

Chapter I

And it came to pass that after I Nephi had been carried away in the spirit & seen all these things I returned to the tent of my father

& it came to pass that I beheld my Brethren & they were disputing one with another concerning the things which my father had spoken unto them

for he truly spake many great things unto them which was *hard* to be understood save a man should inquire of the Lord & they being hard in their hearts therefore they did not look unto the Lord as they had ought

& now I Nephi was grieved because of the hardness of their hearts & also because of the things which I had seen & knew *they* must unavoidably come to pass because of the great wickedness of the children of men

& it came to pass that I was overcome because of my afflictions ■ *(for) I considered that mine afflictions were great above all because of the destruction of my people for I had beheld their fall* 26

& it came to pass that after I had received strength I spake unto my Brethren desiring to know of them ~~be~~(the)cause of their disputation

& they said behold we cannot understand the words which our father hath spoken concerning the natural branches of the olive tree & also concerning the gentiles

& I said unto them have ye inquired of the Lord

& they said unto me we have not for the Lord maketh no such thing known unto us

behold I said unto them how is it that ye do not keep the commandments of the Lord how is it that ye will perish because of the hardness of your hearts

CHAPTER 15 [X_ _]

Lehi's seed are to receive the gospel from the Gentiles in the latter days—The gathering of Israel is likened unto an olive tree whose natural branches will be grafted in again—Nephi interprets the vision of the tree of life and speaks of the justice of God in dividing the wicked from the righteous. About 600–592 B.

¹And it came to pass that after I, Nephi, had been carried away in the Spirit, and seen all these things, I returned to the tent of my father.

²And it came to pass that I beheld my brethren, and they were disputing one with another concerning the things which my father had spoken unto them.

³For he truly spake many great things unto them, which were hard to be understood, save a man should inquire of the Lord; and they being hard in their hearts, therefore they did not look unto the Lord as they [X] ought.

⁴And now I, Nephi, was grieved because of the hardness of their hearts, and also, because of the things which I had seen, and knew they must unavoidably come to pass because of the great wickedness[-]s of the children of men.

⁵And it came to pass that I was overcome because of my afflictions, for I considered that mine afflictions were great above all, because of the destruction of my people, for I had beheld their fall

⁶And it came to pass that after I had received strength I spake unto my brethren, desiring to know of them [_]the[_]cause of their disputation.

⁷And they said: Behold, we cannot understand the words which our father hath spoken concerning the natural branches of the olive tree, and also concerning the Gentiles.

⁸And I said unto them: Have ye inquired of the Lord?

⁹And they said unto me: We have not; for the Lord maketh no such thing known unto us.

¹⁰Behold, I said unto them: How is it that ye do not keep[_] the commandments of the Lord? How is it that ye will perish, because of the hardness of your hearts?

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do ye not remembr the thing which the Lord hath said if ye will not harden your hearts & ask me in faith believing that ye shall ~~beli~~(receive) ~~eve~~ th(with) ~~ei~~r dil[li]gence in keeping my commandments shurely these things shall *be* made known unto you

behold I say unto you that the House of Israel was compared unto an olive tree by the spirit of the Lord which was in our father & behold are we not broken off from the house of Israel & are we not a branch of the house of Israel

& now the thing which *our* father meaneth concerning (the grafting) in of the natural branches through the fulness of the gentiles is that in the latter days when our seed shall have dwindled in unbe-lief yea for the space of many years & many generations after that the masiah hath manifested himself in body unto the Children of men then shall the fulness of the gospel of the masiah come unto the gentiles and *from* the gentiles unto the remnant of *our* seed

& at that day shall the remnant of our seed know that they are of the house of israel & that they are *the* Covenant people of the lord & then shall they know & come to the knowledge of their forefathers & also to the knowledge of the gospel of their redeemer which was ministered unto their fathers by him wherefore they shall come to the knowledge of their redeemer & the verry points of his doctrine that they may know how to come unto him & be saved

& then at that day will they not rejoice & give praise unto their everlasting █ God their Rock & their Salvation yea at that day will they not receive strenght & nourishment from *the* true vine yea will they not come unto the true fold of god

behold I say unto you yea they shall be num-bered a gain among the House of Israel they shall be grafted in being a natural Branch of the olive tree into the true olive tree

& this is what our father meaneth & he meaneth(h) that it will not come to pass until after that they are scattered by the gentiles & he meaneth that it shall come by way of the gentiles that the Lord m(a)uy shew his power unto the gentiles for the verry cause that he shall be rejected of the Jews or of the House of █ israel

¹¹Do ye not remember the things which the Lord hath said?—If ye will not harden your hearts, **and** ask me in faith, believ[ing] that ye shall [] receive[], [] with[] dil[igence] in keeping my commandments, s[urely] these things shall be made known unto you.

