

& it came to pass that in this same year behold Nephi delivered up the Judgmentseat to a man whose name was Cezoram

for as their laws & their governments^s were established by the voice of the people & they which chose evil were more numerous than they which chose good therefore they were ripening fordestruction for the laws had become corrupted

yea & this was not all they were a stiffnecked people insomuch that they could not be governed by the law nor justice save it were to their destruction

& it came to pass that Nephi had become weary because of their iniquity & he yielded up the Judgmentseat & took it upon him to preach the word of God all the remainder of his days & his brother Lehi also all the remainder of his days

for they remembered the words which their father Helaman spake unto them & these are the words which he spake

Behold my Sons I desire that ye should remember to keep the commandments of God & I would that ye should declare unto the people these words behold ~~hold~~ I have given unto you the names of our first parents which came out of the land of Jerusalem & this I have done that when you remember your names that ye may remember them & when ye remember them ye may remember their works & when ye remember their works ye may know how that it is said & also written that they were good

therefore my Sons I would that ye should do that which is good that it may be said of you & also written even as it has been said & written of them

CHAPTER 5

Nephi and Lehi devote themselves to preaching—Their names invite them to pattern their lives after their forebears—Christ redeems those who repent—Nephi and Lehi make many converts and are imprisoned, and fire encircles them—A cloud of darkness overshadows three hundred people—The earth shakes, and a voice commands men to repent—Nephi and Lehi converse with angels, and the multitude is encircled by fire. About 30 B.C.

¹**And** it came to pass that in this same year, behold, Nephi delivered up the judgment-seat to a man whose name was Cezoram.

²For as their laws **and** their governments were established by the voice of the people, **and** they **who** chose evil were more numerous than they **who** chose good, therefore they were ripening for destruction, **for** the laws had become corrupted.

³Yea, **and** this was not all; they were a stiffnecked people, insomuch that they could not be governed by the law nor justice, save it were to their destruction.

⁴**And** it came to pass that Nephi had become weary because of their iniquity; **and** he yielded up the judgment-seat, **and** took it upon him to preach the word of God all the remainder of his days, **and** his brother Lehi also, all the remainder of his days;

⁵For they remembered the words which their father Helaman spake unto them. **And** these are the words which he spake:

⁶Behold, my sons, I desire that ye should remember to keep the commandments of God; **and** I would that ye should declare unto the people these words. Behold [_ _ _], I have given unto you the names of our first parents **who** came out of the land of Jerusalem; **and** this I have done that when you remember your names [X] ye may remember them; **and** when ye remember them ye may remember their works; **and** when ye remember their works ye may know how that it is said, **and** also written, that they were good.

⁷Therefore, my sons, I would that ye should do that which is good, that it may be said of you, **and** also written, even as it has been said **and** written of them.

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& now ~~behold~~ my Sons behold I have some what more to desire of you which desire is that ye may not do these things that ye may boast but that ye may do these things to lay up for yourselves a treasure in Heaven yea which is Eternal & which fadeth not away yea that ye may have that preasious gift of Eternal life which ^{y^we} have reason **339** to suppose hath been given to our fathers

O remember remember my Sons the words which King Benjamin spake unto his people yea remember that there is no other way nor means whereby man can be saved only through the atoneing blood of Jesus Christ which shall come yea remember that he cometh to redeem the world

& remember also the words which Am^ulek^hiek spake unto Zeezrom in the city of Am^monihah for he said unto him that the Lord surely should come to redeem his people but that he should not come to redeem them in their sins but to redeem them from their sins

& he hath power given unto him from the Father to redeem them from their Sins because of repentance therefore he hath sent his Angels to declare the tidings of the conditions of repentance which bringeth unto the power of the Redeemer unto the salvation of their souls

& now my Sons remember remember that it is upon the rock of our Redeemer which is Christ the Son of God that ye must build your foundation that when the Devil shall send forth his mighty winds yea his shafts in the whirlwind yea when all his hail & his mighty storm shall beat upon you it shall have no power over you to drag you down to the gulf of misery & endless wo because ~~up^{of}on~~ the Rock upon which ye are built which is a sure foundation a foundation whereon if men build~~t~~ they cannot fall

