

Helaman 9

¹ behold now it came to pass that
when Nephi had spoken these words
certain men which were among them ran to the Judgmentseat
yea even there were five which went
& they said among themselves as they went
² behold now we will know of a surety
whether this man be a prophet
& God hath commanded him
to prophesy such marvelous things unto us
behold we do not believe that he hath
yea we do not believe that he is a prophet
nevertheless if this thing
which he hath said concerning the chief Judge be true
that he be dead
then will we believe
that the other words which he has spoken i◇ true

³ & it came to pass that they ran in their might
& came in unto the Judgmentseat
& behold the chief Judge had fallen to the earth
& did lie in his blood
⁴ & now behold when they saw this
they were astonished exceedingly
insomuch that they fell to the earth
for they had not believed the words
which Nephi had spoken concerning the Chief Judge
⁵ but now when they saw they believed
& fear came upon them
lest all the Judgments which Nephi had spoken should come upon the people
therefore they did quake & had fallen to the earth

⁶ now immediately when the Judge had been murdered
he being stabled by his brother by a garb of secrecy
& he fled

& the servants ran & told the people
raising the cry of murder among them
⁷ & behold the people did gather themselves together
unto the place of the Judgmentseat
& behold to their astonishment they saw those five men
which had fallen to the earth

⁸ & now behold the people knew nothing concerning the multitude
which had gathered together at the garden of Nephi
therefore they said among themselves
these men are they which have murdered the Judge
& God hath smitten them that they could not flee from us

⁹& it came to pass that they laid hold on them
& bound them & cast them into prison
& there was a proclamation sent abroad
that the Judge was slain
& that the murderers had been ^{taken} ~~taken~~ & was cast into prison

¹⁰& it came to pass that on the morrow
the people did assemble ~~them~~ ^{themselves} together to mourn & to fast
at the burial of the great & chief Judge which had been slain

¹¹& thus were also those Judges
which were at the garden of Nephi & heard his words
were also gathered together at the burial

¹²& it came to pass that they inquired among the people saying
where are the five which was sent to inquire concerning the chief Judge
whither he was dead
& they answered & said
concerning this five which ye say ye have sent we know not
but there are five which are the murderers
whom we have cast into prison

¹³& it came to pass that
the Judges desired that they should be brought
& they were brought
& behold they were the five which were sent
& behold they Judges inquired of them to know concerning the matter
& they told them all that they had done saying

¹⁴we ran & came to the place of the Judgmentseat
& when we saw all things even as Nephi had testified
we were astonished insomuch that we fell to the earth
& when we were recovered from our astonishment
~~that~~ ^{behold} ~~we fell~~ ^{they cast} ~~to the~~ ^{us into} ~~earth~~ prison

¹⁵now as for the murder of this man
we know not who hath done it
& only this much we know
we ran & came according as ye desired
& behold he was dead according to the words of Nephi

¹⁶& now it came to pass that
the Judges did expound the matter unto the people
& did cry ^{out} ~~u~~ against Nephi saying
behold we know that this Nephi must have agreed
with some one to slay the Judge
& then he might declare it unto us
that he might convert us unto his faith
that he might raise himself to be a great man
chosen of God & a prophet

¹⁷& now behold we will detect this man
& he shall confess his fault
& make known unto us the true murderer of this Judge

¹⁸& it came to pass that the five were liberated on the day of the ~~trial~~ burial
nevertheless they did rebuke the Judges
in the words which they had spoken against Nephi
& did contend with them one by one
insomuch that they did confound them
¹⁹nevertheless they caused that Nephi should be taken & bound
& brought before the multitude
& they began to question him in divers ways that they might cross him
that they might accuse him to death
²⁰saying ~~u~~^{into} ~~n~~ him
thou art confederate
~~who~~ ^{with is} ~~n~~ this man that hath done this murder
now tell us & acknowledge thy ~~faul~~ fault
saying
behold here is money
& also we will grant unto thee thy life
if thou wilt tell us & acknowledge the agreement
which thou hast made with him

²¹but Nephi said unto them
O ye fools ye uncircumcised of heart
ye blind & ye stiffnecked people
do ye know how long the Lord your God will suffer you
that ye shall go on in this your ways of sin
²²O ye ought to begin to howl & mourn
because of the great destruction
at this time ~~tha~~^{which} ~~t~~ doth await you
except ye^{shall} repent
²³behold ye say that I have agreed with a man
that he should murder Seezoram our chief Judge
but behold I say unto you
that this is because I have testified unto you
that ye might know concerning this thing
yea even for a witness unto you
that I did know of the wickedness & abominations which is among you
²⁴& because I have done this
ye say that I have agreed with a man that he should do this thing
^{yea} because I shewed unto you this sign
ye are angry with me & seek to destroy my life

²⁵& now behold I will shew unto you an other sign
& see if ye will in this thing seek to destroy me
²⁶behold I say unto you
go to the hous of Seantum which is the brother of Seezoram
& say unto him
²⁷hath Nephi the pretended prophet
which doth prophesy so much evil concerning this people
agreed with thee inthewhich ye have murdered Seezoram which is your brother

²⁸ & behold he shall say unto you nay
²⁹ & ye shall say unto him
have ye murdered your brother
³⁰ & he shall stand with fear & wist not what to say
& behold he shall deny unto you
& he shall make as if he were astonished
nevertheless he shall declare unto you that he is inocent

³¹ but behold ye shall examine him
& ye shall find blood in the skirts of his cloak
³² & when ye have seen this ye shall say
from whence cometh this blood
do we not know that it is the blood of your brother
³³ & then shall he tremble & shall look pale
even as if death had come upon him
³⁴ & then shall ye say
because of this fear & this paleness which hath come upon your face
behold we know that thou art guilty
³⁵ & then shall greater fear come upon him
& then shall he confess unto you
& deny no more that he hath done this murder
³⁶ & then shall he say unto you
that I Nephi knew nothing concerning the matter
save it were given unto me by the power of God
& then shall ye know that I am an honest man
& that I am sent unto you from God

³⁷ & it came to pass that they went
& did even according as Nephi had said unto them
& behold the words which he had said were true
for according to the words he did deny
& also according to the words he did confess
³⁸ & he was brought to prove that he himself was the very murderer
inso much that the five were set at liberty & also was Nephi
³⁹ & there were some of the Nephites which did believe on the words of Nephi
& there were some also which believed because of the testimony of the five
for they had been converted while they were in prison
⁴⁰ & now there were some among the people
which said that Nephi was a prophet
⁴¹ & there were others which said
behold he is a God
for except he was a God
he ~~wou~~^{could} not know all things
for behold he hath told us the thoughts of our hearts
& also hath told us things
& even he hath brought unto our knowledge
the true murderer of our chief Judge