¹²Behold, I say unto you, that the **h**ouse of Israel was compared unto an olive tree, by the **S**pirit of the Lord which was in our father; **and** behold are we not broken off from the house of Israel, **and** are we not a branch of the house of Israel?

¹³**And** now, the thing which our father meaneth concerning **the grafting** in of the natural branches through the fulness of the **G**entiles, is, that in the latter days, when our seed shall have dwindled in unbe[-]lief, yea, for the space of many years, **and** many generations after **[X]** the **M**essiah shall be manifested **[X]** in body unto the **children** of men, then shall the fulness of the gospel of the **M**essiah come unto the **G**entiles, and from the **G**entiles unto the remnant of our seed—

¹⁴**And** at that day shall the remnant of our seed know that they are of the house of **I**srael, **and** that they are the **c**ovenant people of the **L**ord; **and** then shall they know **and** come to the knowledge of their forefathers, **and** also to the knowledge of the gospel of their **R**edeemer, which was ministered unto their fathers by him; wherefore, they shall come to the knowledge of their **R**edeemer **and** the ver[]y points of his doctrine, that they may know how to come unto him **and** be saved.

¹⁵**And** then at that day will they not rejoice **and** give praise unto their everlasting God, their **r**ock **and** their **s**alvation? Yea, at that day, will they not receive **the strength and** nourishment from the true vine? Yea, will they not come unto the true fold of **G**od?

¹⁶Behold, I say unto you, **Y**ea; they shall be **r**emembered a[]gain among the **h**ouse of Israel; they shall be grafted in, being a natural **b**ranch of the olive tree, into the true olive tree.

¹⁷**And** this is what our father meaneth; **and** he meaneth that it will not come to pass until after **[X]** they are scattered by the **G**entiles; **and** he meaneth that it shall come by way of the **G**entiles, that the Lord **ma**[]y show his power unto the **G**entiles, for the ver[]y cause that he shall be rejected of the Jews, or of the **h**ouse of **I**srael.

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wherefore our father hath not spoken of our seed alone but also of all the House of Israel pointing to the covenant which should be fulfilled in the latter days which covenant the Lord made to our father Abraham Saying in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the Earth be blessed

& it came to pass that I Nephi spake much unto them concerning these things yea I spake unto them concerning the restoration of the Jews in the latter days

& I did rehearse unto them the words of Isauh which spake concerning the restoration of the Jews or of the House of Israel & after that they were restored they should no more be confounded neither should they be scattered again & it came to pass that I did speak somany words unto my Brethren that they were passified & did humble them selves before the Lord

& it came to pass that they did speak unto me again Saying what meaneth the thing which our father saw in a dream what meaneth the tree which he saw

& I said unto them it was a representation of the tree of life

& they said unto me what meaneth the rod of iron which our father saw that led to the tree

& I said unto them that it was the word of god & that whoso would hearken unto the word of god & would hold fast unto it they would never perish neither could the temptations & the firey darts of the adversary over power them unto blindness to lead them away to distruction

wherefore I Nephi did exhort them to give heed unto the word of the Lord yea I did exhort them with all the energies of my soul & with all the faculty which I posses(s)ed that they would give heed to the word of god & rem(e)mber to keep his commandments allsways in all things

& they said unto me what meaneth the river of water which our father saw

& I said unto them that the water which my father saw was filthyness & so much was his mind swallowed up in other things that he beheld not the filthyness of the water

¹⁸Wherefore, our father hath not spoken of our seed alone, but also of all the house of Israel, pointing to the covenant which should be fulfilled in the latter days; which covenant the Lord made to our father Abraham, saying: In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

¹⁹And it came to pass that I, Nephi, spake much unto them concerning these things; yea, I spake unto them concerning the restoration of the Jews in the latter days.

²⁰And I did rehearse unto them the words of Isaiah, who spake concerning the restoration of the Jews, or of the house of Israel; and after [X] they were restored they should no more be confounded, neither should they be scattered again. And it came to pass that I did speak []many words unto my brethren, that they were pacified and did humble them[selves] before the Lord.

