

& now my beloved brethren beho--ld I declare unto you that except ye shall repent your Houses shall be left unto you desolate

yea except ye repent your women shall have great cause to mourn in the day that they shall give suck for ye shall attempt to flee & there shall be no place for reff--uge yea & wo unto them which are with Child for they shall be heavy & cannot flee therefore they shall be trodden down & shall be left to perish

yea wo unto this people which are called the people of Nephi except they shall repent when they shall see all those signs & wonders which shall be shewed unto them for beho--ld they have been a chosen people of the Lord yea the people of Nephi hath he loved & also hath he chastened them yea in the days of their iniquities hath he chastened them because he loveth them

but behold my brethren the Lamanites hath he hated because their deeds have been evil continually & this because of the iniquity of the tradition of their fathers but behold salvation hath come unto them through the preaching of the Nephites & for this intent hath the Lord prolonged their days

& I wo--uld that ye should behold that the more part of them are in the path of their duty & they do walk circumspectly before God & they do observe to keep his commandments & his statutes & his Judgements according to the law of Moses

yea I say unto you that the more part of them are doing this & they are striving with unwearied diligence that they may bring the remainder of their brethren to the knowledge of the truth therefore **361** there are many which do add to their numbers daily

& behold ye do know of yourselves for ye have witnessed it that as many of them as are brought to the knowledge of the truth & to know of the wicked & abominable traditions of their fathers & are lead to believe the holy Scriptures yea the prophecies of the holy prophets which are written which lead--eth them to faith on the Lord(&) unto repentance which faith & repentance bringeth a change of heart unto them

## CHAPTER 15

*The Lord chastened the Nephites because He loved them—Converted Lamanites are firm and steadfast in the faith—The Lord will be merciful unto the Lamanites in the latter days. About 6 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>And now, my beloved brethren, beho[-][-]ld, I declare unto you that except ye shall repent your houses shall be left unto you desolate.

<sup>2</sup>Yea, except ye repent, your women shall have great cause to mourn in the day that they shall give suck; for ye shall attempt to flee and there shall be no place for ref[-][-]uge; yea, and wo unto them which are with child, for they shall be heavy and cannot flee; therefore, they shall be trodden down and shall be left to perish.

<sup>3</sup>Yea, wo unto this people who are called the people of Nephi except they shall repent, when they shall see all these signs and wonders which shall be showed unto them; for beho[-][-]ld, they have been a chosen people of the Lord; yea, the people of Nephi hath he loved, and also hath he chastened them; yea, in the days of their iniquities hath he chastened them because he loveth them.

<sup>4</sup>But behold my brethren, the Lamanites hath he hated because their deeds have been evil continually, and this because of the iniquity of the tradition of their fathers. But behold, salvation hath come unto them through the preaching of the Nephites; and for this intent hath the Lord prolonged their days.

<sup>5</sup>And I wo[-][-]uld that ye should behold that the more part of them are in the path of their duty, and they do walk circumspectly before God, and they do observe to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judg[-]ments according to the law of Moses.

<sup>6</sup>Yea, I say unto you, that the more part of them are doing this, and they are striving with unwearied diligence that they may bring the remainder of their brethren to the knowledge of the truth; therefore there are many who do add to their numbers daily.

<sup>7</sup>And behold, ye do know of yourselves, for ye have witnessed it, that as many of them as are brought to the knowledge of the truth, and to know of the wicked and abominable traditions of their fathers, and are le[-]d to believe the holy scriptures, yea, the prophecies of the holy prophets, which are written, which lead[-][-]eth them to faith on the Lord,[-]and unto repentance, which faith and repentance bringeth a change of heart unto them—

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therefore as many as have come to this ye know of yourselves are firm & steadfast in the faith & in the thing[s] wherewith they have been made free

& ye know also that they have buried their weapons of war & they fear to take them up lest by any means they shall sin yea ye can see that they fear to sin for behold they will suffer themselves that they be trodden down & slain by their enemies & will not lift their swords against them & this because of their faith in Christ

