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Chapter

The Book of Nephi

An account of the death of Lehi ~~the Lord Nephi~~ Brethren rebelleth against him — the Lord warns Nephi to depart into the wildness — &C his journeyings in the wilderness — &C —

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& he spake unto them concerning their rebellions upon the waters & the mercees of God in spareing their leves that they were not swallowed up in the sea

& 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

for 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

but said he notwithstanding our ⁴⁷ afflictions we have obtained a land of pronese 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 inheratance of my seed yea the Lord hath concecrated this lard unto me & to my children forever & also all they which should be lead out of other countries by the hand of the Lord

wherefore I Lehe prophesy according to the workings of the spirit which is en me that there shall be none come into this land save they should be brought by the hand of the Lord

[X]

THE SECOND BOOK OF NEPHI

An account of the death of Lehi. [X_X] Nephi's brethren rebel[_ _ _] against him. [] The Lord warns Nephi to depart into the wilder[_]ness [] [X_]. His journeyings in the wilderness,[_] and so forth [_].

CHAPTER 1

Lehi prophesies of a land of liberty—His seed will be scattered and smitten if they reject the Holy One of Israel—He exhorts his sons to put on the armor of righteousness. About 588–570 B.C.

¹And now it came to pass **that** after **I**, Nephi, had made an end of teaching my brethren, our father, Lehi, also spake many **things** unto them, **and** rehearsed unto them, how great things the Lord had done for them **in** bringing them out of the land of Jerusalem.

²**And** he spake unto them concerning their rebellions upon the waters, **and** the **mercies** of God in spar[_]ing their **lives**, that they were not swallowed up in the sea.

³**And** 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.

⁴**For**, behold, said[_] he, I have seen a vision, in [X] which I know that Jerusalem is **destroyed**; **and** had we remained in Jerusalem we should also have perished.

⁵**But**, 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 inher**it**ance of my seed. **Yea**, the Lord hath cov[_]en[_]anted this **land** unto me, **and** to my children forever, **and** also all **those who** should be le[_]d 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 [X] none come into this land save they **shall** be brought by the hand of the Lord.

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wherefore 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 ■

& 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

wherefore 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

but 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 haveing a knowledge of the Creation of the earth & all men knowing the great & marvelous works of the Lord from the Creation of the world haveing power given them to do all things by faith haveing all the commandments from the beginning & haveing 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

yea 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 be scattered & smitten

yea as one Generation passeth to another there shall be bloodsheds & great visitations **48** among them wherefore my Sons I would that ye would remember yea I would that ye would hearken unto my words

⁷Wherefore, this land is consecrated unto him whom he shall bring. **And** 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**And** behold, it is wisdom that this land should be kept as yet from the knowledge of other nations; for behold, many nations would overrun the land, that there would be no place for an inheritance.

⁹Wherefore, I, Lehi, have obtained a promise, that inasmuch as those whom the Lord God shall bring out of the land of Jerusalem shall keep his commandments, they shall prosper upon the face of this land; **and** they shall be kept from all other nations, that they may possess this land unto themselves. **And** if it so be that they shall keep [X] his commandments they shall be blessed upon the face of this land, **and** there shall be none to molest them, nor to take away the land of their inheritance; **and** they shall dwell safely forever.

¹⁰**But** behold, when the time cometh that they shall dwindle in unbelief, [X] after [X] they have received so great blessings from the hand of the Lord—having a knowledge of the creation of the earth, **and** all men, knowing the great **and** 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, **and** 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** **and** their God, behold, the judgments of him that is just shall rest upon them.

¹¹**Yea**, he will bring other nations unto them, **and** he will give unto them power, **and** he will take away from them the lands of their possessions, **and** he will cause them to be scattered **and** smitten.

¹²**Yea**, as one generation passeth to another there shall be bloodsheds, **and** great visitations among them; wherefore, my sons, I would that ye would remember; yea, I would that ye would hearken unto my words.

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O that ye would awake awake from a deep sleep
yea even from the sleep of hell & shake off the
awful chanes by which ye are bound which are the
Chanes which bind the children of men that they are
carried away captive down to the eternal gulf of
misyery & woe

awake & arise from the dust & hear the
words of a trembling ~~ofert~~ 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

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

& I desere 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

my heart hath been weyed dow with sorrow
from time to time for I have fear^d least for the
heardness of you^r hearts least the Lord your god
should come out in the fullness of his wrath upon
you that ye be cut off & destroid forever

or that a curseing should come upon you for the
space of many generations & ye are visited by
sword & by famine & hated & are lead
according to the will & captivity of the Devil

O 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 waas are righteousness forever

& he hath said that in so much as ye shall
keep my commandments ye shall prosper in the land
but en as much as ye will not ^{keep his}
commandments ye shall be cut off from his
presance

& 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 greef & sorrow to the grave arise from the
dust my Sons & be men & to letermined in
one mind & in one heart united in all things that
ye may not come down into captivity

¹³O that ye would awake; awake from a deep sleep,
yea, even from the sleep of hell, **and** 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
miser[]y **and** woe.