²¹And it came to pass that they did speak unto me again, saying: What meaneth this thing which our father saw in a dream? What meaneth the tree which he saw?

²²And I said unto them: It was a representation of the tree of life.

²³And they said unto me: What meaneth the rod of iron which our father saw, that led to the tree?

²⁴And I said unto them that it was the word of God; and [X] whoso would hearken unto the word of God, and would hold fast unto it, they would never perish; neither could the temptations and the fiery darts of the adversary overpower them unto blindness, to lead them away to destruction.

²⁵Wherefore, I, Nephi, did exhort them to give heed unto the word of the Lord; yea, I did exhort them with all the energies of my soul, and with all the faculty which I possessed, that they would give heed to the word of God and remember to keep his commandments allways in all things.

²⁶And they said unto me: What meaneth the river of water which our father saw?

²⁷And I said unto them that the water which my father saw was filthyness; and so much was his mind swallowed up in other things that he beheld not the filthyness of the water.

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& I said unto them that it was an awful gulph which sepateth the wicked from the tree of life also from the saints of god

& I said unto them that it was a representation of that awful Hell which the Angel said unto me was prepared for the wicked

& I said unto them that our father also saw that the Justices of god did also divide the wicked from the righteous & the brightness thereof was like unto the bright-ness of (a flaming) fire which ascendeth up unto god for ever & ever & hath no end

& they said unto me doth this thing mean the torment of the body in the days of probation or doth it mean the final state of the soul after the death of the temporal body or doth it speak of the things which are temporal

& it came to pass that I said unto them that **23** it was a representation of things both temporal & spiritual for the day should come that they must be Judged of their works yea even the works which were done by the temporal body in their days of probation

wherefore if they should die in their wickedness they must be cast off also as to the things which are spiritual which are pertaining (un)to righteousness wherefore they must be brought to stand before god to be Judged of their work & if their (works) have been filthiness they must needs be filthy & if they be filthy it must needs be that they cannot dwell in the kingdom of god if so the kingdom of god must be filthy also

but behold I say unto you that the kingd-om (of god) is not filthy that there cannot any unclean thing enter into the kingdom of god wherefore (there) must needs be a place of filthiness prepared for that which is filthy

& there is a place prepared yea even that awful Hell of which I have spoken & the devil is the preparator of it wherefore the final state of the souls of man is to dwell in the kingdom of god or to be cast out because of that justice of which I have spoken

28 And I said unto them that it was an awful gulph, which separate the wicked from the tree of life, and also from the saints of God.

29 And I said unto them that it was a representation of that awful hell, which the angel said unto me was prepared for the wicked.

30 And I said unto them that our father also saw that the justice of God did also divide the wicked from the righteous; and the brightness thereof was like unto the bright-ness of a flaming fire, which ascendeth up unto God for ever and ever, and hath no end.

31 And they said unto me: Doth this thing mean the torment of the body in the days of probation, or doth it mean the final state of the soul after the death of the temporal body, or doth it speak of the things which are temporal?

32 And it came to pass that I said unto them that it was a representation of things both temporal and spiritual; for the day should come that they must be judged of their works, yea, even the works which were done by the temporal body in their days of probation.

33 Wherefore, if they should die in their wickedness they must be cast off also, as to the things which are spiritual, which are pertaining to righteousness; wherefore, they must be brought to stand before God, to be judged of their works; and if their works have been filthiness they must needs be filthy; and if they be filthy it must needs be that they cannot dwell in the kingdom of God; if so, the kingdom of God must be filthy also.

34 But behold, I say unto you, the kingdom of God is not filthy, and there cannot any unclean thing enter into the kingdom of God; wherefore there must needs be a place of filthiness prepared for that which is filthy.

35 And there is a place prepared, yea, even that awful hell of which I have spoken, and the devil is the preparator of it; wherefore the final state of the souls of men is to dwell in the kingdom of God, or to be cast out because of that justice of which I have spoken.

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wherefore the wicked are seperated from █ the righteous & also from that tree of life whose fruit is *most* precious & most desireable of all other fruits yea & it is the greatest of all the gifts of god & thus I spake unto my *brethren* amen

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³⁶Wherefore, the wicked are **rejected** from the righteous, **and** also from that tree of life, whose fruit is most precious **and** most desir[]able **above** all other fruits; yea, **and** it is the greatest of all the gifts of **God. And** thus I spake unto my brethren. **Amen.**