& it came to pass that these were the words which Helaman taught to his Sons yea he did teach them many things which are not written & also many things which are written

& they did remember his words & therefore they went forth ~~preac~~^{keepin}~~g~~ ~~hen~~ the commandments of God to teach the word of God among all the people of Nephi beginning at the city Bountiful

& from thence forth to the city of Gid & from the city of Gid to the city Mulek

⁸**And** now **[X]** my sons, behold I have some **[]** what more to desire of you, which desire is, that ye may not do these things that ye may boast, but that ye may do these things to lay up for yourselves a treasure in **h**eaven, yea, which is **e**ternal, **and** which fadeth not away; yea, that ye may have that pre^[]ci^[]ous gift of **e**ternal life, which **[]we**^[] have reason to suppose hath been given to our fathers.

⁹O remember, remember, my sons, the words which **k**ing Benjamin spake unto his people; yea, remember that there is no other way nor means whereby man can be saved, only through the aton^[]ing blood of Jesus Christ, **who** shall come; yea, remember that he cometh to redeem the world.

¹⁰**And** remember also the words which **Am**^[]**ulek**^[] spake unto Zeezrom, in the city of Am^monihah; for he said unto him that the Lord surely should come to redeem his people, but that he should not come to redeem them in their sins, but to redeem them from their sins.

¹¹**And** he hath power given unto him from the Father to redeem them from their **s**ins because of repentance; therefore he hath sent his **a**ngels to declare the tidings of the conditions of repentance, which bringeth unto the power of the Redeemer, unto the salvation of their souls.

¹²**And** now, my sons, remember, remember that it is upon the rock of our Redeemer, **who** is Christ, the Son of God, that ye must build your foundation; that when the **d**evil shall send forth his mighty winds, yea, his shafts in the whirlwind, yea, when all his hail **and** his mighty storm shall beat upon you, it shall have no power over you to drag you down to the gulf of mis^[]ery **and** endless wo, because **[]of**^[] the **r**ock upon which ye are built, which is a sure foundation, a foundation whereon if men build^[] they cannot fall.

¹³**And** it came to pass that these were the words which Helaman taught to his **s**ons; yea, he did teach them many things which are not written, **and** also many things which are written.

¹⁴**And** they did remember his words; **and** therefore they went forth, **[]keepin**^[]g **[]** the commandments of God, to teach the word of God among all the people of Nephi, beginning at the city Bountiful;

¹⁵**And** from thence^[]forth to the city of Gid; **and** from the city of Gid to the city **of** Mulek;

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& even from one city to another until they had gone forth among all the people of Nephi which were in the land Southward & from thence into the land of Zarahemla among the Lamanites

& it came to pass that they did preach with great power insomuch that they did confound many of those dissenters which had gone over from the Nephites insomuch that they came forth & did confess their Sins & were Baptised unto repentance & immediately returned to the Nephites to endeavor to repair unto them the wrongs which they had done

& it came to pass that Nephi & Lehi did preach unto the Lamanites with such great power & authority for they had power & ^aauthority^g given unto them that they might speak & they also had what they should speak given unto them

therefore they did speak unto the great astonishment of the Lamanites to the convincing them inso much that there were eight thousand of the Lamanites which were in the ~~land~~ land of Zarahemla & round about baptised unto repentance & were convinced of the wickedness of the traditions of their fathers

& it came to pass that Nephi & Lehi did ~~per^{per}suade~~ ~~procede~~ ~~to~~ ~~from~~ ~~go~~ thence to go to the land of Nephi

& it came to pass that they were taken by an army of the Lamanites & cast into prison yea even in that same prison in which Ammon & his brethren were cast by the servants of Limhi

& after they had been cast into prison many days without food **340** behold they went forth into the prison to take them that they might slay them

& it came to pass that Nephi & Lehi were encircled about as if by fire even insomuch that they dearst not lay their hands upon them for fear lest they should be burned nevertheless Nephi & Lehi were not burned & they were as standing in the midst of fire & ^{they} were not burned

& when they saw that they were ensirceled about with a pillar of fire & that it burned them not their hearts did take courage

¹⁶**And** even from one city to another, until they had gone forth among all the people of Nephi **who** were in the land **southward; and** from thence into the land of Zarahemla, among the Lamanites.

