took the records . . . and he did search them from the beginning. And he beheld that they did contain **the five books of Moses**, which gave an account of the creation of the world, and also of Adam and Eve, who were our first parents; And also **a record of the Jews from the beginning, even down to the commencement of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah**; And also the **prophecies of the holy prophets, from the beginning, even down to the commencement of the reign of Zedekiah; and also many prophecies which have been spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah**. And it came to pass that my father, Lehi, also found upon the plates of brass a **genealogy of his fathers**; . . . (1 Nephi 5:10–14)

So, compared to the Old Testament we have today, what books *could have been* contained on the plates Lehi's sons obtained from Laban?

HISTORY & LAW:

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus,
Numbers, & Deuteronomy
Joshua, Judges, & Ruth
1 Samuel & 2 Samuel
1 Kings & 2 Kings 1-24
1 Chronicles & 2 Chronicles 1-36

POETRY:

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon

PROPHETS:

Amos, Habakkuk, Hosea
Isaiah
Jeremiah 1-27
Joel, Jonah
Micah, Nahum
Zechariah, Zephaniah

Additionally there are other prophets mentioned in the Nephite record that are unknown in the Old Testament today: Zenos, Zenok, and Neum.