

2nd Nephi 5

Chapter

¹ — Behold it came to pass that I Nephi did cry much unto the Lord my God because of the anger of my Brethren

² but behold their anger did increase against me insomuch that they did seek to take away my life

³ yea they did murmur against me saying our younger Brother thinketh to rule over us & we have had much trial because of him wherefore now let us slay him

that we may not be afflicted more because of his words for behold we will not that he shall be our ruler for it belongeth unto us which are the elder Brethren to rule over this People

⁴ now I do not write upon these plates all the words which they murmured against me but it sufficeth me to say that they did seek to take away my life

⁵ & it came to pass that the Lord did warn me that I Nephi should depart from them & flee into the wilderness & all they which would go with me

⁶ wherefore it came to pass that I Nephi did take my family & also Zoram & his family & Sam mine elder Brother & his family & Jacob & Josep ~~min~~^{my}e younger Brethren & also my sisters

& all they which would go with me & all they which would go with me were they which w^{believed}~~ould~~ go in the warnings & the revelations of God wherefore they did hearken unto my words

⁷ & we did take our tents & whatsoever things were possible for us & did journey in the wilderness for the space of many days & after that we had journeyed for the space of many days we did pitch our tents

⁸ & my People would that we should call the name of the place Nephi wherefore we did call it Nephi

⁹ & all they which were with me did take it upon them to call themselves the People of Nephi

¹⁰ & we did observe to keep the Judgments & the statutes & the commandments of the Lord in all things according to the law of Moses

¹¹ & the Lord was with us & we did prosper exceedingly for we did sow seed & we did reap again in abundance & we began to raise flocks & heards & animels of every kind

¹²& I Nephi had also brought the records
which were engraven upon the plates of Brass
& also the Ball or the compass
which was prepared for my father by the hand of the Lord
according to that which is written

¹³& it came to pass that we began to prosper exceedingly
& to multiply in the land

¹⁴& I Nephi did take the sword of Laban
& after the manner of it did make many swords
least by any means the people which ^{were} now called Lamanites
should come upon us & destroy us
for I knew their hatred towards me & my Children
& they which were called my people

¹⁵& I did teach my people that they should build bildings
& that they should work in all manner of wood
& of iron & of Copper & of Brass & of steel
& of Gold & of Silver & ~~wa~~ of precious ores
which were in great abundance

¹⁶& I Nephi did build a temple
& I did construct it after the manner of the Temple of Solomon
save it were not built of so many precious things
for they were not to be found upon the land
wherefore it could not be built like unto Solomons Temple
but the manner of the construction was like unto the Temple of Solomon
& the workmanship thereof was exceding fine

¹⁷& it came to pass that I Nephi did cause my People
that they should be industrious
& that they should labour with their hands

¹⁸& it came to pass that they would that I should be their King
but I Nephi was desireous that they should have no King
nevertheless I did do for them according to that which was in my power
¹⁹& behold the words of the Lord had been fulfilled unto my Brethren
which he spake concerning them that I should be their ruler & their teacher
wherefore I had been their ruler & their teacher
according to the commandments of the Lord
untill the time that they sought to take away my life

²⁰wherefore the word of the Lord was fulfilled
which he spake unto me
saying that in as much as they will not hearken unto thy words
they shall be cut off from the presance of the Lord
& behold they were cut off from his presance

²¹ & he had caused the cursing to come upon^{them}
yea even a sore curseing because of their iniquity
for behold they had hardened their hearts against him
that they had become like unto a flint
wherefore as they were white & exceding fair & delightsome
that they might not be enticeing unto my People
therefore the Lord God did cause a skin of blackness to come upon them

²² & thus saith the Lord God
I will cause that they shall be loathsome unto thy People
save they shall repent of their iniquities
²³ & cursed shall be the seed of him that mixeth with their seed
for they shall be cursed even with the same cursing
& the Lord spake it & it was done

²⁴ & because of their curseing which was upon them
they did become an idle People full of mischief & subtelty
& did seek in the wilderness for beasts of pray
²⁵ & the Lord God said unto me
they shall be a scorge unto thy seed to stir them up in remembrance of me
& in as much as they will not remember me & hearken unto my words
they shall scorge them even unto destruction

²⁶ & it came to pass that I Nephi did consecrate Jacob & Joseph
that they should be priests & teachers over the Land of my people

²⁷ & it came to pass that we lived after the manner of happiness
²⁸ & thirty years had passed away from the time we left Jerusalem
²⁹ & I Nephi had cept the reckords
wpon my plates which I had made
of my People thus far

³⁰ & it came to pass that the Lord God said unto me
make other plates
& thou shalt engraven many things upon them
which are good in my sight for the profit of thy People
³¹ wherefore I Nephi to be obedient to the commandments of the Lord
went & made these plates upon which I have engraven these things
³² & I engravened that which is pleasing unto God
& if my people be pleased with the things of God
they be pleased with mine engraveings which are upon these plates
³³ & if my People desire to know the more particular part
of the history of my People
they must search mine other Plates

³⁴ & it sufficeth me to say that forty years had passed away
& we had already had wars & contentions with our Brethren