

The Book of Nephi
 the Son of Nephi
 Which was the Son of Helaman

& Helaman was the Son of Helaman which was the Son of Alma which was the Son of Alma being a descendant of Nephi which was the Son of Lehi which came out of Jerusalem in the first year of the reign of Zedekiah the king of Judah—

Chapter ——— ———

Now it came to pass that the ninety & first year had passed away & it was (was) six hundred years from the time that Lehi left Jerusalem & it was in the year that Lachoneus was the chief Judge & the governor over the land [of Nephi]

& Nephi the Son of Helaman had departed out of the land of Zarahemla giving charge unto his Son Nephi which was his eldest Son concerning the plates of Brass & all the records which had been kept & all those things which had been kept sacred from the departure of Lehi out of Jerusalem

then he departed out of the land & whether he went no man knoweth & his Son Nephi did keep the records in his stead yea the record of this people

& it came to pass that in the commencement of the ninety & second year behold the prophecies of the prophets began to be fulfilled more fully for there began to be greater signs & greater miracles wrought among the people

but there were some which began to say that the time was past for the words to be fulfilled which were spoken by Samuel the Lamanite

& they began to rejoice over their brethren saying behold the time is past & the words of Samuel (are) not fulfilled therefore your joy & your faith concerning this thing hath been vain

THIRD NEPHI

**THE BOOK OF NEPHI
 THE SON OF NEPHI,
 WHO WAS THE SON OF HELAMAN**

And Helaman was the son of Helaman, **who** was the son of Alma, **who** was the son of Alma, being a descendant of Nephi **who** was the son of Lehi, **who** came out of Jerusalem in the first year of the reign of Zedekiah, the king of Judah.[]

CHAPTER 1 [X][][]

Nephi, the son of Helaman, departs out of the land, and his son Nephi keeps the records—Though signs and wonders abound, the wicked plan to slay the righteous—The night of Christ's birth arrives—The sign is given, and a new star arises—Lyings and deceivings increase, and the Gadianton robbers slaughter many. About A.D. 1–4.

¹Now it came to pass that the ninety **and** first year had passed away **and** it []was[] six hu[-]ndred years from the time that Lehi left Jerusalem; **and** it was in the year that [] [] Lachoneus was the chief judge **and** the governor over the land [X_X].

²[X] **And Nephi**, the son of Helaman, had departed out of the land of Zarahemla, giving charge unto his son Nephi, **who** was his eldest son, concerning the plates of brass, **and** all the records which had been kept, **and** all those things which had been kept sacred from the departure of Lehi out of Jerusalem.

³Then he departed out of the land, **and** whither he went, no man knoweth; **and** his son Nephi did keep the records in his stead, yea, the record of this people.

⁴**And** it came to pass that in the commencement of the ninety **and** second year, behold, the prophecies of the prophets began to be fulfilled more fully; for there began to be greater signs **and** greater miracles wrought among the people.

⁵But there were some **who** began to say that the time was past for the words to be fulfilled, which were spoken by Samuel, the Lamanite.

⁶**And** they began to rejoice over their brethren, saying: Behold the time is past, **and** the words of Samuel []are[] not fulfilled; therefore, your joy **and** your faith concerning this thing hath been vain.

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& it came to pass that they did make a great uprore throughout the land & the people which believed began to be verry sorrowful lest by any means those things which had been spoken might not come to pass

but beh--old they did watch steadfastly for that day & that night & that day which should be as one day as if there were no night that they might know that **their faith** had not been vain

now it came to pass that there was a day set apart by the unbelievers that all those who believed in those traditions should be put to death except the sign should come to pass which had been given by Samuel the prophet

now it came to pass that when Nephi the Son of *Nephi saw this wickedness* of his people his heart was exceding sorrowful

& it came to pass that he *went out & bowed himself* down upon the earth & cried mightily to his God in behalf of *his People yea those* which were about to be destroyed because of their faith in the *tradition of their Fathers*

& it came to pass that he cried mightily unto the Lord all that day & *behold the voice of the Lord came* unto *him saying*

lift up your head & be of good cheer for behold *the time is at hand & on this night* shall the sign be given & on the morrow come I *into the world* to shew *unto the world* that I will fulfil all that **which** I have caused to be spoken by the *mouth of my Holy Prophets*

behold I come unto my own to fulfil all things which I have *made known unto the Children* of men ~~from~~ from the foundation of the world(&) to do the will of both of *the Father* & of the Son of the Father because of me & of the Son because of my flesh & behold the time is at hand & this night shall the sign be given

& it came to pass that the words which came unto Nephi was fulfilled according as they had been spoken for he behold at the going down of the Sun there was no darkness & the people began to be astonished because there was no darkness when the night came

⁷**And** it came to pass that they did make a great uproar throughout the land; **and** the people **who** believed began to be ver[]y sorrowful, lest by any means those things which had been spoken might not come to pass.

