

Chapter

The prophecy of Nephi the Son of Helaman God threatens the people of Nephi that he will visit them in *his* anger to their utter destruction except they repent of their wickedness— God smiteth the people of Nephi with pestilence— they repent & turn unto him— Samuel a Lama--nite prophesies unto the Nephites—

Behold now it came to pass in the sixty & ninth year of the reign of the Judges over the people of (the) *Nepites* th--at Nephi the Son of Helaman returned to the land of Zarahemla from the land Northward

for he had been forth among the people which was in the land Northwa--rd & did preach the word of God unto them & did prophesy many things unto them

& they did reject all his words insomuch that he could not stay amo--ng them but returned again unto the land of his nativity

& seeing the people in a- state of such awful wickedness & those Gadianton robbers filling the Judgm--entseats having usurped the power & authority of the land laying aside the commandments of God & not in the least aright before him doing no jus- **345** -tice unto the children of men

condemning the righteous because of their righteou--sness letting the guilty & the wicked go unpunished because of their money & moreover to be held in office at the head of government to rule & do according to their wills that they might get gain & glory of the world & moreover that they mig--ht more easily commit adultery & steal & kill & do according to their own wills

now this great iniquity had come upon the Nephites in the space of not many years & when Nephi saw it his heart was swollen with sorrow within his breast & he did exclaim in the agony of his soul

[X]

The **P**rophecy of Nephi, the Son of Helaman— God threatens the people of Nephi that he will visit them in his anger, to their utter destruction except they repent of their wickedness[.]. God smiteth the people of Nephi with pestilence[.]; they repent **and** turn unto him[.]. Samuel, a Lama[-][-]nite, prophesies unto the Nephites[.].
Comprising chapters 7 through 16.

CHAPTER 7

Nephi is rejected in the north and returns to Zarahemla—He prays upon his garden tower and then calls upon the people to repent or perish. About 23–21 B.C.

¹Behold, now it came to pass in the sixty **and** ninth year of the reign of the **j**udges over the people of **the** Nephites, th[-][-]at Nephi, the son of Helaman, returned to the land of Zarahemla from the land **n**orthward.

²For he had been forth among the people **who were** in the land **n**orthwa[-][-]rd, **and** did preach the word of God unto them, **and** did prophesy many things unto them;

³**And** they did reject all his words, insomuch that he could not stay amo[-][-]ng them, but returned again unto the land of his nativity.

⁴**And** seeing the people in a[-] state of such awful wickedness, **and** those Gadianton robbers filling the **j**udgm[-]ent-seats—having usurped the power **and** authority of the land; laying aside the commandments of God, **and** not in the least aright before him; doing no jus[-][-]tice unto the children of men;

⁵Condemning the righteous because of their righteou[-]sness; letting the guilty **and** the wicked go unpunished because of their money; **and** moreover to be held in office at the head of government, to rule **and** do according to their wills, that they might get gain **and** glory of the world, **and**, moreover, that they mig[-][-]ht **the** more easily commit adultery, **and** steal, **and** kill, **and** do according to their own wills—

⁶Now this great iniquity had come upon the Nephites, in the space of not many years; **and** when Nephi saw it, his heart was swollen with sorrow within his breast; **and** he did exclaim in the agony of his soul:

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O that I could have had my days in the days of (when) my father Nephi first came out of the land of Jerusalem that I could have joyed with him in the promised land then were his people easy to be intreated firm to keep the commandments of God & slow to be led to do iniquity & they were quick to heark--en unto the words of the Lord

yea if my days could have been in (them)my days then would my soul have had joy in the righteousness of my brethren

but behold I am consign-ed that these are my days & that my soul(shall) ~~shoul~~d be filled with sorrow because of this the wickedness of my brethren

& behold now it came to pass that it was upon a ~~Tow~~(Tower)er which was in the garden of Nephi which was by the highway which led to the chief Market which was in the city of Zarahemla therefore as Nephi had bowed himself up-on the Tower which was in his Garden which Tower was also near unto the garden gate which led by the highway

