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Chapter

— Behold it came to pass that I Nephi did cry much unto the Lord my God be-cause of the anger of my Brethren

but behold their anger did increase against me insomuch that they did seek to take away my life

yea they did murmur against me say-ing our younger Brother thinketh to rule over us & we have had much trial because of him wherefore now let us slay him that we may not be afflicted more be-cause of his words for behold we will not that he shall be our ruler for it belongeth unto us which are the elder Brethren to rule over this People

now I do not write upon these plates all the words which they murmured against me but it sufficeth me to say that they did seek to take away my life

& it came to pass that the Lord did warn me that I Nephi should depart from them & flee into the wilderness & all they which would go with me

wherefore it came to pass that I Nephi did take my family & also Zoram & his family & Sam mine elder Brother & his family & Jacob & Josep ~~min~~(my)e younger Brethren & also my sisters & all they which would go with me & all they which would go with me were they which ~~w~~(believed) ~~ould~~ go in the warnings & the revelations of God wherefore they did hearken unto my words

& we did take our tents & whatsoever things were possible for us & did journey in the wilderness **57** for the space of many days & after that we had journeyed for the space of many days we did pitch our tents

& my People would that we should call the name of the place Nephi w-herefore we did call it Nephi

**CHAPTER 5 [X]**

*The Nephites separate themselves from the Lamanites, keep the law of Moses, and build a temple—Because of their unbelief, the Lamanites are cut off from the presence of the Lord, are cursed, and become a scourge unto the Nephites. About 588–559 B.C.*

[ ] <sup>1</sup>Behold, it came to pass that I, Nephi, did cry much unto the Lord my God, be[-]cause of the anger of my brethren.

<sup>2</sup>But behold, their anger did increase against me, insomuch that they did seek to take away my life.

<sup>3</sup>Yea, they did murmur against me, say[-]ing: Our younger brother thinks[ \_ ] to rule over us; and we have had much trial because of him; wherefore, now let us slay him, that we may not be afflicted more be[-]cause of his words. For behold, we will not have him to be our ruler; for it belongs[ \_ ] unto us, who are the elder brethren, to rule over this people.

<sup>4</sup>Now I do not write upon these plates all the words which they murmured against me. But it sufficeth me to say, that they did seek to take away my life.

<sup>5</sup>And it came to pass that the Lord did warn me, that I, Nephi, should depart from them and flee into the wilderness, and all those who would go with me.

<sup>6</sup>Wherefore, it came to pass that I, Nephi, did take my family, and also Zoram and his family, and Sam, mine elder brother and his family, and Jacob and Joseph, [ \_ \_ ]my[ \_ ] younger brethren, and also my sisters, and all those who would go with me. And all those who would go with me were those who [ \_ ]believed[ \_ \_ \_ \_ X] in the warnings and the revelations of God; wherefore, they did hearken unto my words.

<sup>7</sup>And we did take our tents and whatsoever things were possible for us, and did journey in the wilderness for the space of many days. And after [X] we had journeyed for the space of many days we did pitch our tents.

<sup>8</sup>And my people would that we should call the name of the place Nephi; w[-]herefore, we did call it Nephi.

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& all they which were with me did take it upon them to call themselves the People of Nephi

& we did observe to keep the Judgments & the statutes & the commandments of the Lord in all things according to the law of Moses

& the Lord was with us & we did prosper exceedingly for we did sow seed & we did reap again in abundance & we began to raise flocks & herds & animals of every kind

& I Nephi had also brought the records which were engraven upon the plates of Brass & also the Ball or the compass which was prepared for my father by the hand of the Lord according to that which is written

& it came to pass that we began to prosper exceedingly & to multiply in the land

& I Nephi did take the sword of Laban & after the manner of it did make many swords least by any means the people which (were) now called Lamanites should come upon us & destroy us for I knew their hatred towards me & my Children & they which were called my people

& I did teach my people that they should build buildings (&) that they should work in all manner of wood & of iron & of Copper & of Brass & of steel & of Gold & of Silver & of precious ores which were in great abundance

& I Nephi did build a temple & I did construct it after the manner of the Temple of Solomon save it were not built of so many precious things for they were not to be found upon the land wherefore it could not be built like unto Solomons Temple but the manner of the construction was like unto the Temple of Solomon & the workmanship thereof was exceeding fine

& it came to pass that I Nephi did cause my People that they should be industrious & that they should labour with their hands

& it came to pass that they would that I should be their King but I Nephi was desirous that they should have no King nevertheless I did do for them according to that which was in my power

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<sup>9</sup>And all those who were with me did take [X] upon them to call themselves the people of Nephi.

<sup>10</sup>And we did observe to keep the judgments, and the statutes, and the commandments of the Lord in all things, according to the law of Moses.

<sup>11</sup>And the Lord was with us; and we did prosper exceedingly; for we did sow seed, and we did reap again in abundance. And we began to raise flocks, and herds, and animals of every kind.

<sup>12</sup>And I, Nephi, had also brought the records which were engraven upon the plates of brass; and also the ball, or [X] compass, which was prepared for my father by the hand of the Lord, according to that which is written.

<sup>13</sup>And it came to pass that we began to prosper exceedingly, and to multiply in the land.

<sup>14</sup>And I, Nephi, did take the sword of Laban, and after the manner of it did make many swords, lest by any means the people who were now called Lamanites should come upon us and destroy us; for I knew their hatred towards me and my children and those who were called my people.