¹⁴**A**wake! **and** arise from the dust, **and** hear the
words of a trembl[]ing [_ _ _ _] parent, whose
limbs ye must soon lay down in the cold **and** silent
grave, from whence no travel[]er can return; a few
more days **and** I go the way of all the earth.

¹⁵**B**ut behold, **the** Lord hath redeme[]d my soul
from hell; I have beheld his glory, **and** I am
encirc[]led about eternally in the arms of his love.

¹⁶**A**nd I desire that ye should remember to observe
the statutes **and** the judgments of the Lord; behold,
this hath been the anx[]iety of my soul from the
beginning.

¹⁷**M**y heart hath been weighd down with sorrow
from time to time, for I have feared, le[]st for the
h[]ardness of your hearts **[X]** the Lord your **G**od
should come out in the ful[]ness of his wrath upon
you, that ye be cut off **and** destroyed forever;

¹⁸**O**r, that a curs[]ing should come upon you for the
space of many generations; **and** ye are visited by
sword, **and** by famine, **and** are hated, **and** are le[]d
according to the will **and** captivity of the devil.

¹⁹O my sons, that these things might not come upon
you, but that ye might be a choice **and** a favored
people of the Lord. **But [X]** behold, his will be done;
for his ways are righteousness forever.

²⁰**A**nd 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 my**
commandments ye shall be cut off from **my**
presence.

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

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that 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 destructi^on of both Soul & boddy

awake my Sons put on the armour of righteousness shake off the Chanes which ye are bound & come forth out of obscurity & arese from the dust

rebell no more against your Brorer whose views have been grorious & who hath cept 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 wildernees ⁴⁹ nevertheless ye sought to take away his life yea & he hath suffered much sorrow because of you

& I excedengly fear & tremble because of you least he shall suffer again for behold ye have accused hem 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 & you^r own eternal welfare

& 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 accordeng to that which is in God which he could not constrain manifesting boldly concerning your iniquities

& 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 utterence that he could not shut

& now my Son Laman & also Lemuel & Sam & also my Sons which are the Sons of Ishmael behold if ye will hearken unto the ~~wor~~ voice of Nephi ye shall not perish & if ye will hearken unto him I leave unto you a blessing yea even my first blessing

but if ye will not hearken unto him I take away my first blessing yea even my blessing & it shall rest upon him

²²That ye may not be cursed with a sore cursing; **and** also, that ye may not incur the displeasure of a just God upon you, unto the destruction, yea, [] the eternal destruction of both soul **and** bod[]y.

²³Awake, my sons; put on the armo[]r of righteousness. Shake off the **chains with** which ye are bound, **and** come forth out of obscurity, **and** arise from the dust.

²⁴Rebel[] no more against your **brother**, whose views have been **glorious**, **and** who hath **kept** the commandments from the time **that** we left Jerusalem; **and** 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, **and** he hath suffered much sorrow because of you.

²⁵**And** I exceedingly fear **and** tremble because of you, le[]st he shall suffer again; for behold, ye have accused **him** that he sought power **and** 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, **and** your own eternal wel[]fare.

²⁶**And** ye have murmured because he hath been plain unto you. **Ye** say that he hath used sharpness; ye say that he hath been ang[]ry with you; but behold, his sharpness was the sharpness of the power of the word of God, which was in him; **and** that which ye call anger was the truth, according to that which is in God, which he could not **re[]strain**, manifesting boldly concerning your iniquities.

²⁷**And** 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 he[], but **[X]** it was the **Spirit** of the Lord which was in him, which opened his mouth to utterance that he could not shut **it**.

²⁸**And** now my **son**, Laman, **and** also Lemuel **and** Sam, **and** also my **sons who** are the **sons** of Ishmael, behold, if ye will hearken unto the **[X]** voice of Nephi ye shall not perish. **And** 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, **and** it shall rest upon him.

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& now Zoram I speak unto you behold thou art the servant of Laban nevertheless thou hast been brought out of ~~the~~^{the} ~~land~~^{land} ~~and~~^{and} ~~of~~^{of} Jerusalem & I know that thou art a true friend unto my Son Nephi forever

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

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

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³⁰And now, Zoram, I speak unto you: Behold, thou art the servant of Laban; nevertheless, thou hast been brought out of [_]the[_]land[X]of[_][X] Jerusalem, and I know that thou art a true friend unto my son, Nephi, forever.

³¹Wherefore, 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; and nothing, save it shall be iniquity among them, shall harm or disturb their prosperity upon the face of this land forever.

³²Wherefore, if ye shall keep the commandments of the Lord, the Lord hath [_ _ _]consecrated[_ _ _] this land for the security of thy seed with the seed of my son.