& now because of their steadfastness when they do believe in that thing which they do believe for because of their firmness when they are once enlightened behold the Lord shall bless them & prolong their days not--withstanding their iniquity

yea even if they should dwindle in unbelief the Lord shall prolong their days until the time shall come which hath been spoken of by our fathers & also by the Prophet Zenos & many other prophets concerning the restoration of our brethren the Lamanites again to the Knowledge of the truth

yea I say unto you that in the latter times the promises of the Lord hath been extended to our brethren the Lamanites & not wi--thstanding the many afflictions which they shall have & notwithstanding they shall be driven to & fro upon the face of the Earth & be hunted & shall be smitten & scattered ab--road having no place for refuge the Lord shall be merciful unto them

& this is accord--ing to the prophecy that they shall again be brought to the true Knowledge which is the knowledge of their redeemer & their great & their true Shepherd & be numbered among his Sheep

therefore I say unto you it shall be better for them than for you except ye repent

for behold had the mighty works been shewn unto them which have been shewn unto you yea unto them which have dwindled in unbelief be--cause of the traditions of their fathers ye can see of yourselves that they never would again have dwindled in unbelief

<sup>8</sup>Therefore, as many as have come to this, ye know of yourselves are firm **and** steadfast in the faith, **and** in the thing[ ] wherewith they have been made free.

<sup>9</sup>**And** ye know also that they have buried their weapons of war, **and** they fear to take them up lest by any means they **should** sin; yea, ye can see that they fear to sin—for behold they will suffer themselves that they be trodden down **and** slain by their enemies, **and** will not lift their swords against them, **and** this because of their faith in Christ.

<sup>10</sup>**And** now, because of their steadfastness when they do believe in that thing which they do believe, for because of their firmness when they are once enlightened, behold, the Lord shall bless them **and** prolong their days, not[-][-]withstanding their iniquity—

<sup>11</sup>**Yea**, even if they should dwindle in unbelief the Lord shall prolong their days, until[ ] the time shall come which hath been spoken of by our fathers, **and** also by the prophet Zenos, **and** many other prophets, concerning the restoration of our brethren, the Lamanites, again to the knowledge of the truth—

<sup>12</sup>**Yea**, I say unto you, that in the latter times the promises of the Lord have been extended to our brethren, the Lamanites; **and** not[ ]wi[-][-]thstanding the many afflictions which they shall have, **and** notwithstanding they shall be driven to **and** fro upon the face of the earth, **and** be hunted, **and** shall be smitten **and** scattered ab[-][-]road, having no place for refuge[ ]e, the Lord shall be merciful unto them.

<sup>13</sup>**And** this is accord[-][-]ing to the prophecy, that they shall again be brought to the true knowledge, which is the knowledge of their Redeemer, **and** their great **and** [X] true shepherd, **and** be numbered among his sheep.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore I say unto you, it shall be better for them than for you except ye repent.

<sup>15</sup>**F**or behold, had the mighty works been shown unto them which have been shown unto you, yea, unto them **who** have dwindled in unbelief be[-][-]cause of the traditions of their fathers, ye can see of yourselves that they never would again have dwindled in unbelief.

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therefore saith the Lord I will not utterly destroy them but I will cause that in the day of my wisdom they shall return again unto me saith the Lord

& now behold saith the *Lord concerning* the people of the Nephi-tes if they will not repent & observe to do my will I *will utterly* destroy them saith the Lord because of their unbelief notwithstanding the many *mighty* works which I *have done* among them & as surely as the Lord liveth *shall* these things be saith *the Lord*

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<sup>16</sup>**T**herefore, saith the Lord: I will not utterly destroy them, but I will cause that in the day of my wisdom they shall return again unto me, saith the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>**A**nd now behold, saith the Lord, concerning the people of the Nephi[-]tes: **I**f they will not repent, **and** observe to do my will, I **will utterly** destroy them, saith the Lord, because of their unbelief notwithstanding the many **mighty** works which I **have done** among them; **and** as surely as the Lord liveth **shall** these things be, saith **the Lord**.