

4th Nephi 1

= The Book of Nephi
which is the Son of Nehi
one of the Disciples of Jesus Christ—

An account of the People of Nephi according to his Record—

¹And it came to pass that the thirty & fourth year [year] passed away
& also the thirty & fifth
& behold the Disciples of Jesus had formed a Church of Christ
in all the lands round about
& as many as did come unto them & did truly repent of their sins
were Baptised in the name of Jesus
& they did also receive the Holy Ghost

²and it came to pass in the thirty & sixth year
the People were all converted unto the Lord
upon all the face of the land
both Nephites & Lamanites
& there was no contentions & disputations among them
& every man did deal justly one with another
³& they had [of] all things common among them
therefore there were not rich & poor bond & free
but they were all made free & partakers of the Heavenly gift

⁴& it came to pass that the thirty & seventh year passed away also
& there still continued to be peace in the land

⁵& there were great & marvellous works wrought by the Disciples of Jesus
insomuch that they did heal the sick & raise the dead
& cause the lame to walk & the blind to receive their sight & the deaf to hear
and all manner of miracles did they work among the children of men
& in nothing did they work miracles save it were in the name of Jesus

⁶& thus did the thirty & eighth year pass away
& also the thirty & ninth
& the forty & first
& the forty & second
yea even until forty & nine years had passed away
& also the fifty & first
and the fifty & second
yea & even until fifty & nine years had passed away

⁷& the Lord did prosper them exceedingly in the land
yea in so much that they did build cities again
where there had been cities burned

⁸yea even that great City Zarahemla did they build cause to be built again

⁹but there were many Cities which had been sunk
& waters came up in the stead thereof
therefore these Cities could not be renewed

¹⁰& now behold it came to pass that
the People of Nephi did wax strong & did multiply exceeding fast
& became an exceeding fair And delightsome People

¹¹& they were married & given in marriage
& were blessed according to the multitude of the promises
which the Lord had made un^{to} them

¹²& they did not walk any more
after the performances & ordinances of the *Law* of Moses
but they *did* walk after the commandments
which they had received from their Lord & their God
continuing in fasting & prayer & in meeting together oft
both to pray & to hear the word of the Lord,

¹³And it came to pass that there was no contention
among all the People in all the land
but there were mighty miracles wrought among the [the] Disciples of Jesus

¹⁴& it came to pass that the seventy & first year passed away
& also the seventy & second year
yea & in fine *until* the seventy & ninth year *had* passed away
yea even an hundred years had **passed** away.
& the Disciples of Jesus whom he had chosen
had all gone to the paridice of God
save it were the three which should tarry
& there were other Disciples ordained in their stead
& also many of that generation which had passed away

¹⁵& it came to pass that there was no contention in the land
because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the People

¹⁶& there were no envyings nor strifes nor tumults nor whoredoms
nor lyeings nor murders nor no manner of lasciviousness
& surely there could not be a happier People
among all the People which had been created by the hand of God

¹⁷there were no robbers nor no murderers
neither were there Lamanites nor no ~~manner~~ manner of ites
but they were in one
the Children of Christ & heirs to the Kingdom of God

¹⁸& how Blessed were they
for the Lord did bless them in all their doings
yea even they were blessed & prospered
until an hundred & ten years had passed away
& the first generation from Christ had passed away
& there was no contention in all the land

¹⁹& it came to pass that Nephi
(he that kept **this** last record
& he kept it upon the plates of Nephi)
died & ^{his} son Amos kept it in his stead
& he kept it upon the plates of Nephi also
²⁰& he kept it eighty & four years
& there was still Peace in the land
save it were a small part of the People which had revolted from the Church
& took upon them the name of Lamanites
therefore there began to be Lamanites again in the land

²¹& it came to pass that Amos died also
& it was an hundred & Ninety & four years from the coming of Christ,
and his Son Amos kept ^{the record} in his stead
& he also kept it upon the plates of Nephi
& it was also written in the Book of Nephi which is this book
²²& it came to pass that Two Hundred years had passed away
& the second Generation had all passed away save it were a few

²³& now I Mormon would that ye should know
that the People had multiplied
insomuch that they were spread upon all the face of the land
& **that** they had become exceeding rich because of their prosperity in Christ
²⁴& now in this Two hundred & first year
there began to be among them those which were lifted up in pride
such as the wearing of costly apparel & all manner of fine pearls
& of the fine things of the world,
²⁵& from that time forth they did have their goods & their substance
no more common among them
²⁶& they began to be divided into classes
& they began to build up Churches unto themselves to get gain
and began to deny the true church of *christ*

