

# 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 16

## Chapter 5<sup>th</sup>

<sup>1</sup>~~now~~ & now it came to pass that  
after I Nephi had made an end of speaking to my Bretheren

behold they said unto me  
thou hast declared unto us hard things  
more than that which we are able to *bare*

<sup>2</sup>& it came to *pass* that I said unto them  
that I knew that I had spoken *hard* things against the wicked  
according to the *truth*  
& the righteous have I justified  
& testified that they should be *lifted up* at the last day  
wherefore the guilty taketh the truth to be *hard*  
for it cutteth them to the verry centre

<sup>3</sup>& now my Brethren if ye were *righteous*  
& were willing to hearken to the truth & *geve* heed unto it  
*that* ye might walk *uprightly* before God  
then ye would not *murmur* because of the *truth* & say  
thou speakest hard things against us

<sup>4</sup>& it came to pass that <sup>1</sup>Nephi did exhort my Brethren with all diligence  
to keep the commandments of the Lord

<sup>5</sup>& it came to pass that they *did* humble themselves before the Lord  
insomuch that I had joy & *great* hopes of them  
that they would walk in the paths of righteousness

<sup>6</sup>~~know~~ *all* these things were said & done  
as my father dwelt in a tent in the vally which he called Lemuel

<sup>7</sup>& it came to pass that *I* Nephi took one of the daughters of Ishm<sup>a</sup>el to wife  
& also my Brethren took of the daughters of *Ishmael* to wife  
& also Zoram took the elder daughter of Ishmael to wife

<sup>8</sup>& thus my father had fulfilled all the commandments of the Lord  
which had been given unto him  
& also I Nephi had been blessed of *the* Lord excedingly

<sup>9</sup>& it came to pass that the voice of the Lord spake unto my father by night  
& commanded him that on the morrow  
he should take his journey into the wilderness

<sup>10</sup>& it came to pass that as my father arose in *the morning*  
& went forth to the tent door  
& to his great astonishment he beheld upon the ground  
a round ball of curious workmanship  
& it was of fine brass  
& within the ball was two spindles  
& the one pointed the way whither ~~they~~<sup>we</sup> should ~~-e~~ go into the wilderness

<sup>11</sup>& it came to pass that we did gather together  
whatsoever things we should carry into the wilderness  
& all the remainder of our provisions which the Lord had given unto us  
& we did take seed of every kind that we might carry into the wilderness

<sup>12</sup>& it came to pass that we did take our tents  
& departed into the wilderness across the River Lemuel Laman

<sup>13</sup>& it came to pass that we traveled for the space of four days  
nearly a south Southeast direction  
& we did pitch our tents again  
& we did call the name of the place Shazer

<sup>14</sup>& it came to pass that we did take our bows & our arrows  
& go forth into the wilderness to slay food for our families  
& after that we had slain food for our families  
we did return again to our families in the wilderness to the place of Shazer

& we did go forth again in the wilderness following the same direction  
keeping in the most fertile parts of the wilderness  
which was in the borders near the Red Sea

<sup>15</sup>& it came to pass that we did travel for the space of many days  
slaying food by the way  
with our bows & our arrows & our stones & our slings

<sup>16</sup>& we did follow the directions of the Ball  
which lead us in the more fertile parts of the wilderness

<sup>17</sup>after that we had traveled for the space of many days  
we did pitch our tents for the space of a time  
that we might again rest ourselves & obtain food for our families

<sup>18</sup>& it came to pass that as I Nephi went forth to slay food  
behold I did brake my bow which was made of fine steel  
& after that I did brake my bow  
behold my Brethren were angry with me because of the loss of my bow  
for we did obtain no food

<sup>19</sup>& it came to pass that we did return without food to our families  
& being much fateagued because of their journeing  
they did suffer much for the want of food

<sup>20</sup>& it came to pass that Laman & Lemuel & the Sons of Ishmael  
did begin to murmur excedingly  
because of their sufferings & afflictions in the wilderness  
& also my father began to murmur against the Lord his God  
yea & they were all exceding sorrowful  
even that they did murmur against the Lord

<sup>21</sup>now it came to pass that  
I Nephi haveing been afflicted with my Brethren because of the loss of my bow  
& their bows having <sup>lo</sup>st their springs  
it began to be exceding difficult  
yea insomuch that we could obtain no food