¹⁷**And** it came to pass that they did preach with great power, insomuch that they did confound many of those dissenters **who** had gone over from the Nephites, insomuch that they came forth **and** did confess their **sins and** were **baptized** unto repentance, **and** **immediately** returned to the Nephites to endeavor to repair unto them the wrongs which they had done.

¹⁸**And** it came to pass that Nephi **and** Lehi did preach unto the Lamanites with such great power **and** authority, for they had power **and** **[]authority[]** given unto them that they might speak, **and** they also had what they should speak given unto them—

¹⁹**T**herefore they did speak unto the great astonishment of the Lamanites, **to** the convinc**[]**ing them, inso**[]**much that there were eight thousand of the Lamanites **who** were in the**[X]** land of Zarahemla **and** round about **baptized** unto repentance, **and** were convinced of the wickedness of the traditions of their fathers.

²⁰**And** it came to pass that Nephi **and** Lehi did **[_ _] [_ _] [_ _ _ _]** **proceed [_] from [_ _]** thence to go to the land of Nephi.

²¹**And** it came to pass that they were taken by an army of the Lamanites **and** cast into prison; yea, even in that same prison in which Ammon **and** his brethren were cast by the servants of Limhi.

²²**And** after they had been cast into prison many days without food, behold, they went forth into the prison to take them that they might slay them.

²³**And** it came to pass that Nephi **and** Lehi were encircled about as if by fire, even insomuch that they **du[]rst** not lay their hands upon them for fear lest they should be burned. **Nevertheless, Nephi and** Lehi were not burned; **and** they were as standing in the midst of fire **and [X]** were not burned.

²⁴**And** when they saw that they were encirc**[]**led about with a pillar of fire, **and** that it burned them not, their hearts did take courage.

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for they saw that the Lamanites dearst not lay their hands upon them neither dearst they come near unto them but stood as if they were struck dumb with amazement

& it came to pass that Nephi & Lehi did stand forth & began to speak unto them saying fear not for behold it is God that hath shown unto you this marvelous thing in the which is shewn unto you that ye can not lay your hands ~~up~~ on us to slay us

& behold when they had said these words the Earth shook exceedingly & the walls of the prison did shake as if they were about to tumble to the earth but behold they did not fall & behold they that were in the prison were Lamanites & Nephites which were dissenters

& it came to pass that they were overshadowed with a cloud of darkness & an awful solumn fear came upon them

& it came to pass that there came a voice as if it were above the cloud of darkness saying repent ye repent ye & seek no more to destroy my servants which I have sent unto you to declare good tidings

& it came to pass when they heard this voice & beheld that it was not a voice of thunder neither was it a voice of a great tumultuous noise but behold it was a small voice of perfect mildness as if it had been a whisper & it did pierce even to the verry soul

& notwithstanding the mildness of the voice behold the earth shook exceedingly & the walls of the prison trembeled again as if it were about to tumble to the earth & behold the cloud of darkness which had overshadowed them did not disperse

& behold the voice came again saying repent ye^{repent} ye for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand & seek no more to destroy my servants & it came to pass that the earth shook again & the walls trembeled

& also again the third time the voice came & did speak unto them marvelous words which cannot be uttered by man & the walls did tremble again & the earth shook as if it were about to divide asunder

²⁵For they saw that the Lamanites du[_]rst not lay their hands upon them; neither du[_]rst they come near unto them, but stood as if they were struck dumb with amazement.

²⁶And it came to pass that Nephi and Lehi did stand forth and began to speak unto them, saying: Fear not, for behold, it is God that has[_] shown unto you this marvelous thing, in the which is shown unto you that ye can[_]not lay your hands [X] on us to slay us.

²⁷And behold, when they had said these words, the earth shook exceedingly, and the walls of the prison did shake as if they were about to tumble to the earth; but behold, they did not fall. And behold, they that were in the prison were Lamanites and Nephites who were dissenters.

²⁸And it came to pass that they were overshadowed with a cloud of darkness, and an awful solemn fear came upon them.