²⁷& it came to pass that when two hundred & ten years Had passed away
there were many Churches in the Land
yea there were Churches which professed to know the Christ
& yet they did deny the more **parts** of his Gospel
insomuch that they did receive all manner of wickedness
& did administer that which was sacred unto him
to whom it had been forbidden because of unworthyness
²⁸& this Church did multiply exceedingly because of iniquity
& because of the power of Satan which did get hold upon their hearts,

²⁹& again there was another Church which denied the Christ
& they did persecute the true Church of Christ
because of their humility & **their** belief in Christ
& they did despise them because of the many miracles
which were wrought among them

³⁰ therefore they did exercise power [over] & authority
over the Disciples of Jesus which did tarry with them
& they did cast them into prison
but by the power of the word of God which was in them
the prisons were rent in twain
& they went forth doing mighty miracles among them

³¹ nevertheless & notwithstanding all these miracles
the People did harden their hearts
& did seek to kill them
even as the Jews at Jerusalem sought to kill *Jesus*
according to his word

³² & they did cast them into furnaces of fire
& they came forth receiving no harm

³³ & they also cast them into dens of wild beasts
& they did play with the wild beasts even as a child with a **lamb**
& they did come forth from among them receiving no harm

³⁴ nevertheless the People did harden their hearts
for they were lead by many **priests** & false Prophets
to build up many Churches & to do all manner of iniquity
& they did smite upon the people of Jesus
but the people of **Jesus** did not smite again
& thus they did dwindle in unbelief & wickedness from year to year
even until two hundred & thirty years had passed away—

³⁵ & now it came to pass in this year
yea in the two hundred & thirty & first year
there were a great division among the People

³⁶ & it came to pass that in this year
there arose a People which was called the *Nephites*
& they were true believers in Christ
& among them there were they which was called by the Lamanites
Jacobites & Josephites & Zoramites

³⁷ therefore the true believers in **Christ** & *the* true worshipers of Christ
among whom were the three disciples of Jesus which should tarry,
were called Nephites & Jacobites & Josephites & Zoramites

³⁸ & it came to pass that they which rejected the Gospel
were called Lamanites & Lemuelites & *Ishmaelites*
& they did not dwindle in unbelief
but they did willfully rebell against the Gospel of Christ
& they did teach their children that they should not believe
even as their Fathers from the beginning **did** dwindle

³⁹ & it was because of the wickedness & abominations of their Fathers
even as it was in the beginning
& they were taught to hate the Children of God
even as the Lamanites were taught
to hate the Children of *Nephites* from the beginning

⁴⁰ & it came to pass **that**
two hundred & forty & four years had passed away
& thus were the affairs of the People
& the more wicked part of the People did wax strong
& became exceeding more numerous than were the People of God
⁴¹ & they did still continue to build up Churches **unto** themselves
& adorn *them* with all manner of *precous* things
& thus did two hundred **selves** & fifty years pass away
& also two hundre[**a**]d & sixty years

⁴² & it came to pass that
the wicked part of the People began again
to build up the secret ouths & combinations of Gadianton
⁴³ & also the people which were called the people of Nephi began
to **be** proud in their hearts because of their exceeding riches
& became vain like unto their brethren the Lamanites
⁴⁴ & from this time the Disciples began to sorrow for the Sins of the world

⁴⁵ & it came to pass that ^{when three} hundred years had passed away
both the People of Nephi & the Lamanites had become exceeding wicked
one like unto an other

⁴⁶ & it came to pass that
the Robbers of Gadianton did spread over all the face of the Land
& there were none that were righteous
save it were the Disciples of Jesus,
and Gold & silver did they lay up in store in abundance
& did traffic^k in all manner of traffic[**k**]

⁴⁷ & it came to pass that after three hundred & five years ~~die~~ had passed away
& the people did still remain in wikedness
[**&**] Amos died & his Brother **Ammaron** did keep the Record in *his* stead

⁴⁸ & it came to pass that when three hundred & twenty years had passed away
Ammaron being constrained by the Holy Ghost
did hide up the records which were sacred
yea even all the sacred records **which** had been handed down
from **Generation** to Generation which were Sacred
even until the three hundred & twentieth year from the comeing of Christ

⁴⁹ & did hide *them* up unto the Lord
that they might come again unto the remnant of the House of **Isr^{Jacob}ael**
according to the Prophecies & the promises of the Lord
& thus is the end of the records of Amma^{ron}