<sup>22</sup>& it came to pass that I Nephi did *spea<sup>k</sup> much unto* my Bre<sup>h</sup>ren because that they had hardoned their hearts again even unto complaining against the Lord their God

<sup>23</sup>& it came to pass that I Nephi did make out of wood a bow & out of a strait stick *an arrow* wherefore I did arm myself with a bow & an arrow with a sling & *with stones* & I said unto my father whither shall I go to obtain food

<sup>24</sup>& it came to pass that *he* did enquire of the Lord for they had humbled themselves because of my words for *I did* say many things unto *them* in the energy of my soul

<sup>25</sup>& it came to pass that the voice of the Lord *came* unto my father & he was truly chastened because of his murmurings against the Lord insomuch that he was brought down into the *debt<sup>h</sup>s* of sorrow

<sup>26</sup>& it came to pass that the voice of *the* Lord said unto him look upon the *Ball* & *behold* the things which are written

<sup>27</sup>& it came to pass that when my father beheld the things which were written *upon the Ball* he did fear & tremble excedingly & also my Brethren & the Sons of Ishmael & our wives

<sup>28</sup>& it came to pass that I Nephi beheld that the pointers which were *in the Ball* that they did work according to the faith & diligence & head which we did *give unto* them

<sup>29</sup>& there was also *wri<sup>t</sup>hen* upon them *a* new writeing which was plane to be read *whic<sup>h</sup>* did give us understanding concerning the ways of the Lord & it was written & *ch<sup>a</sup>nged* from time to time according to the faith & diligence which we gave *unto it* & thus we see that by *small* means the Lord can bring about great *things*

<sup>30</sup> & *it came to pass that* I Nephi did go *u<sup>n</sup>forth* up into the *top of the mountain* accor<sup>ding to the di</sup>re<sup>ct</sup>ions which <sup>was given</sup> *upon the Ball*

<sup>31</sup>& it came to pass that *I did* slay *bea* wild beasts insomuch that *I* did obtain food for our families

<sup>32</sup>& it came to pass that *I did* return to our tents bearing the beasts which I had slain & now when *they beheld* that I <sup>had</sup> obtained food how great was their joy & it came to pass that they *did humble themselves* before the Lord & did give thanks unto him

<sup>33</sup>& it came to pass that we *did again* take our *journey* traveling nearly the same course as in the beginning & after that we had traveled for the *space* of many days we did pitch our tents again that we might tarry for *the space* of a time

<sup>34</sup>& it came to pass that Ishmael died  
& was buried in the *place which was called Nahom*

<sup>35</sup>& it came to pass that the daughters of Ishmael did mourn exceedingly  
because of *the loss* of their father

& because of their *afflictions* in the wilderness  
& they did murmur against *my* father  
because that he had brought them out of *the* land of *Jerusalem* saying  
our father is *de*<sup>a</sup>d  
yea & we ~~have~~ have wandered much in the wilderness  
& we have suffered much *afflictions* *hunger* *thirst* & *fatigue*  
& after all these sufferings we must perish in the wilderness with *hunger*  
<sup>36</sup>& thus they did murmur against my father & also against me  
& they were desirous to *return* again to *Jerusalem*

<sup>37</sup>& Laman saith unto *Lemuel* & also unto *the* Sons of *Ishmael*  
*behold* let us slay *our* father & also our Brother *Nephi*  
who hath taken it upon *him* to be *our* ruler & *our* teacher  
who are his elder Brethren

<sup>38</sup>now he saith that the Lord *hath* talked with *him*  
& also that Angels hath ministered unto *him*  
but *behold* we *know* that he lieth unto us  
& he telleth us these things  
& he worketh many *things* by his *cunning* arts  
that he may deceive our eyes  
thinking perhaps *that* he may lead us *away* into some strange wilderness  
& after that he hath lead us away  
he hath *thought* to *make* himself a *King* & a ruler over us  
*that* he may do with us according to his *will* & *pleasure*  
& after this manner did my Brother Laman stir up *their* hearts to anger

<sup>39</sup>& it came to pass that the Lord was with us  
yea *even* the voice of the Lord came ~~unto~~ & did speak *many* words unto them  
& did chasten them exceedingly  
& after that they were chastened by *the* voice of the Lord  
they did turn away their anger & did repent of *their* Sins  
*insomuch* that the Lord did bless us again with food that we did not perish