

1st Nephi 3

¹& it came to pass that I Nephi returned
from speaking with the Lord to the tent of my father
²& it came to pass that he spake unto me saying
behold I have dreamed a dream
in the which the Lord hath commanded me
that thou & thy Brethren shall return to Jerusalem
³for behold Laban hath the record of the Jews
& also a genealogy of my forefathers
& they are engraven upon plates of Brass
⁴wherefore the Lord hath commanded me
that thou & thy Brethren should go unto the house of Laban
& seek the records & bring them down hither into the wilderness

⁵& now behold thy Brethren murmur
saying it is a hard thing which I have required of them
but behold I have not required it of them
but it is a commandment of the Lord
⁶therefore go my Son
& thou shalt be favoured of the Lord
because thou hast not murmured
⁷and it came to pass that I Nephi said unto my father

I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded
for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men
Save he shall prepare a way for them
that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them
⁸and it came to pass that when my father had heard these words
he was exceeding glad
for he knew that I had been blessed of the Lord
⁹and I Nephi & my Brethren took our Journey in the wilderness with our tents
to go up to the Land of Jerusalem
¹⁰and it came to pass that when we had gone up to the land of Jerusalem
I & my Brethren did consult one with another
¹¹& we cast lots which of us should go in unto the house of Laban
& it came to pass that the lot fell upon Laman
& Laman went in unto the house of Laban
& he talked with him as he sat in his house
¹²& he desired of Laban the Records
which were engraven upon the plates of brass
which contained the genealogy of my father
¹³& that behold it came to pass that Laban was angry
and thrust him out from his presence
& he would not that he should have the records
wherefore he said unto him
behold thou art a robber and I will slay thee

¹⁴but laman fled out of his presence
and told the things which laban had done unto us
& we began to be exceeding sorrowful
& my brethren *were* about to return unto my father in the wilderness

¹⁵but behold I said unto them that
as the Lord liveth a & as we live
we will not go down *unto* our father in the wilderness
until we have accomplished the thing which the Lord hath commanded us

¹⁶wherefore let us be *faithfu* in keeping the commandments of the Lord
therefore let us go down to the Land of our fathers inheritance
for behold he left gold & a *silver* & all manner of *riches*
& all this hee hath *done* because of the commandment

¹⁷for he knowing that Jerusalem must be destroyed
because of the *wic kedness* of the people

¹⁸for behold they have rejected the words of thee *prophets*
wherefore if my father should *dwell* in the land
after that he hath been *commanded* to ~~fr~~ flee out of the land
behold *he* would also perish ¹

wherefore it must needs be that he flee *out* of the land

¹⁹& behold it is wisdom *in* God that we should obtain these receords
that we might preserve unto our children the language of our fathers

²⁰& also that we may preserve unto them the words
which have been Spoken by the mouth of all the holly Prophe^st
which have been delivered *unto* then by the *spirite* and power of god
since the world began even *down* unto this present time

²¹& it came to pass that after this manner of Language
did I persuade my Brethhrin that they might be faithful
in keeping the commandments of God

²²& it came to pass that we went down to the land of our inheritance
& we did *gather* to gether our gold & our silver & our precious things

²³& after that we had *gethered* these things to *gether*
we went up again unto the house of Laban

²⁴& it came to pass that we went in unto Laban & desired *him*
that he would give unto us the records
which were engraven upon the plaits of Brass
for which we would give unto him
our gold & our Silver & all our precious things

²⁵& it came to pass that
when Laban saw our property that it *was* exceeding great
he did lust after it
in *so much* that he *thrust us* out & sent his Servents *to slay* us
that he might obtain our property

¹ OM Header = The brethran of Nephi Smite him with a Rod

²⁶& it came to pass that we *did flee* before the Servents of Laban
& we were *obliged* to leave behind *our* property
& it fel into the hands of Laban

²⁷& it came *to* pass that we fled into the wilderness
& the servents of Laban did not overtake us
& we hid ourselves in the cavity of a rock

²⁸& it came to pass that Laman was angry with me & also with my father
& *also* ~~with~~ was Lemuel for he hearkened unto the words of Laman
wherefore Laman & Lemuel did speak many hard words
unto us their younger Brother
& they did smite us even with a rod

²⁹& it came to pass as they smote us with a rod
behold an *angel* of the Lord came and stood before them
& he spake unto *them* saying
why *do* ye smite your younger Brother with a rod
know ye not that the Lord hath chosen him to be a ruler over you
& this because of your iniquities
behold thou shalt go *up* to Jerusalem again
& the Lord will Deliver Laban into your hands

³⁰& after that ^{the angel} ~~he~~ had spake unto us he departed

³¹& after that the *angel* had departed
Laman & Lemuel again began to murmur saying
how is it possible that the Lord will deliver Laban into our hands
behold he is a mighty man & he can command fifty
yea ~~h~~ even he can slay fifty ^{then} why not us