⁸But beh[-][-]old, they did watch steadfastly for that day **and** that night **and** that day which should be as one day as if there were no night, that they might know that **their faith** had not been vain.

⁹Now it came to pass that there was a day set apart by the unbelievers, that all those who believed in those traditions should be put to death except the sign should come to pass, which had been given by Samuel the prophet.

¹⁰Now it came to pass that when Nephi, the son of *Nephi*, saw this wickedness of his people, his heart was exceedingly sorrowful.

¹¹**And** it came to pass that he went out **and** bowed himself down upon the earth, **and** cried mightily to his God in behalf of his people, yea, those **who** were about to be destroyed because of their faith in the tradition of their fathers.

¹²**And** it came to pass that he cried mightily unto the Lord all that day; **and** behold, the voice of the Lord came unto him, saying:

¹³Lift up your head **and** be of good cheer; for behold, the time is at hand, **and** on this night shall the sign be given, **and** on the morrow come I into the world, to show unto the world that I will fulfil all that **which** I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my holy prophets.

¹⁴Behold, I come unto my own, to fulfil all things which I have made known unto the children of men [X] from the foundation of the world, []and to do the will, [X] both of the Father **and** of the Son—of the Father because of me, **and** of the Son because of my flesh. **And** behold, the time is at hand, **and** this night shall the sign be given.

¹⁵**And** it came to pass that the words which came unto Nephi were fulfilled, according as they had been spoken; for [X] behold, at the going down of the sun there was no darkness; **and** the people began to be astonished because there was no darkness when the night came.

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& there were many which had not believed the words of the prophets fell to the earth & became as if they were dead for they knew that the great plan of destruction which *they* had laid for those who ~~had~~ believed in the word[s] of the prophets had been frustrated for the sign *which had* been given was already at hand

& they began to know that the Son of God must shortly appear yea [&] in fine all the people upon the face of the whole *Earth* from the west to the east both in the land north & in the land south were *so* exceedingly astonished that they fell to the earth

for they knew that the prophets had testified of these things for many years & that the sign which had be--en given was already at hand & they began to fear because of their iniquity & their un--belief

& it came to pass that there was no darkness in all that night but it was *as* light as tho it was mid day & it came to pass that the Sun did rise in the morning again according to its proper order & they knew that it was the day that the Lord should be born because of the sign which had been given

& it had come to pass yea all things every whit according to the words of the prophets

& it came to pass also that a new Star did app--ear according to the word

& it came to pass *that* from this time forth there began to be lie--ings sent forth among the people by Satan to harden their hearts to the intent that they might not believe in those signs & wonders which they had seen but not(-withstanding) *these* lieings & deceivings the more part of the people did believe & were converted unto **365** the Lord

& it came to pass that Nephi went forth among the people & also many ~~other~~ others baptising unto repentance in the which there *were* a great remission of sins & thus the people began again to have peace in the land

& there were no contentions save it were a few that began to preach endeavoring to prove by the Scriptures that it was no *more expediant* to observe the law of Moses now in this thing they did err having *not understood the Scriptures*

¹⁶**And** there were man[]y, **who** had not believed the words of the prophets, **who** fell to the earth **and** became as if they were dead, for they knew that the great plan of destruction which *they* had laid for those who [X] believed in the words of the prophets had been frustrated; for the sign *which had* been given was already at hand.

¹⁷**And** they began to know that the Son of God must shortly appear; yea, [X] in fine, all the people upon the face of the whole **earth** from the west to the east, both in the land north **and** in the land south, were so exce~~e~~dingly astonished that they fell to the earth.

¹⁸**F**or they knew that the prophets had testified of these things for many years, **and** that the sign which had be[-][-]en given was already at hand; **and** they began to fear because of their iniquity **and** their un[-][-]belief.

