

& after that Christ shall have risen from the dead he shall shew himself unto you my children & my beloved Brethren & the words which he shall speak unto you shall be the law which ye shall do

for behold I say unto you that I have beheld that many Generations shall pass away & there shall be great wars & contentions among my People

& after that the Messiah shall come there shall be signs given unto my People of his bearth & also of his death & resurrection & great & terrible shall that day be unto the wicked for they shall perish & they perish because they cast out the Prophets & the Saints & stone them & slay them wherefore the cry of the blood of the Saints shall ascend up to God from the ground against them

wherefore all they that are proud & that do wickedly the day that cometh shall burn them up saith the Lord of hosts for they shall be as stubble

& they that kill the prophets & the Saints the debths of the earth shall swallow them up saith the Lord of hosts & mountains shall cover them & whirlwinds shall carry them away & buildings shall fall upon them & crush them to pieces & grind them to powder

& they shall be visited with thunderings & lightnings & earthquakes & all manner of destructions for the fire of the anger of the Lord shall be kindled against them & they shall be as stubble & the day that cometh shall consume them saith the Lord of hosts

O the pain & the anguish of my soul for the loss of the slain of my People for I Nephi hath seen it & it well nigh consumeth me before the presance of the Lord but I must cry unto my God thy ways are just

**CHAPTER 26**

*Christ will minister to the Nephites—Nephi foresees the destruction of his people—They will speak from the dust—The Gentiles will build up false churches and secret combinations—The Lord forbids men to practice priestcrafts. About 559–545 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>And after [X] Christ shall have risen from the dead he shall show himself unto you, my children, and my beloved brethren; and the words which he shall speak unto you shall be the law which ye shall do.

<sup>2</sup>For behold, I say unto you that I have beheld that many generations shall pass away, and there shall be great wars and contentions among my people.

<sup>3</sup>And after [X] the Messiah shall come there shall be signs given unto my people of his birth, and also of his death and resurrection; and great and terrible shall that day be unto the wicked, for they shall perish; and they perish because they cast out the prophets, and the saints, and stone them, and slay them; wherefore the cry of the blood of the saints shall ascend up to God from the ground against them.

<sup>4</sup>Wherefore, all those who are proud, and that do wickedly, the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, for they shall be as stubble.

<sup>5</sup>And they that kill the prophets, and the saints, the depths of the earth shall swallow them up, saith the Lord of Hosts; and mountains shall cover them, and whirlwinds shall carry them away, and buildings shall fall upon them and crush them to pieces and grind them to powder.

<sup>6</sup>And they shall be visited with thunderings, and lightnings, and earthquakes, and all manner of destructions, for the fire of the anger of the Lord shall be kindled against them, and they shall be as stubble, and the day that cometh shall consume them, saith the Lord of Hosts.

<sup>7</sup>O the pain, and the anguish of my soul for the loss of the slain of my people! For I, Nephi, have seen it, and it well nigh consumeth me before the presence of the Lord; but I must cry unto my God: Thy ways are just.

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but behold the righteous that hearken unto the words of the Prophets & destroy them not but look forward unto Christ with steadfastness for the signs which are given notwithstanding all persecutions behold they are they which shall not perish

but the Son of righteousness shall appear unto them & he shall <sup>h</sup>heal them & they shall have peace with him untill three generations shall have passed away & many of the fourth Generation shall have passed away in righteousness

& when these things <sup>shall</sup> have passed away a speedy destruction cometh unto my People for notwithstanding the pains of my soul I have seen it wherefore I know that it shall come to pass & they sell themselves for nought for for the reward of their pride & their foolishness they shall reap destruction for because they yielndeth unto the Devil & chose works of darkness rather than light therefore they must go down to hell

for the spirit of the Lord will not always strive with man & when the spirit ceaseth to strive with man then cometh speedy destruction & this grieveth my Soul

& as I spake concerning the convincing of the Jews that Jesus is the verry Christ it must needs be that <sup>84</sup> the Gentiles be convinced also that Jesus is the Christ the Eternal God

& that he manifesteth himself unto all they that believe in him by the power of the Holy Gohost yea unto every Nation Kindred Tongue & People working mighty miracles signs & wonders among the children of men according to their faith

but behold I prophesy unto ye concerning the last days concerning the days when the Lord God shall bring these things forth unto the children of men

after that my seed & the seed of my Brethren <sup>shall</sup> have dwindled in unbelief & shall have been smitten by the Gentiles yea after that the Lord God shall have camped against them round about & shall have laid siege against them with a mount & raised forts against them & after that they shall have been brought down low in the dust even that they are not yet the words of the righteous shall be written & the prayers of the faithful shall be heard & all they which have dwindled in unbelief shall not be forgotten

<sup>8</sup>But behold, the righteous that hearken unto the words of the prophets, and destroy them not, but look forward unto Christ with steadfastness for the signs which are given, notwithstanding all persecution [ ]—behold, they are they which shall not perish.

