

2nd Nephi 1

Chapter ~~I~~VIII

The ^{second} Book of Nephi ^{Chapter I}

An account of the death of Lehi
~~the Lord~~ Nephi's Brethren rebelleth against him —
the Lord warns Nephi to *depart into the wilderness* — &C
his *journyings* in the wilderness — &C —

¹And now it came to pass
after ¹Nephi had made an end of teaching my brethren
our father Lehi also spake many things unto them
& rehearsed unto them *how great things the Lord had done for them*
in bringing them out of the land of Jerusalem
²& *he spake* unto them concerning their rebellions upon *the waters*
& the mercies of *God in sparing their lives*
that they were *not swallowed up in the sea*
³& *he also spake* unto them concerning the *land of promise*
which they had obtained
how merciful the Lord had been in warning us
that we should *flee out of the land* of Jerusalem
⁴for behold saith he *I have seen a vision*
in the *which I know that Jerusalem is destroid*
& had we remained in *Jerusalem* we should also have *perished*
⁵but said he notwithstanding our afflictions
we have obtained *a land of promise*
a land which is choice *above all other lands*
a land *which the Lord God hath covenanted with me*
should be a land for the inheritance of my seed
yea the Lord hath consecrated this *land* unto me & to my children forever
& also all they which should be lead out of other countries
by *the hand of the Lord*

⁶wherefore I Lehi prophesy
according to the workings of *the spirit* which is *in me*
that there shall be none come into *this land*
save *they* should be brought by the hand of the Lord
⁷wherefore this *land* is consecrated unto him whom he shall bring
& if it so be that they shall serve him
according to the Commandments which he hath given
it shall be a *land of liberty* unto them
wherefore they shall never be brought down into captivity
if so it shall be because of iniquity
for if iniquity shall abound
cursed shall be *the land* for their sakes
but unto *the righteous* it shall be *blessed forever*

⁸& behold it is wisdom that this land should be kept
as yet from the knowledge of other Nations
for behold many Nations would overrun this land
that there would be no place for an inheritance
⁹wherefore I Lehi have obtained a promise that
inasmuch as they which the Lord God shall bring out of the land of Jerusalem
shall keep his commandments
they shall prosper upon the face of this land
& they shall be kept from all other Nations
that they may possess this land unto themselves
& if it so be that they shall keep his commandments
they shall be blessed upon the face of this land
& there shall be none to molest them
nor to take away the land of their inheritance
& they shall dwell safely forever

¹⁰but behold when the time cometh
that they shall dwindle in unbelief
~~they~~ after that they have received so great blessings from the hand of the Lord
having a knowledge of the Creation of the earth & all men
knowing the great & marvelous works of the Lord
from the Creation of the world
having power given them to do all things by faith
having all the commandments from the beginning
& having been brought by his infinite goodness
into this precious land of promise
behold I say if the day shall come
that they will reject the holy one of Israel
the true messiah their redeemer & their God
behold the judgments of him that is just shall rest upon them
¹¹yea he will bring other Nations unto them
& he will give unto them power
& he will take away from them the lands of their possessions
& he will cause them to ^{too be} scattered & smitten
¹²yea as one Generation passeth to another
there shall be bloodsheds & great visitations among them

wherefore my Sons I would that ye would remember
yea I would that ye would hearken unto my words
¹³O that ye would awake awake from a deep sleep
yea even from the sleep of hell
& shake off the awful chains by which ye are bound
which are the chains which bind the children of men
that they are carried away captive down to the eternal gulf of misery & woe
¹⁴awake & arise from the dust
& hear the words of a trembling ~~open~~ parent
whose limbs ye must soon lay down in the cold & silent grave
from whence no traveller can return
a few more days & I go the way of all the earth

¹⁵but behold *the Lord* hath redeemed my soul *from hell*
I have beheld his glory
& I am encircled about eternally in the *arms of his love*

¹⁶& I desire that ye should remember
to observe the statutes & the judgments of the Lord
behold this hath been the anxiety of my soul from *the beginning*

¹⁷*my heart* hath been weighed down with sorrow from time to time
for I have feared least for the hardness of your hearts
least the Lord your God should *come out*
in the fullness of his wrath upon you
that ye be cut off & destroyed forever

¹⁸or that a cursing should come upon you for the space of many generations
& ye are visited by sword & by famine & ^{are} hated
& are led according to the will & captivity of the Devil

¹⁹O my Sons that *these things might not* come upon you
but that ye might be a choice & a favored people of *the Lord*
but ~~but~~ behold *his will* be done
for his ways are righteousness forever

²⁰& he hath said that
in as much as ye shall keep my commandments
ye shall prosper in the land but in as much as ye will not ^{keep his} my commandments
ye shall be cut off from ~~his~~^{my}s presence

²¹& now that my Soul might have joy in you
& that *my heart* might leave this world with gladness because of you
that *I might not* be brought down with grief & sorrow to the grave
arise from *the dust* my Sons & be men
& be determined in one mind & in one heart united in all things
that ye may not come down into captivity

²²that ye may not be cursed with a sore cursing
& also that ye may not incur *the displeasure* of a just God upon you
unto the destruction yea the eternal destruction of both Soul & body

²³awake my Sons put on the armour of righteousness
shake off the Chances ^{with} which ye are bound
& come forth out of obscurity & arise from the dust

²⁴rebell no more against your Brother
whose views have been glorious
& who hath kept the commandments from the time we left Jerusalem
& who hath been an instrument in the hands of God
in bringing us forth into the land of promise
^{for} were it not for him we must have perished with hunger in the wilderness
nevertheless ye sought to take away his life
yea & he hath suffered much sorrow because of you

²⁵ & I exceedingly fear & tremble because of you
least he shall suffer *again*

for behold ye have accused *him*
that he sought power & authority over you
but I know that he hath *not* sought for power *nor* authority over you
but he hath sought the Glory of God & your own eternal welfare
²⁶ & ye have murmured because he hath been plain unto you
ye say *that* he hath used sharpness
ye say that he hath been angry with you
but behold *his* sharpness was *the* sharpness of the power
of the word of God which was in *him*
& *that* which ye call anger was the truth
according to *that* which is in God
which he could not constrain
manifesting boldly concerning your iniquities
²⁷ & it must needs be that the power of God must be with *him*
even unto his commanding you that ye must obey
but behold it was *not* *him*
but *is* it was the spirit of the Lord which was in *him*
which opened his mouth to utterance that he could not shut ^{it}

²⁸ & now my Son Laman & also Lemuel & Sam
& also my Sons which are the Sons of Ishmael
behold if ye will hearken unto the ~~voice~~ voice of Nephi
ye shall not perish
& if ye will hearken unto *him*
I leave unto you a blessing *yea* even my first blessing
²⁹ *but* if ye will not hearken unto *him* I take away my first blessing
yea even my blessing & it shall rest upon *him*

³⁰ & now Zoram I speak unto you
behold thou art the servant of Laban
nevertheless thou hast been brought out of ~~the~~ ^{the} land ~~and~~ ^{and} of Jerusalem
& I know that thou art a true friend unto my Son Nephi forever
³¹ wherefore because thou hast been faithful
thy seed shall be blessed with his seed
that they dwell in prosperity long upon the face of this land
& nothing save it shall be iniquity among them
shall harm or disturb their prosperity upon the face of this land forever

³² wherefore if ye shall keep the commandments of the Lord
the Lord hath ~~even~~ ^{consecrated} ~~anted~~ this land for the security of thy Seed
with the seed of my Son