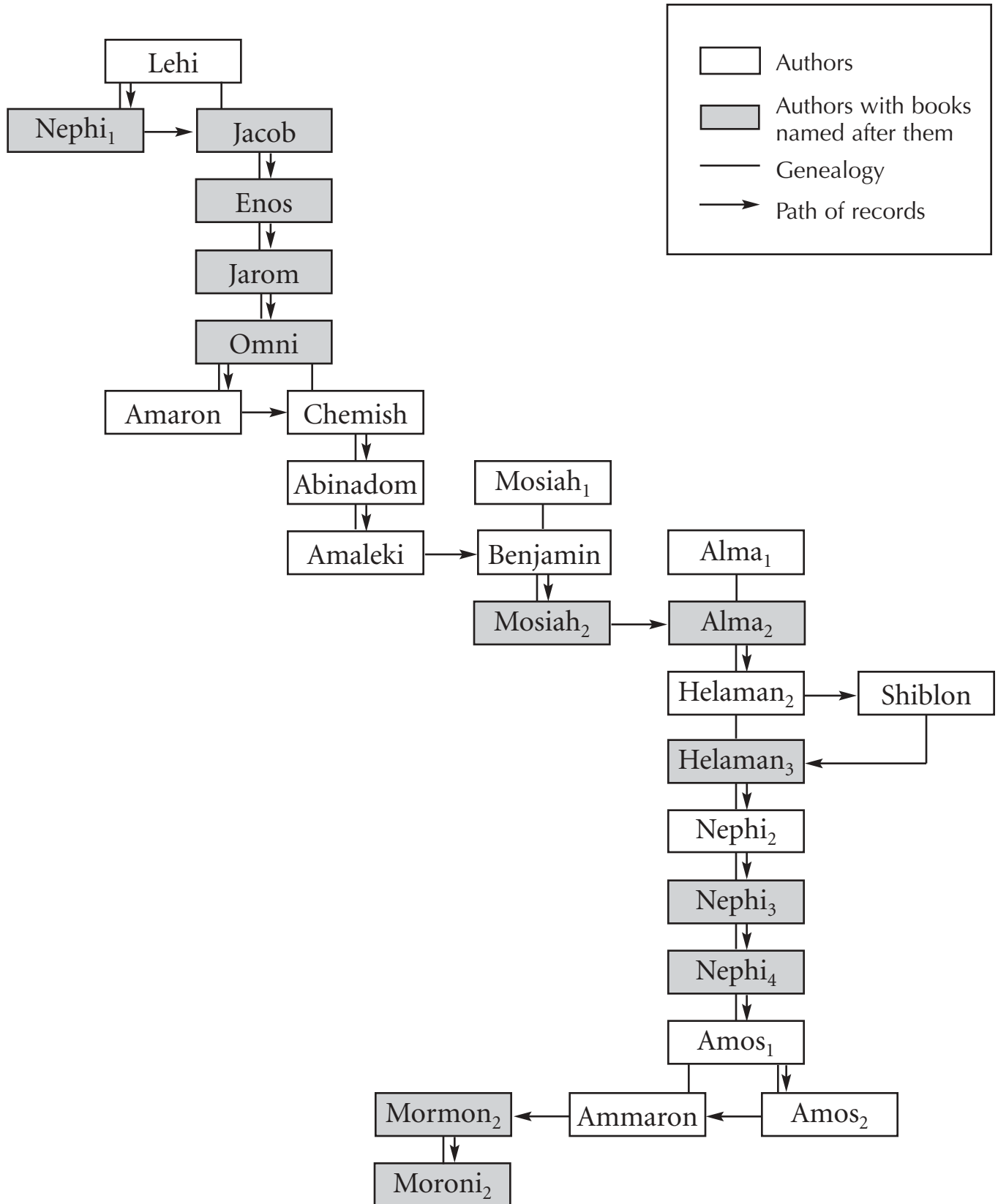


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**Key Scripture** Mormon 9:30–37

**Explanation** Genealogical, historical, legal, and prophetic records of the Nephites were handed down in sacred trust, usually from father to son. Only four Nephite families kept the plates: Lehi's posterity mainly through Jacob, Mosiah's family, Alma and his long line of descendants, and Mormon and his son Moroni. As anthropologist John L. Sorenson has pointed out, the Book of Mormon is structured as a "lineage history."