& it came to pass that there were certain men passing by & saw Nephi as he was pouring out his soul unto God upon the Tower & they ran & told the people what they had seen & the people came together in multitudes that they might know the cause of so great mourning for the wickedness of the people

& now when Nephi arose (he)& beheld the multitudes of people which had gathered toge(ther)

& it came to pass that he opened his mouth & said unto them Behold ~~w~~(why)hat (have)have ye gathered yourselves together that I may tell you of your iniquities

yea because I have got upon my Tower that I might pour out my soul unto my God because of the ex--ceding sorrow of my heart which is because of your iniquities

& becaus of my mourn--ing & lamentation ye have gathered yourselves together & do marvel yea & ye have great need to marvel yea ye had ought to marvel because ye are given away that the ~~De~~-vil hath got so great hold upon your hearts

⁷Oh, that I could have had my days in the days [X] when my father Nephi first came out of the land of Jerusalem, that I could have joyed with him in the promised land; then were his people easy to be entreated, firm to keep the commandments of God, and slow to be led to do iniquity; and they were quick to heark[-][-]en unto the words of the Lord—

⁸Yea, if my days could have been in those[X] days, then would my soul have had joy in the righteousness of my brethren.

⁹But behold, I am consign[-]ed that these are my days, and that my soul[_]shall [X] be filled with sorrow because of this the wickedness of my brethren.

¹⁰And behold, now it came to pass that it was upon a [_ _]tower[_ _], which was in the garden of Nephi, which was by the highway which led to the chief market, which was in the city of Zarahemla; therefore, [X] Nephi had bowed himself up[-]on the tower which was in his garden, which tower was also near unto the garden gate by which led [X] the highway.

¹¹And it came to pass that there were certain men passing by and saw Nephi as he was pouring out his soul unto God upon the tower; and they ran and told the people what they had seen, and the people came together in multitudes that they might know the cause of so great mourning for the wickedness of the people.

¹²And now, when Nephi arose he[X] beheld the multitudes of people who had gathered toge(ther).

¹³And it came to pass that he opened his mouth and said unto them: Behold, [_]why[_ _] have[X] ye gathered yourselves together? That I may tell you of your iniquities?

¹⁴Yea, because I have got upon my tower that I might pour out my soul unto my God, because of the ex[-][-]ceding sorrow of my heart, which is because of your iniquities!

¹⁵And because of my mourn[-][-]ing and lamentation ye have gathered yourselves together, and do marvel; yea, and ye have great need to marvel; yea, ye [X] ought to marvel because ye are given away that the de[_ _]vil has[_] got so great hold upon your hearts.

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yea how could you have given away to the enticeing of him who art seeking to hurl away your souls down to everlast--ing misery & endless wo

O repent ye repent ye why (will)whil(ye) die turn ye b(turn ye)turn unto the Lord your God why hath he forsaken you

it is because you have ha--rdened your hearts yea ye will not hearken unto the voice of the good Shepherd yea ye have provoked him to anger against you

& behold *instead of* gathering you except ye will repent behold he shall scatter you forth that ye shall become meat for dogs & wild beasts

O how could you have forgotten your God in the verry day that he hath delivered you

but behold it is to get gain to be praised of **346** men yea & that ye might get gold & silver & ye have set your hearts upon the riches & the vain things of this world for the which ye do murder & plunder & steal and bear fals witness against your neighbor & do all manner of iniquity

& for this cause wo shall come unto you y(excpt) ye shall repent for if ye will not repent behold this great city & also all those great cities which are round about which are in the land of our possession shall be taken away that ye shall have no place in them for behold the Lord will not grant unto you strength as he hath hitherto done to withstand against your enemies

for behold thus saith the Lord I will not shew un--to the wicked of my strength to one more than the other save it be unto those who repe--nteth of their Sins & hearken unto my words now therefore I would that ye should be--hold my brethren that it shall be better for the Lamanites than for you except ye sh(shall)t repent

for behold they are more righteous than you for they have not sined against that great knowledge which ye have received therefore the Lord will be merciful unto them yea he will lengthen out their days & increase their seed even when thou shalt be utterly destroyed except thou shalt repent

¹⁶Yea, how could you have given [] way to the entic[]ing of him who **is** seeking to hurl away your souls down to everlast[-][-]ing mise[]ry **and** endless wo?