<sup>9</sup>But the Son of Righteousness shall appear unto them; and he shall [ ]heal [ ] them, and they shall have peace with him, until [ ] three generations shall have passed away, and many of the fourth generation shall have passed away in righteousness.

<sup>10</sup>And when these things [X] have passed away a speedy destruction cometh unto my people; for, notwithstanding the pains of my soul, I have seen it; wherefore, I know that it shall come to pass; and they sell themselves for naught; for, for the reward of their pride and their foolishness they shall reap destruction; for because they yie [ ]ld [ ] unto the devil and choose works of darkness rather than light, therefore they must go down to hell.

<sup>11</sup>For the Spirit of the Lord will not always strive with man. And when the Spirit ceaseth to strive with man then cometh speedy destruction, and this grieveth my soul.

<sup>12</sup>And as I spake concerning the convinc [ ]ing of the Jews, that Jesus is the ver [ ]y Christ, it must needs be that the Gentiles be convinced also that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God;

<sup>13</sup>And that he manifesteth himself unto all those who believe in him, by the power of the Holy G [ ]host; yea, unto every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, working mighty miracles, signs, and wonders, among the children of men according to their faith.

<sup>14</sup>But behold, I prophesy unto you concerning the last days; concerning the days when the Lord God shall bring these things forth unto the children of men.

<sup>15</sup>After [X] my seed and the seed of my brethren shall have dwindled in unbelief, and shall have been smitten by the Gentiles; yea, after [X] the Lord God shall have camped against them round about, and shall have laid siege against them with a mount, and raised forts against them; and after [X] they shall have been brought down low in the dust, even that they are not, yet the words of the righteous shall be written, and the prayers of the faithful shall be heard, and all those who have dwindled in unbelief shall not be forgotten.

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for they which shall be destroyed shall speak unto them out of the ground & their speech shall be low out of the dust & their voice shall be as one that hath a familiar spirit for the Lord God will give unto him power that he may whisper concerning them even as it were out of the ground & their speech shall whisper out of the dust

for thus saith the Lord God they shall write the things which shall be done among them & they shall be written & sealed up in a Book & they that have dwindled in unbelief shall not have them for they seek to destroy the things of God

wherefore as they which have been destroyed have been destroyed speedily & the multitudes of their terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away yea thus saith the Lord God it shall be at an instant suddenly

& it shall come to pass that they which have dwindled in unbelief shall be smitten by the hand of the Gentiles

& the Gentiles are lifted up in the pride of their eyes & have stumbled because of the greatness of their stumbling block that they have built up many churches nevertheless they put down the power & the miracles of God & preach up unto themselves their own wisdom & their own learning that they may get gain & grind upon the face of the poor

& there are many churches built up which causeth envyings & strifes & malice

& there are also ~~see~~<sup>secret</sup> combinations even as in times of old according to the combinations of the Devil for his the founder of all these things yea the founder of murder & works of darkness yea & he leadeth them by the neck with a flaxen cord until he bindeth them with his strong cords forever

for behold my beloved ~~my~~<sup>Brethren</sup> I say unto you that the Lord God worketh not in darkness

he doeth not any thing save it be for the benefit of the world for he loveth the world even that he layeth down his own life that he may draw all men unto him wherefore he commandeth none that they shall not partake of his Salvation

<sup>16</sup>For **those who** shall be destroyed shall speak unto them out of the ground, **and** their speech shall be low out of the dust, **and** their voice shall be as one that hath a familiar spirit; for the Lord God will give unto him power, that he may whisper concerning them, even as it were out of the ground; **and** their speech shall whisper out of the dust.

<sup>17</sup>For thus saith the Lord God: **They** shall write the things which shall be done among them, **and** they shall be written **and** sealed up in a **book**, **and those who** have dwindled in unbelief shall not have them, for they seek to destroy the things of God.

<sup>18</sup>Wherefore, as **those who** have been destroyed have been destroyed speedily; **and** the multitude [ ] of their terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away—yea, thus saith the Lord God: **It** shall be at an instant, suddenly—

<sup>19</sup>**And** it shall come to pass, that **those who** have dwindled in unbelief shall be smitten by the hand of the Gentiles.

<sup>20</sup>**And** the Gentiles are lifted up in the pride of their eyes, **and** have stumbled, because of the greatness of their stumbling block, that they have built up many churches; nevertheless, they put down the power **and [X]** miracles of God, **and** preach up unto themselves their own wisdom **and** their own learning, that they may get gain **and** grind upon the face of the poor.