<sup>15</sup>And I did teach my people [X\_X] to build buildings, and [X\_X] to work in all manner of wood, and of iron, and of copper, and of brass, and of steel, and of gold, and of silver, and [ ] of precious ores, which were in great abundance.

<sup>16</sup>And I, Nephi, did build a temple; and I did construct it after the manner of the temple of Solomon save it were not built of so many precious things; for they were not to be found upon the land, wherefore, it could not be built like unto Solomon's temple. But the manner of the construction was like unto the temple of Solomon; and the workmanship thereof was exceedingly fine.

<sup>17</sup>And it came to pass that I, Nephi, did cause my people [X\_X] to be industrious, and [X\_X] to labour with their hands.

<sup>18</sup>And it came to pass that they would that I should be their king. But I, Nephi, was desirous that they should have no king; nevertheless, I did [X] for them according to that which was in my power.

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& behold the words of the Lord had been fulfilled unto my Brethren which he spake concerning them that I should be their ruler & their teacher wherefore I had been the-ir ruler & their teacher according to the commandments of the Lord until the time that they sought to take away my life

wherefore the word of the Lord was fulfilled which he spake unto me saying that in as much as they will not hearken unto thy words they shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord & behold they were cut off from his presence

& he had caused the cursing to come upon them yea even a sore cursing because of their iniquity for behold they had hardened their hearts against him that they had become like unto a flint wherefore as they were white & exceeding fair & delightsome that they might not be enticing unto my People therefore the Lord God did cause a skin of blackness to come upon them **58**

& thus saith the Lord God I will cause that they shall be loathsome unto thy People save they shall repent of their iniquities

& cursed shall be the seed of him that mixeth with their seed for they shall be cursed even with the same cursing & the Lord spake it & it was done

& because of their cursing which was upon them *they did become* an idle People full of mischief & subtlety & did seek in the wilderness for beasts of prey

& the Lord God said unto me *they shall be a scourge* unto thy seed to stir them up in remembrance of me & in as much as they will not remember me & hearken unto my words they shall scourge them even unto destruction

& it came to pass that I *Nephi did* consecrate Jacob & Joseph that they should be priests & teachers over the Land of my people

& it came to pass that we lived after the manner of happiness

& thirty years had passed ~~away~~ away from the time we left Jerusalem

<sup>19</sup>And behold, the words of the Lord had been fulfilled unto my brethren, which he spake concerning them, that I should be their ruler and their teacher. Wherefore, I had been the-ir ruler and their teacher, according to the commandments of the Lord, until the time they sought to take away my life.

<sup>20</sup>Wherefore, the word of the Lord was fulfilled which he spake unto me, saying that: In as much as they will not hearken unto thy words they shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord. And behold, they were cut off from his presence.

<sup>21</sup>And he had caused the cursing to come upon them, yea, even a sore cursing, because of their iniquity. For behold, they had hardened their hearts against him, that they had become like unto a flint; wherefore, as they were white, and exceedingly fair and delightsome, that they might not be enticing unto my people the Lord God did cause a skin of blackness to come upon them.

<sup>22</sup>And thus saith the Lord God: I will cause that they shall be loathsome unto thy people, save they shall repent of their iniquities.

<sup>23</sup>And cursed shall be the seed of him that mixeth with their seed; for they shall be cursed even with the same cursing. And the Lord spake it, and it was done.

<sup>24</sup>And because of their cursing which was upon them they did become an idle people, full of mischief and subtlety, and did seek in the wilderness for beasts of prey.

<sup>25</sup>And the Lord God said unto me: They shall be a scourge unto thy seed, to stir them up in remembrance of me; and in as much as they will not remember me, and hearken unto my words, they shall scourge them even unto destruction.

<sup>26</sup>And it came to pass that I, Nephi, did consecrate Jacob and Joseph, that they should be priests and teachers over the land of my people.

<sup>27</sup>And it came to pass that we lived after the manner of happiness.

<sup>28</sup>And thirty years had passed away from the time we left Jerusalem.

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wpon my plates which I ha-d made of my People  
thus far

& it came to *pass that the Lord God said unto*  
me make other plates & thou shalt in-graven  
*many things upon them which are good in my sight*  
for the profit of thy People

wherefore I Nephi to be obedient to the  
commandmen-ts of the Lord went & made these  
plates upon which I have engraven these things

& I engravened that which is *pleasing unto*  
God & if my people be pleased with the things  
of God they be ple()ased with mine  
engraveings which are upon these plates

& if my People desire to *know the more*  
*particular part of the* history of my People they  
mu-st search mine other Plates

& it *sufficeth* me to say that forty years had  
passed aw-ay & we had already had wars &  
contentions with our Brethren

<sup>29</sup>And I, [ ] Nephi, had kept the rec()[\_]ords  
upon my plates, which I ha[-]d made, of my people  
thus far.

<sup>30</sup>And it came to pass that the Lord God said unto  
me: Make other plates; and thou shalt en[-]graven  
many things upon them which are good in my sight,  
for the profit of thy people.

<sup>31</sup>Wherefore, I, Nephi, to be obedient to the  
commandmen[-]ts of the Lord, went and made these  
plates upon which I have engraven these things.

<sup>32</sup>And I engrave[\_ \_]d that which is pleasing unto  
God. And if my people are pleased with the things  
of God they will be ple()ased with mine  
engrav[\_]ings which are upon these plates.

<sup>33</sup>And if my people desire to know the more  
particular part of the history of my people they  
mu[-]st search mine other plates.

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passed aw[-]ay, and we had already had wars and  
contentions with our brethren.