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Chapter XVIII

The (second) Book of Nephi (Chapter I)

An account of the death of Lehi ~~the Lord~~ Nephi's Brethren rebelleth against him — the Lord warns Nephi to depart into the wilderness — &C his journeyings in the wilderness — &C —

And now it came to pass after (I) Nephi had made an end of teaching my brethren our father Lehi also spake many things unto them & rehearsed unto them *how great things the Lord had done for them in bringing them out of the land of Jerusalem*

& he spake unto them concerning their rebellions upon the waters & the mercies of God in sparing their lives that they were not swallowed up in the sea

& he also spake unto them concerning the land of promise which they had obtained how merciful the Lord had been in warning us that we should flee out of the land of Jerusalem

for behold saith he *I have seen a vision in the which I know that Jerusalem is destroyed & had we remained in Jerusalem we should also have perished*

but said he notwithstanding our ⁴⁷ afflictions we have obtained a land of promise a land which is choice above all other lands a land which the Lord God hath covenanted with me should be a land for the inheritance of my seed yea the Lord hath consecrated this land unto me & to my children forever & also all they which should be led out of other countries by the hand of the Lord

wherefore I Lehi prophesy according to the workings of the spirit which is in me that there shall be none come into this land save they should be brought by the hand of the Lord

[X_ _ _ _ _]

THE SECOND BOOK OF NEPHI [X_ _]

An account of the death of Lehi. [X_X] Nephi's brethren rebel[_ _ _] against him. [] The Lord warns Nephi to depart into the wilderness [] [X_]. His journeyings in the wilderness, [] and so forth [].

CHAPTER 1

Lehi prophesies of a land of liberty—His seed will be scattered and smitten if they reject the Holy One of Israel—He exhorts his sons to put on the armor of righteousness. About 588–570 B.C.

¹And now it came to pass **that** after **I**, Nephi, had made an end of teaching my brethren, our father, Lehi, also spake many things unto them, **and** rehearsed unto them, how great things the Lord had done for them in bringing them out of the land of Jerusalem.

²**And** he spake unto them concerning their rebellions upon the waters, **and** the mercies of God in sparing their lives, that they were not swallowed up in the sea.

³**And** he also spake unto them concerning the land of promise, which they had obtained—how merciful the Lord had been in warning us that we should flee out of the land of Jerusalem.

⁴**For**, behold, said [] he, I have seen a vision, in [X] which I know that Jerusalem is destroyed; **and** had we remained in Jerusalem we should also have perished.

⁵**But**, said he, notwithstanding our afflictions, we have obtained a land of promise, a land which is choice above all other lands; a land which the Lord God hath covenanted with me should be a land for the inheritance of my seed. **Yea**, the Lord hath covenanted this land unto me, **and** to my children forever, **and** also all those who should be led out of other countries by the hand of the Lord.

⁶Wherefore, **I**, Lehi, prophesy according to the workings of the Spirit which is in me, that there shall [X] none come into this land save they shall be brought by the hand of the Lord.

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wherefore this land is consecrated un-to him whom he shall bring & if it so be that they shall serve him according to the Commandments which he hath given it shall be a land of liberty un-to them wherefore they shall never be brought down into captivity if so it shall be because of iniquity for if iniquity shall abound cursed shall be the land for their sakes but unto the righteous it shall be blessed forever ■

& behold it is wisdom that this land should be kept as yet from the knowledge of other Nations for behold many Nations would overrun this land that there would be no place for an inheritance

wherefore I Lehi have obtained a promise that inasmuch as they which the Lord God shall bring out of the land of Jerusalem shall keep his commandments they shall prosper upon the face of this land & they shall be kept from all other Nations that they may possess this land unto themselves & if it so be that they shall keep his commandments they shall be blessed upon the face of this land & their shall be none to molest them nor to take away the land of their inheritance & they shall dwell safely forever

but behold when the time cometh that they shall dwindle in unbelief they after that they have received so great blessings from the hand of the Lord having a knowledge of the Creation of the earth & all men knowing the great & marvelous works of the Lord from the Creation of the world having power given them to do all things by faith having all the commandments from the beginning & having been brought by his infinite goodness into this precious land of promise behold I say if the day shall come that they will reject the holy one of Israel the true messiah their redeemer & their God behold the judgments of him that is just shall rest upon them

yea he will bring other Nations unto them & he will give unto them power & he will take away from them the lands of their possessions & he will cause them to (too) (be) scattered & smitten

yea as one Generation passeth to an other there shall be bloodsheds & great visitations ⁴⁸ among them wherefore my Sons I would that ye would remember yea I would that ye would hearken unto my words

⁷Wherefore, this land is consecrated un[-]to him whom he shall bring. **And** if it so be that they shall serve him according to the **commandments** which he hath given, it shall be a land of liberty un[-]to them; wherefore, they shall never be brought down into captivity; if so, it shall be because of iniquity; for if iniquity shall abound **cursed shall be the land** for their sakes, but unto the righteous it shall be blessed forever.