¹⁹**And** it came to pass that there was no darkness in all that night, but it was *as* light as tho**ugh** it was mid-day. **And** it came to pass that the **sun** did rise in the morning again, according to its proper order; **and** they knew that it was the day that the Lord should be born, because of the sign which had been given.

²⁰**And** it had come to pass, yea, all things, every whit, according to the words of the prophets.

²¹**And** it came to pass also that a new **star** did app[-][-]ear, according to the word.

²²**And** it came to pass **that** from this time forth there began to be ly[][-][-]ings sent forth among the people, by Satan, to harden their hearts, to the intent that they might not believe in those signs **and** wonders which they had seen; but not[-][-]**withstanding** *these* ly[]ings **and** deceivings the more part of the people did believe, **and** were converted unto the Lord.

²³**And** it came to pass that Nephi went forth among the people, **and** also many [X] others, baptiz[]ing unto repentance, in the which there **was** a great remission of sins. **And** thus the people began again to have peace in the land.

²⁴**And** there were no contentions, save it were a few that began to preach, endeavoring to prove by the scriptures that it was no *more expedient* to observe the law of Moses. **Now** in this thing they did err, having *not understood the scriptures*.

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but it came to pass that they soon became converted & were *convinsed of the error which* they were in for it was made known unto them that the law *was not yet fulfilled & that it must* be fulfilled in every whit yea the word *came un-to them that it must be fulfilled* yea that one jot nor tittle should not pass away *till it should all be fulfilled* therefore in this same year were they brought to a *Knowledge of their error & did* confess their faults

& thus the ninety & second year did *pass away bringing glad tidings* unto the people because of the signs which did come *to pass according to the words* of the prophecy of all the holy prophets

& it came to *pass that* the ninety & third year did also pass away in peace save it were for the ~~gæd~~ Gadia-nton robbers which [did] *dwelt* upon the mountains which did infest the land for so strong were their holds & their secret places that the people could not overpower them therefore they did commit many murders & did do much slaughter among the people

& it came to pass that in the ~~m~~(ninety)~~ne~~ & fourth year they began to increase in a great degree be--cause there were many dissenters of the Nephites which did flee unto them which did -cause much sorrow unto those Nephites **which** did remain in the land

& there were also a cause *of much sorrow* among the Lamanites for behold they had many children which *did grow* up & began to wax strong in years that they became for themselves & were ~~le~~(led)~~æd~~ away by some which were Zoramites by their lieings & their flatter*ing words* to join those Gadianton robbers

& thus were the Lamanites afflicted also & began to decrease as to their faith & righteousness because of the wickedness of the rising generation

²⁵**But** it came to pass that they soon became converted, **and** were *convinced of the error which* they were in, for it was made known unto them that the law *was not yet fulfilled, and that it must* be fulfilled in every whit; yea, the word *came un[-]to them that it must be fulfilled*; yea, that one jot [-]or tittle should not pass away *till it should all be fulfilled*; therefore in this same year were they brought to a **knowledge of their error and** did confess their faults.

²⁶**And** thus the ninety **and** second year did *pass away, bringing glad tidings* unto the people because of the signs which did come *to pass, according to the words* of the prophecy of all the holy prophets.

²⁷**And** it came to *pass that* the ninety **and** third year did also pass away in peace, save it were for the [-] Gadia[-]nton robbers, **who [X] dwelt** upon the mountains, **who** did infest the land; for so strong were their holds **and** their secret places that the people could not overpower them; therefore they did commit many murders, **and** did do much slaughter among the people.

²⁸**And** it came to pass that in the [-]ninety[-] **and** fourth year they began to increase in a great degree, be[-][-]cause there were many dissenters of the Nephites **who** did flee unto them, which did [-]cause much sorrow unto those Nephites **who** did remain in the land.

²⁹**And** there **was** also a cause *of much sorrow* among the Lamanites; for behold, they had many children **who did grow** up **and** began to wax strong in years, that they became for themselves, **and** were [-]led[-] away by some **who** were Zoramites, by their ly[-]ings **and** their flatter*ing words*, to join those Gadianton robbers.

³⁰**And** thus were the Lamanites afflicted also, **and** began to decrease as to their faith **and** righteousness, because of the wickedness of the ris[-]ing generation.