

1st Nephi 4

¹& it came to pass that I spake unto my Brethren saying
let us go up *again* unto Jerusalem
& let us be faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord
for behold he is mightier than all the *arth*
then why not mightier than Laban & his fifty
yea or even than his tens of thousands
²therefore let us go up
Let us be strong like unto *Moses*
for he truly spake unto the *waters* of the Red Sea
& they divided hither & thither
& our fathers came *through* out of ¹ ~~out of~~ captivity on dry ground
& the armies of Pharro *did* follow
& were drowned in the waters of the Red Sea
³now behold ye know that this is true
& ye also know that an angel hath spoken unto you
wherefore can ye doubt
let us go up
the lord is able to deliver us *even* as our fathers
& to destroy Laban even as the Egyptians

⁴now when I had spoken these words
they were yet *roth* & did still continue to *murmur*
nevertheless they did follow me up until we came without the walls of Jerusalem
⁵& it was by *night*
& I caused that they should hide themselves without the wall

& after that they had hid themselves
I Nephi crept *into* the City & went forth towards the house of Laban
⁶& I was led by the spirit
not knowing beforehand the things which I should do

⁷nevertheless I went forth
& as I came near unto the house of Laban I beheld *a* man
& he had *fallen* to the Earth before me
for he was drunken with wine

⁸& when I came to him I found that it was Laban
⁹& beheld his *sword* & I drew it forth from the sheath thereof
& the hilt thereof was of pure Gold
& the *workmanship* thereof was exceeding fine
& I saw that the *blade* thereof was of the most precious steel

¹ OM Header = Nephi slayeth Laban & C

¹⁰& it came to pass that
I was constrained by the *spirit* that I should kill Laban
but I said in my heart
never *at* any time have I shed the *blood* of man
& I shrunk & would that I might not slay him
¹¹& the spirit saith unto me a gain
behold the Lord hath delivered him into thy hands
yea & I also knew *that* he had sought to take away mine own life
yea & he would not *hearken* unto the commandments of the Lord
& he *also* had *taken* away our property
¹²& it came to pass that the spirit said unto me *again* ~~to me~~
slay him for the Lord hath delivered him into thy hands
¹³behold the Lord slayeth the ewicked to bring forth his righteous purposes
it is better that one man should perish
then that a nation should dwindle & perish in unbelieve

¹⁴& now when I nephi had heard these words
I remembered the words of the *Lord*
which he spake unto me in the wilderness
saying that in as much as thy seed shall keep my commandments
they shall prosper in the land of promise
¹⁵yea & I also thought that they could not keep the Commandments of the Lord
according to the law of Moses save they should have the law
¹⁶& I also knew that the law was engraven upon the plates of Brass
¹⁷& again I knew that the Lord had delivered Laban *into* my hands for this cause
that I might obtain the Reckords according to his commandments

¹⁸therefore I did obey the voice of the spirit
& took Laban by the hair of the head
& I smote off *his* head with his own sword
¹⁹& after that I *had* smote off his ~~own~~ head with his own sword
I took the garments of Laban & put them
upon mine own boddy yea even every whit
& I did gird on his armour *about* my loins

²⁰& after that I had done this I went forth unto the treasurey of *Laban*
& as I went forth towards the treasurey of Laban
behold I saw the servant of Laban which had the keys of the treasurey ²
And i commanded him in the voice of laban
that he *should* Go with me intu the treashury
²¹and he soposing me to Be his Master laben
for he beheld the garments & Also the Sword Girded about my loins
²²and he Spake unto me concerning the elders of the jews
he knowing that his Master laban had b^een out By night among them
²³and I spake unto him as if it had ben laban

² OM Header = Nephi obtains the Records

²⁴and i also spake unto him that I Should carry the ingravings
which ware upon the Plates of brass
to my elder brethren which ware without the wall
²⁵and i also bade him that he should follow Me
²⁶and he supposing that i spake of the brethren of the church
and that i was truly that laban whom I had ~~had~~ Slew
where fore he did follow me
²⁷and he spake unto me menny times conserning the elders Of the jews
as i went forth unto my brethren which Ware without the wall

²⁸and it came to pass that when laman Saw me
he was Excedingly frightend and also Lemuel and Sam
and they fled from before my pressans
for they Supposd it was laban
and that he had slain Me and had Sot to take away *their* lives also

²⁹and it came to pass that I cald after *them* and they did hear Me
wherefore they did ce^ace to flee from my pressance
³⁰And it came to pass that when the Servant of laban Beheld my brethran
he be gan to trenbel and was About to flee from before me
and return to the citty Of jerusalem
³¹and now i nephi be ing A man large in Stature
and also having receivd *much* strength of the lord
therefore i did *sie*ce upon the servant of laban
and held him that he should not flee

³²and it came to pass that i spake with *him*
that if he would harken un to my words
as the lord liveth and as i live
even so that if he would harken un to our words we would spare His life

³³and i Spake unto him even with an oath that he nead not fear
that he should be a free Man like unto us
if he would *go* down in the wilderness with us
³⁴and i also spake unto him saying
shurely the lord hath commanded us to do this thing
and shall we not be dilligent in keeping the *commandment* of the lord
therefor if thou wilt go down In^{to} the wilderness to my father
thou shalt have Place with us

³⁵and it came to pass that Zoram did take c^ourrage at the words which i spake
now Zorum was the name of the Servand
and he promisd that he would go down into the w^{ild}rness unto our father
Yea and he also made an oath unto us
that he would tarry with us from that time forth
³⁶now we ware desirus that he should tarry with us for this cause
that the jews might Not *k*ⁿow conserning our flight into the wilderness
lest they should Persue us and destroy us

³⁷and it Came to pass that when *Zorum* had made an oath *Unto* us
our fears did seace concerning ~~th~~ him ³

³⁸And it came to pass that we took the plates of brass & the *Servant* of *laban*
& departed in^{to} the wilderness & j^ourn^{ed} *Unto* the tent of our *father*

³ OM Header = [Lehi searcheth the Records](#)