⁸**And** behold, it is wisdom that this land should be kept as yet from the knowledge of other **nations**; for behold, many **nations** would overrun the[] land, that there would be no place for an inheritance.

⁹Wherefore, I, Lehi, have obta[-]ined a promise, that inasmuch as[] **those whom** the Lord God shall bring out of the land of Jerusalem shall keep his **commandments**, they shall prosper upon the face of this land; **and** they shall be **kept** from all other **nations**, that they may possess this land unto themselves. **And** if it so be that they shall keep **[X]** his commandments they shall be blessed upon the face of this land, **and there** shall be none to molest them, nor to take away the land of their inheritance; **and** they shall dwell safely forever.

¹⁰**But** behold, when the **time** cometh that they shall dwindle in unbelief, **[X]** after **[X]** they have received so great blessings from the hand of the Lord—hav[]ing a knowledge of the **creation** of the earth, **and** all men, knowing the great **and** marvelous works of the Lord from the **creation** of the world; hav[]ing power given them to do all things by faith; hav[]ing all the com[]mandments from the beginning, **and** hav[]ing been brought by his infinite goodness into this precious land of promise—behold, I say, if the day shall come that they will reject the **Holy One** of Israel, the true **Messiah**, their **Redeemer and** their God, behold, the judgments of him that is just shall rest upon them.

¹¹**Yea**, he will bring other **nations** unto them, **and** he will give unto them power, **and** he will take away from them the lands of their possessions, **and** he will cause them to **[X] be[]** scattered **and** smitten.

¹²**Yea**, as one **generation** passeth to an[]other there shall be **bloodsheds, and** great visitations among them; wherefore, my **sons**, I would that ye would remember; yea, I would that ye would hearken unto my words.

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O that ye would awake awake from a deep sleep yea even from the sleep of hell & shake off the awful chanes by which ye are bound which are the Chanes whi(ch) bind the children of men that they are carried away captive down to the eternal gulf of misery & woe

awake & arise from the dust & hear the wo(rds) of a trembling ~~open~~ parent whose limbs ye must soon lay down in the cold & silent grave from whence no traveller can return a few more days & I go the way of all the earth

but behold the Lord hath redeemed my sou()l from hell I have beheld his glory & I am encerceled about eternally in the arms of his love

& I desire that ye should remember to observe the statutes & the judgments of the Lord behold this hath been the anxiety of my soul from the beginning

my heart hath been weyed dow with sorrow from time to time for I have fear(e)d least for the heardness of you(r) hearts least the Lord your God should come out in the fullness of his wrath upon you that ye be cut off & destroid forever

or that a curseing should come upon you for the space of many generations & ye are visited by sword & by famine & (are) hated & are lead according to the will & captivity of the Devil

O my Sons that these things might not ■ come upon you but that ye might be a choice & a favored people of the Lord but ~~but~~ behold his will be done for his ways are righteousness forever

& he hath said that in as much as ye shall keep my commandments ye shall prosper in the land but in as much as ye will not (keep his my commandments) ye shall be cut off from ~~hi~~(my)s presance

& now that my Soul might have joy in you & that my heart might leave this world with gladness because of you that I might not be brought down with grief & sorrow to the grave arise from the dust my Sons & be men & be determined in one mind & in one heart united in all things that ye may not come down into captivity

that ye may not be cursed with a sore cursing & also that ye may not incur the disple-asure of a just God upon you unto the destruction yea the eternal destru-ct(i)on of both Soul & boddy

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¹³O that ye would awake; awake from a deep sleep, yea, even from the sleep of hell, **and** shake off the awful chains by which ye are bound, which are the chains whi(ch) bind the children of men, that they are carried away captive down to the eternal gulf of misery **and** woe.

¹⁴Awake! **and** arise from the dust, **and** hear the wo(rds) of a trembl[]ing [_ _ _ _] parent, whose limbs ye must soon lay down in the cold **and** silent grave, from whence no travel[]er can return; a few more days **and** I go the way of all the earth.

¹⁵But behold, the Lord hath redeemed my sou()l from hell; I have beheld his glory, **and** I am encirc[]led about eternally in the arms of his love.

¹⁶And I desire that ye should remember to observe the statutes **and** the judgments of the Lord; behold, this hath been the anx[]iety of my soul from the beginning.

¹⁷My heart hath been weighed down with sorrow from time to time, for I have feared, le[]st for the h[]ardness of your hearts [X] the Lord your God should come out in the ful[]ness of his wrath upon you, that ye be cut off **and** destroyed forever;

¹⁸Or, that a curs[]ing should come upon you for the space of many generations; **and** ye are visited by sword, **and** by famine, **and** are hated, **and** are le[]d according to the will **and** captivity of the devil.

¹⁹O my sons, that these things might not come upon you, but that ye might be a choice **and** a favored people of the Lord. **But** [X] behold, his will be done; for his ways are righteousness forever.