¹⁷O repent ye, repent ye! Why **will**[_ _ _]ye[] die? Turn ye, []**turn ye[X]** unto the Lord your God. Why has[] he forsaken you?

¹⁸It is because you have ha[-][-]rdened your hearts; yea, ye will not hearken unto the voice of the good **shepherd**; yea, ye have provoked him to anger against you.

¹⁹**And** behold, instead of gathering you, except ye will repent, behold, he shall scatter you forth that ye shall become meat for dogs **and** wild beasts.

²⁰O, how could you have forgotten your God in the ver[]y day that he has[] delivered you?

²¹**But** behold, it is to get gain, to be praised of men, yea, **and** that ye might get gold **and** silver. **And** ye have set your hearts upon the riches **and** the vain things of this world, for the which ye do murder, **and** plunder, **and** steal, and bear false witness against your neighbor, **and** do all manner of iniquity.

²²**And** for this cause wo shall come unto you []**except** ye shall repent. **For** if ye will not repent, behold, this great city, **and** also all those great cities which are round about, which are in the land of our possession, shall be taken away that ye shall have no place in them; for behold, the Lord will not grant unto you strength, as he has[] hitherto done, to withstand against your enemies.

²³**For** behold, thus saith the Lord: I will not show un[-][-]to the wicked of my strength, to one more than the other, save it be unto those who repe[-][-]nt[_ _] of their **sins**, **and** hearken unto my words. **Now** therefore, I would that ye should be[-][-]hold, my brethren, that it shall be better for the Lamanites than for you except ye [_]**shall**[] repent.

²⁴**For** behold, they are more righteous than you, for they have not **sinned** against that great knowledge which ye have received; therefore the Lord will be merciful unto them; yea, he will lengthen out their days **and** increase their seed, even when thou shalt be utterly destroyed except thou shalt repent.

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yea wo be unto ~~y~~(you)~~e~~ because of that great abomination which hath come among you & ye have united yourselves unto it yea to that secret band which was established by Gadianton

yea wo shall come unto you because of that pride which ye have suffered to enter your hearts which hath lifted you up beyond that which is good because of your ex--ceding great riches

yea wo be unto you because of your wickedness & abominations

& excpt ye repent ye shall perish yea even your lands shall be taken from you & ye shall be destroyed from off the face of the earth

behold I do not say these things shall be of myself because it is ~~no~~(not of)~~to~~f myself ~~b~~(that I)~~because i~~(know)~~t~~is ~~n~~(these)~~e~~~~t~~~~o~~f(things) but behold I know that these things are true because the Lord God hath made them known unto me therefore I testify that they shall be

²⁵Yea, wo be unto []you[] because of that great abomination which has[] come among you; **and** ye have united yourselves unto it, yea, to that secret band which was established by Gadianton!

²⁶Yea, wo shall come unto you because of that pride which ye have suffered to enter your hearts, which has[] lifted you up beyond that which is good because of your ex[-][-]ceeding^{ly} great riches!

²⁷Yea, wo be unto you because of your wickedness **and** abominations!

²⁸**And** except ye repent ye shall perish; yea, even your lands shall be taken from you, **and** ye shall be destroyed from off the face of the earth.

²⁹Behold **now**, I do not say **that** these things shall be, of myself, because it is []not of[] myself []that I[]know[]these[] things; but behold, I know that these things are true because the Lord God has[] made them known unto me, therefore I testify that they shall be.