<sup>21</sup>**And** there are many churches built up which cause [ ] envyings, **and** strifes, **and** malice.

<sup>22</sup>**And** there are also [ ] **secret** [ ] combinations, even as in times of old, according to the combinations of the **devil**, for **he is** the founder of all these things; yea, the founder of murder, **and** works of darkness; yea, **and** he leadeth them by the neck with a flaxen cord, until [ ] he bindeth them with his strong cords forever.

<sup>23</sup>For behold, my beloved **[X] brethren** [ ], I say unto you that the Lord God worketh not in darkness.

<sup>24</sup>**He** doeth not any [ ] thing save it be for the benefit of the world; for he loveth the world, even that he layeth down his own life that he may draw all men unto him. **Wherefore**, he commandeth none that they shall not partake of his **salvation**.

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behold doth he cry unto any saying depart from me behold I say unto you nay but he sayeth come unto me all ye ends of the earth buy milk & honey without money & without price

behold hath he commanded any that they should depart out of the Synagoges or out of the houses of worship behold I say unto you ~~nay~~ nay

hath he commanded any that they should not partake of his Salvation Behold I say unto you **85** nay but he hath given it free for all men & he hath commanded his People that they should persuade all men unto repentance

behold hath the Lord commanded any that they should not partake of his goodness behold I say unto you nay but all men are privileged the one like unto the other & none are forbidden

he commandeth that there shall be no priestcrafts for behold priestcrafts are that men preach & set themselves up for a light unto the world that they may get gain & praise of ~~m~~<sup>the</sup>~~en~~ world but they seek not the welfare of Zion

behold the Lord hath forbidden this thing wherefore the Lord God hath given a commandment that all men should have charity which charity is love & except they should have charity they were nothing wherefore if they should have charity they would not suffer the labourer in Zion to perish

but the labourer in Zion shall ~~la~~ labour for Zion for if they labour for money they shall perish

& again the Lord God hath commanded that men should not murder that they should not lie that they should not steal that they should not take the name of the Lord their God invain that they should not envy that they should not have malice that they should not contend one with another that they should not commit whoardoms & that they should ~~not~~ do none of these things for whoso doeth them shall perish

<sup>25</sup>**Behold**, doth he cry unto any, saying: **Depart** from me? **Behold**, I say unto you, **Nay**; but he sai[ ]th: **Come** unto me all ye ends of the earth, buy milk **and** honey, without money **and** without price.

<sup>26</sup>**Behold**, hath he commanded any that they should depart out of the **synagogues**, or out of the houses of worship? **Behold**, I say unto you, **[X]** Nay.

<sup>27</sup>**Hath** he commanded any that they should not partake of his **salvation**? Behold I say unto you, **Nay**; but he hath given it free for all men; **and** he hath commanded his **people** that they should persuade all men [ ]to repentance.

<sup>28</sup>**Behold**, hath the Lord commanded any that they should not partake of his goodness? **Behold** I say unto you, **Nay**; but all men are privileged the one like unto the other, **and** none are forbidden.

<sup>29</sup>**He** commandeth that there shall be no priestcrafts; for, behold, priestcrafts are that men preach **and** set themselves up for a light unto the world, that they may get gain **and** praise of [ ]**the**[ ] world; but they seek not the wel[ ]fare of Zion.

<sup>30</sup>**Behold**, the Lord hath forbidden this thing; wherefore, the Lord God hath given a commandment that all men should have charity, which charity is love. **And** except they should have charity they were nothing. **Wherefore**, if they should have charity they would not suffer the labo[ ]rer in Zion to perish.

<sup>31</sup>**But** the labo[ ]rer in Zion shall [ ] labo[ ]r for Zion; for if they labo[ ]r for money they shall perish.

<sup>32</sup>**And** again, the Lord God hath commanded that men should not murder; that they should not lie; that they should not steal; that they should not take the name of the Lord their God in[ ]vain; that they should not envy; that they should not have malice; that they should not contend one with another; that they should not commit who**red**oms; **and** that they should **[X]** do none of these things; for whoso doeth them shall perish.

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for none of these iniquities come of the Lord for he doeth that which is good among the children of men & he doeth nothing save it be plain unto the children of men & he enviteth them all to come unto him & partake of his goodness & he denieth none that come unto him black & white bond & free male & feemale & he remembereth the heathen & all are alike unto God both Jew & Gentile

<sup>33</sup>**F**or none of these iniquities come of the Lord; for he doeth that which is good among the children of men; **and** he doeth nothing save it be plain unto the children of men; **and** he **in**viteth them all to come unto him **and** partake of his goodness; **and** he denieth none that come unto him, black **and** white, bond **and** free, male **and** fe[ ]male; **and** he remembereth the heathen; **and** all are alike unto God, both Jew **and** Gentile.