

1st Nephi 1

The Book of Nephi
his reign & ministry.

An account of Lehi & his Wife Sariah & his four Sons
being called beginning at the eldest
Laman Lemuel Sam & Nephi—

The Lord warns Lehi to depart out of the land of Jerusalem
because he prophesieth unto the people concerning their iniquity—
& they seek to destroy his life—

he taketh three days journey ~~un~~ into the wilderness with his family—

Nephi taketh his Brethren & returns to the land of Jerusalem
after the record of the Jews—

the account of their sufferings—

they take the Daughters of Ishmael to wife—

they take their families & depart into the wilderness—

their sufferings & afflictions in the wilderness—

the cours of their travels—

they come to the large waters—

Nephis Brethren rebelleth against him

he confoundeth them & buildeth a ship—

they call the place Bountiful—

they cross the large waters into the promised land .&C.

this is according to the account of Nephi
or in other words I Nephi wrote this record—

¹I Nephi haveing been ~~bor~~ born of goodly parents
therefore I was taught *somewhat* in all the learning of my father
& haveing seen many afflictions in the cours of my days
nevertheless haveing been highly favored of the Lord in all my days
yea haveing had a great knowledg of the goodness & the mysteries of God
therefore I make a record of my procedings in my days

²yea I make a record in the language of my father
which consists of the learning of the Jews & the language of the Egyptians

³& I know that the record which I make to be true
& I make it with mine own *hand*
& I make it according to my knowledge

⁴for it came to pass in the commencement of the ^{first year}
of the reign of Zedekiah King of Judah
my father Lehi haveing dwelt at Jerusalem in all his days
& in that same year there came many prophits prophesying unto the people
that they must repent ~~or tha~~ ^{the} great City Jerusalem must be destroid

⁵wherefore it came *to* pass that
my father Lehi as he went forth prayed unto the Lord
yea even with all his heart in behalf of his People

⁶& it came to pass as he prayed unto the Lord
there came a pillar of fire & dwelt upon a rock before him
& he saw & heard much
& because of the things which he saw & heard
he did quake & tremble excedingly

⁷& it came to pass that he returned to his own house at Jerusalem
& he cast himself upon his bed
being overcome with the spirit
& the things which he had seen

⁸& being thus overcome with the spirit
he was carried away in a vision
even that he saw the Heavens open
& he thought he saw God sitting upon his throne
surrounded with numberless concourses of angels
in the attitude of singing & praising their God

⁹& it came to pass that he saw one descending out of the midst of Heaven
& he beheld that his luster was above that of the Sun at noonday

¹⁰& he also saw twelve others following him
& their brightness did excede that of the Stars in the firmament

¹¹& they came down & went forth upon the face of the earth
& the first came & stood before my father
& gave unto him a Book & ~~bade~~ ^{bade} him that he should ^{read it}

¹²& it came to pass that as he read
he was filled with the spirit of the Lord

¹³& he read saying wo wo unto Jerusalem
for I have seen thine abominations
yea & many things did my father read concerning Jerusalem
that it should be destroyed & the inhabitants thereof
many should perish by the sword
& many should be carried away captive into Babylon

¹⁴& it came to pass that when my father had read
& saw many great & marvelous things
he did exclaim many things unto the Lord such as
great & marvelous are thy works O Lord God Almighty
thy throne is high in the Heavens
& thy power & goodness ^{& mercy} is over all the inhabitants of the earth
& because *thou* art merciful
thou wilt not suffer those who come unto thee that they shall perish

¹⁵& after this manner was the language of my father in the praising of his God
for his soul did rejoice & his whole heart was filled
because of the things which he had seen
yea which the Lord had shewn unto him

¹⁶& now I Nephi do not make a full account of the things
which my father hath written for he hath written
many things which he ~~hath~~ saw in visions & in dreams
& he also hath written many things
which he prophesied & spake unto his children
which I shall not make a full account

¹⁷but I shall make an account of my proceedings in my days
behold I make an abridgment of the record of my father
upon plates which I have made with mine own hands
wherefore after I have abridged the record of my father ~~of my father~~
then will I make an account of mine own life

¹⁸therefore I would that ye should know that
after the Lord had shewn so many ^{marvelous} things unto my father Lehi
yea concerning the destruction of Jerusalem
behold he went forth among the people & began to prophesy
& to declare unto them concerning the things
which he had both seen & heard

¹⁹& it came to pass that the Jews did mock him
because of the things which he testified of them
for he truly testified of their wickedness & their abominations
& he testified that the things which he saw & heard
& also the things which he read in the Book
manifested plainly of the coming of a Messiah
& also the redemption of the world

²⁰& when the Jews heard these things they were angry with him
yea even as with the prophets of Old
whom they had cast out & stoned & slain
& they also sought his life that they might take it away
but behold I Nephi will shew unto you
that the tender mercies of the lord is over all them whom he hath chosen because of their faith
to make them mighty even unto the power of deliverance