

& it came to pass that ~~th~~^{thus}us passed away the ninety & fifth year also & the people began to forget those signs & wonders which they had heard & began to be less & less astonished at a sign or a wonder from Heaven insomuch that they began to be hard in their hearts & blind in their minds & began to disbelieve all which they had heard & seen

imagining up some vain thing in their hearts that it was wrought by men & by the power of the Devil to lead away & deceive the hearts of the people & thus did Satan get possession of the hearts of the people again insomuch that he did blind their eyes & lead them away to believe that the doctrine of ~~eh~~ Christ was a foolish & a vain thing

& it came to pass that the people began to wax strong in wickedness & abominations & they did not believe that there should be any more signs or wonders given & Satan did go about leading away the hearts of the people tempting them & causing them that they should do great wickedness in the land

& thus did pass away the ninety & sixth year & also the ninety & seventh year & also the ninety & eighth year & also the ninety & ninth year

& ~~unto~~ also an hundred years had passed away since the day^s of Mosiah which was **366** King over the people of the Nephites

& six hundred & nine years had passed away since Lehi left Jerusalem

& nine years had passed away from the time which the sign was given which was spoken of by the prophets that Christ should come into the world

now the Nephites began to reckon their time from this period which the sign was given or from the coming of Christ therefore nine years **had** passed away

CHAPTER 2

Wickedness and abominations increase among the people—The Nephites and Lamanites unite to defend themselves against the Gadianton robbers—Converted Lamanites become white and are called Nephites. About A.D. 5–16.

¹**And** it came to pass that [_]**thus**[_] passed away the ninety **and** fifth year also, **and** the people began to forget those signs **and** wonders which they had heard, **and** began to be less **and** less astonished at a sign or a wonder from **heaven**, insomuch that they began to be hard in their hearts, **and** blind in their minds, **and** began to disbelieve all which they had heard **and** seen—

²**Imagi**[_]ning up some vain thing in their hearts, that it was wrought by men **and** by the power of the **devil**, to lead away **and** deceive the hearts of the people; **and** thus did Satan get possession of the hearts of the people again, insomuch that he did blind their eyes **and** lead them away to believe that the doctrine of [_] Christ was a foolish **and** a vain thing.

³**And** it came to pass that the people began to wax strong in wickedness **and** abominations; **and** they did not believe that there should be any more signs or wonders given; **and** Satan did go about, leading away the hearts of the people, tempting them **and** causing them that they should do great wickedness in the land.

⁴**And** thus did pass away the ninety **and** sixth year; **and** also the ninety **and** seventh year; **and** also the ninety **and** eighth year; **and** also the ninety **and** ninth year;

⁵**And** [X] also an hundred years had passed away since the days of Mosiah, **who** was **king** over the people of the Nephites.

⁶**And** six hundred **and** nine years had passed away since Lehi left Jerusalem.

⁷**And** nine years had passed away from the time **when** the sign was given, which was spoken of by the prophets, that Christ should come into the world.

⁸**Now** the Nephites began to reckon their time from this period **when** the sign was given, or from the coming of Christ; therefore, nine years **had** passed away.

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& Nephi which was the father of Nephi which had the charge of the records did not return to the land of Zarahemla & could no where be found in all the land

& it came to pass that the people did still remain in wickedness notwithstanding the much preaching & prophesying which was sent among them & thus passed away the tenth year also & ~~they~~ the eleventh year also passed away in iniquity

& it came to pass in the thirteenth year there began to be wars & contentions throughout all the land for the Gadianton robbers had become so numerous & did slay so many of the people & did lay waste so many cities & ded spread so much death & carnage throughout the land that it became expediant that all the people both the Nephites & the Lamanites should take up arms against them

therefore all the Lamanites which had become converted unto the Lord did unite with their brethren the Nephites & were compelled for the safety of their lives & their women & their children to take up arms against those Gadianton Robbers yea & also to maintain their rights & their privileges of their church & of their worship & their freedom & their liberty

& it came to pass that before this thirteenth year had passed away the Nephites were threatened with utter destruction because of this war which had become exceding soar

& it came to pass that those Lamanites which ~~w^{had} ere u^{united} nt~~ with the Nephites were numbered among the Nephites

& their curse was taken from them & their skin became white like unto the Nephites

& their Young men & their Daughters became exceding fair & they were numbered among the Nephites & were called Nephites & thus ended the thirteenth year

& it came to pass in the Commence^{ee-ment} ~~nen~~^{of} the fourteenth year the war between the robbers & the people of Nephi did continue & did become exceding soar nevertheless the people of Nephi did gain some advantage of the robbers insomuch that they did drive them back out of their lands into the mountains & into their secret places

⁹And Nephi, who was the father of Nephi, who had the charge of the records, did not return to the land of Zarahemla, and could no [] where be found in all the land.

¹⁰And it came to pass that the people did still remain in wickedness, notwithstanding the much preaching and prophesying which was sent among them; and thus passed away the tenth year also; and [X] the eleventh year also passed away in iniquity.

¹¹And it came to pass in the thirteenth year there began to be wars and contentions throughout all the land; for the Gadianton robbers had become so numerous, and did slay so many of the people, and did lay waste so many cities, and did spread so much death and carnage throughout the land, that it became expedient that all the people, both the Nephites and the Lamanites, should take up arms against them.

¹²Therefore, all the Lamanites who had become converted unto the Lord did unite with their brethren, the Nephites, and were compelled, for the safety of their lives and their women and their children, to take up arms against those Gadianton robbers, yea, and also to maintain their rights, and the [] privileges of their church and of their worship, and their freedom and their liberty.

¹³And it came to pass that before this thirteenth year had passed away the Nephites were threatened with utter destruction because of this war, which had become excedingly sore.

¹⁴And it came to pass that those Lamanites who [] had [] [] united [] with the Nephites were numbered among the Nephites;

¹⁵And their curse was taken from them, and their skin became white like unto the Nephites;

¹⁶And their young men and their daughters became excedingly fair, and they were numbered among the Nephites, and were called Nephites. And thus ended the thirteenth year.

¹⁷And it came to pass in the commence [] ment [] of [] the fourteenth year, the war between the robbers and the people of Nephi did continue and did become excedingly sore; nevertheless, the people of Nephi did gain some advantage of the robbers, insomuch that they did drive them back out of their lands into the mountains and into their secret places.

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& thus ended the fourteenth year & in the fifteenth year they did come forth again against the people of Nephi & because of the wickedness of the people of Nephi & their many contentions & dissensions the Gadianton robbers did gain many advantages over them

& thus ended the fifteenth year & thus were the people in a state of many afflictions & the sword of destruction did hang over them insomuch that they were ~~abe~~ about to be smitten down by it & this because of their iniquity——

¹⁸**And** thus ended the fourteenth year. **And** in the fifteenth year they did come forth [**X**] against the people of Nephi; **and** because of the wickedness of the people of Nephi, **and** their many contentions **and** dissensions, the Gadianton robbers did gain many advantages over them.

¹⁹**And** thus ended the fifteenth year, **and** thus were the people in a state of many afflictions; **and** the sword of destruction did hang over them, insomuch that they were [_ _] about to be smitten down by it, **and** this because of their iniquity.[]