

1st Nephi 15

Chapter I

¹And it came to pass that
after I Nephi had been carried away in the spirit & seen all these things
I returned to the tent of my father

²& it came to pass that I beheld my Brethren
& they were disputeing one with another
concerning the things which my father had spoken unto them

³for he truly spake many great things unto them
which was *hard* to be understood
save a man should enquire of the Lord
& they being hard in their hearts
therefore they did not look unto the Lord as they had ought

⁴& now I Nephi was grieved because of the hardness of their hearts
& also because of the things which I had seen
& knew *they* must unavoidably come to pass
because of the great wickedness of the children of men

⁵& it came to pass that I was overcome because of my afflictions
for I considered that mine afflictions were great above all
because of *the* destruction of my people
for I had beheld *their* fall

⁶& *it* came to pass that after I had received strength
I spake *unto* my Brethren
desiring to know of them *be^{the}cause* of their *disputations*

⁷& they said
behold we cannot understand the words which our father *hath* spoken
concerning the natural *branches* of the olive tree
& also concerning the gentiles

⁸& I said unto them
have ye inquired of the Lord

⁹& they said unto me
we have not

for the Lord maketh no such *thi'ng* known *unto* us

¹⁰behold I said unto them
how is it that *ye* do *not* keep the commandments of the Lord
how is it that ye will perish because of the hardness of your hearts

¹¹do ye not remembr the thing which the Lord hath said
if ye will not harden your hearts & ask me in faith
believing that ye shall *beli^{receive}eve*

th^{with}eir diligence in keeping my commandments
shurely these things shall *be* made known unto you

¹²behold I say unto you that the House of Israel was compared unto an olive tree
by the spirit of the Lord which was in our father
& behold are we not broken off from the house of Israel
& are we not a branch of the house of Israel

¹³& now the thing which our father meaneth
concerning ^{the grafting} in of the natural branches
through the fulness of the gentiles
is that in the latter days when our seed shall have dwindled in unbelief
yea for the space of many years & many generations
after that the masiah hath manifested himself in body unto the Children of men
then shall the fulness of the gospel of the masiah come unto the gentiles
and from the gentiles unto the remnant of our seed

¹⁴& at that day shall the remnant of our seed know
that they are of the house of israel
& that they are the Covenant people of the lord
& then shall they know & come to the knowledge of their forefathers
& also to the knowledge of the gospel of their redeemer
which was ministered unto their fathers by him
wherefore they shall come to the knowledge of their redeemer
& the verry points of his doctrine
that they may know how to come unto him & be saved

¹⁵& then at that day will they not rejoice
& give praise unto their everlasting God their Rock & their Salvation
yea at that day will they not receive strenght & nourishment from the true vine
yea will they not come unto the true fold of god

¹⁶behold I say unto you
yea they shall be numbered a gain among the House of Israel
they shall be grafted in
being a natural Branch of the olive tree
into the true olive tree

¹⁷& this is what our father meaneth
& he meaneth^h that it will not come to pass
until after that they are scattered by the gentiles
& he meaneth that it shall come by way of the gentiles
that the Lord m^auy shew his power unto the gentiles
for the verry cause that he shall be rejected of the Jews or of the House of israel

¹⁸wherefore our father hath not spoken of our seed alone
but also of all the House of Israel
pointing to the covenant which should be fulfilled in the latter days
which covenant the Lord made to our father Abraham Saying
in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the Earth be blessed

¹⁹& it came to pass that I Nephi spake much unto them concerning these things
yea I spake unto them concerning the restoration of the Jews in the latter days

²⁰& I did rehearse unto them the words of *Isauh*
which spake concerning the restoration of the Jews or of the House of Israel
& after that they were restored they should no more be confounded
neither should they be scattered again
& it came to pass that I did speak somany words unto my Brethren
that they were passified & did humble them selves before the Lord

²¹& it came to pass that they did speak unto me again Saying
what meaneth the thing which our father saw in a dream
what meaneth the tree which he saw

²²& I said unto them
it was a representation of the tree of life

²³& they said unto me
what meaneth the rod of iron which our father saw that led to the tree

²⁴& I said unto them that it was the word of god
& that whoso would hearken unto the word of god & would hold fast unto it
they would never perish
neither could the temptations & the firey darts of the adversary
over power them unto blindness
to lead them away to distruction

²⁵wherefore I Nephi did exhort them to give heed unto the word of the Lord
yea I did exhort them with all the energies of my soul
& with all the faculty which I posses^sed
that they would give heed to the word of god
& rem^ember to keep his commandments allsways in all things

²⁶& they said unto me
what meaneth the river of water which our father saw

²⁷& I said unto them that the water which my father saw was filthyness
& so much was his mind swallowed up in other things
that he beheld not the filthyness of the water

²⁸& I said unto them that it was an awful gulph
which seperateth the wicked from the tree of life also from the saints of god

²⁹& I said unto them that it was a representation of that awful Hell
which the Angel said unto me was prepared for the wicke^d

³⁰& I said unto them that our father also saw
that the Justices of god did also divide the wicked from the righteous
& the brightness thereof was like unto the brightness of ^{a flaming} fire
which ascendeth up unto god for ever & ever & hath no end

³¹& they said unto me
doth this thing mean the torment of the body in the days of probation
or doth it mean the final state of the soul after the death of the temperal body
or doth it speak of the things which are temporal

³²& it came to pass that I said unto them
that it was a representation of things both temporal & spiritual
for the day should come that they must be Judged of their works
yea even the works which were done by the temperal body
in their days of probation

³³wherefore if they should die in their wickedness
they must be cast off also as to the things which are spiritual
which are *pertain*ing ^{un}to righteousness
wherefore they must be brought to stand before *god*
to be Judged of their work
& if their ^{works} have been *filthy*ness they must needs be filthy
& if they be filthy it must needs be
that they cannot dwell in the kingdom of god
if so the kingdom of god must be filthy also

³⁴but behold I say unto you that the kingdom ^{of god} is not *filthy*
that there *cannot* any unclean *thing* enter into the kingdom of god
wherefore ^{there} ~~it~~ must needs be a place of filthyness
prepared for that *which* is filthy

³⁵& there is a place prepared
yea even that awful *Hell* of which I have spoken
& the *devel* is the *prepaator* of it
wherefore the final *state* of the souls of *man*
is to dwell *in* the kingdom of god or to be cast out
because of that *justice* of which *I* have *spoken*

³⁶wherefore the wicked are *seperated* from ~~the~~ righteous
& also from that *tree* of *life*
whose fruit is *most* precious & most desireable of all other fruits
yea & it is the greatest of all the gifts of god

& thus I spake *unto* my *brethren*
amen