²⁰And he hath said that: In[]as[]much as ye shall keep my commandments ye shall prosper in the land; but in[]as[]much as ye will not keep [X] my **commandments** ye shall be cut off from [_]my[] presence.

²¹And now that my soul might have joy in you, **and** that my heart might leave this world with gladness because of you, that I might not be brought down with grief **and** sorrow to the grave, arise from the dust, my sons, **and** be men, **and** be determined in one mind **and** in one heart, united in all things, that ye may not come down into captivity;

²²That ye may not be cursed with a sore cursing; **and** also, that ye may not incur the disple[-]asure of a just God upon you, unto the destruction, yea, []the eternal destru[-]ction of both soul **and** bod[]y.

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awake my Sons put on the armour of righteous-ness shake off the Chanes (with) which ye are bound & come forth out of obscurity & arise from the dust

rebell no more against your Brother whose views have been glorious & who hath cept the commandments from the time we left Jerusalem & who hath been an instrument in the hands of God in bringing us forth into the land of promise (pr) for were it not for him we m-ust have perished with hunger in the wilderness **49** nevertheless ye sought to take away his life yea & he hath suffered much sorrow because of you

& I exceedingly fear & tremble because of you least he shall suffer again for behold ye have accused him that he sought power & authority over you but I know that he hath not sought for power nor authority over you but he hath sought the Glory of God & you(r) own eternal welfare

& ye have murmured be-cause he hath been plain unto you ye say that he hath used sharpness ye say that he hath been angry with you but behold his sharpness was the sharpness of the power of the word of God which was in him & that which ye call anger was the truth according to that which is in God which he could not constrain manifesting boldly concerning your iniquities

& it must needs be that the power of God must be with him even unto his commanding you that ye must obey but behold it was not him but is it was the spirit of the Lord which was in him which opened his mouth to utterance that he could not shut (it)

& now my Son Laman & also Lemuel & Sam & also my Sons which are the Sons of Ishmael behold if ye will hearken unto the voice of Nephi ye shall not perish & if ye will hearken unto him I leave unto you a blessing yea even my first blessing

but if ye will not hearken unto him I take away my first blessing yea even my blessing & it shall rest upon him

& now Zoram I speak unto you behold thou art the ser(vant of Laban nevertheless thou hast been brought out of the land and of Jerusalem & I know that thou art a true friend unto my Son Nephi forever

²³Awake, my sons; put on the armor of righteous-ness. Shake off the chains with which ye are bound, and come forth out of obscurity, and arise from the dust.

²⁴Rebel no more against your brother, whose views have been glorious, and who hath kept the commandments from the time that we left Jerusalem; and who hath been an instrument in the hands of God, in bringing us forth into the land of promise []; for were it not for him, we must have perished with hunger in the wilderness; nevertheless, ye sought to take away his life; yea, and he hath suffered much sorrow because of you.

²⁵And I exceedingly fear and tremble because of you, lest he shall suffer again; for behold, ye have accused him that he sought power and authority over you; but I know that he hath not sought for power nor authority over you, but he hath sought the glory of God, and your own eternal welfare.

²⁶And ye have murmured because he hath been plain unto you. Ye say that he hath used sharpness; ye say that he hath been angry with you; but behold, his sharpness was the sharpness of the power of the word of God, which was in him; and that which ye call anger was the truth, according to that which is in God, which he could not restrain, manifesting boldly concerning your iniquities.

²⁷And it must needs be that the power of God must be with him, even unto his commanding you that ye must obey. But behold, it was not he, but [X] it was the Spirit of the Lord which was in him, which opened his mouth to utterance that he could not shut it.

²⁸And now my son, Laman, and also Lemuel and Sam, and also my sons who are the sons of Ishmael, behold, if ye will hearken unto the [X] voice of Nephi ye shall not perish. And if ye will hearken unto him I leave unto you a blessing, yea, even my first blessing.

²⁹But if ye will not hearken unto him I take away my first blessing, yea, even my blessing, and it shall rest upon him.

³⁰And now, Zoram, I speak unto you: Behold, thou art the servant of Laban; nevertheless, thou hast been brought out of [] the [] land [X] of [] Jerusalem, and I know that thou art a true friend unto my son, Nephi, forever.

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wherefore because thou hast been faithful thy seed shall be blessed with his seed that they dwell in prosperity long upon the face of this land & nothing save it shall be iniquity among them shall harm or dis()turb their prosperity upon the face of this land forever

wherefore if ye shall keep the commandments of the Lord the Lord hath ~~even~~(consecrated)~~anted~~ this land for the security of thy Seed with the seed of my Son

³¹Wherefore, because thou hast been faithful thy seed shall be blessed with his seed, that they dwell in prosperity long upon the face of this land; **and** nothing, save it shall be iniquity among them, shall harm or dis()turb their prosperity upon the face of this land forever.

³²Wherefore, if ye shall keep the commandments of the Lord, the Lord hath [_ _ _ _] **consecrated** [_ _ _ _] this land for the security of thy **seed** with the seed of my **son**.