²⁹And it came to pass that there came a voice as if it were above the cloud of darkness, saying: Repent ye, repent ye, and seek no more to destroy my servants whom I have sent unto you to declare good tidings.

³⁰And it came to pass when they heard this voice, and beheld that it was not a voice of thunder, neither was it a voice of a great tumultuous noise, but behold, it was a still voice of perfect mildness, as if it had been a whisper, and it did pierce even to the ver[_]y soul—

³¹And notwithstanding the mildness of the voice, behold the earth shook exceedingly, and the walls of the prison tremb[_]led again, as if it were about to tumble to the earth; and behold the cloud of darkness, which had overshadowed them, did not disperse—

³²And behold the voice came again, saying: Repent ye,[_]repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand; and seek no more to destroy my servants. And it came to pass that the earth shook again, and the walls tremb[_]led.

³³And also again the third time the voice came, and did speak unto them marvelous words which cannot be uttered by man; and the walls did tremble again, and the earth shook as if it were about to divide asunder.

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& it came to pass that the Lamanites could not flee because of the cloud of darkness which did overshadow them yea & also they were immovable because of the fear which did come upon them

now there was one among them who was a Nephite by birth who had once belonged to the church of God but had dissented from them

& it came to pass that he turned him abot & behold he saw through the cloud of darkness the faces of Nephi & Lehi & behold they did shine exceedingly even as the face of Angels & he beheld that they did lift their eyes to Heaven & they were in the a^{attitude}~~ttitude~~ as if talking or lifting their voices to some being which they beheld

& it came to pass that this man did cry unto the multitude that they might turn & look & behold these was power given unto them that they did turn & look & they did behold the faces of Nephi & Lehi

& they said unto the man behold what doth **341** all these things mean & who is it with whom these men do converse

now the mans name was Aminadab & Aminadab saieth unto them they do converse with the angels of God

& it came to pass that the Lamanites said unto him what shall we do that this cloud of darkness may be removed from overshadowing us

& Aminadab saieth unto them you must repent & cry unto ^{the}~~the~~ voice ~~we~~ even until ye shall have faith in Christ in which was taught unto you by Alma & Amulek & ^{by} Zeezrom & when ye shall do this the cloud of darkness shall be removed from overshadowing you

& it came to pass that they all did begin to cry unto the voice of him which had shook the earth yea they did cry even until the cloud of darkness was dispersed

& it came to pass that when they cast their eyes about & saw that the cloud of darkness was dispersed from overshadowing them & behold they saw that they were ensircled about yea every soul by a pillar of fire

³⁴**And** it came to pass that the Lamanites could not flee because of the cloud of darkness which did overshadow them; yea, **and** also they were immovable because of the fear which did come upon them.

³⁵**Now** there was one among them who was a Nephite by birth, who had once belonged to the church of God but had dissented from them.

³⁶**And** it came to pass that he turned him about, **and** behold, he saw through the cloud of darkness the faces of Nephi **and** Lehi; **and** behold, they did shine exceedingly, even as the faces of angels. **And** he beheld that they did lift their eyes to heaven; **and** they were in the []attitude[] as if talking or lifting their voices to some being **whom** they beheld.

³⁷**And** it came to pass that this man did cry unto the multitude, that they might turn **and** look. **And** behold, there was power given unto them that they did turn **and** look; **and** they did behold the faces of Nephi **and** Lehi.

³⁸**And** they said unto the man: Behold, what do [] all these things mean, **and** who is it w[]ith whom these men do converse?

³⁹**Now** the man's name was Aminadab. **And** Aminadab **said** unto them: **They** do converse with the angels of God.

⁴⁰**And** it came to pass that the Lamanites said unto him: **What** shall we do, that this cloud of darkness may be removed from overshadowing us?

⁴¹**And** Aminadab **said** unto them: **You** must repent, **and** cry unto **the** []voice[], even until ye shall have faith in Christ, **[X] who** was taught unto you by Alma, **and** Amulek, **and** **[X] Zeezrom**; **and** when ye shall do this, the cloud of darkness shall be removed from overshadowing you.

⁴²**And** it came to pass that they all did begin to cry unto the voice of him **who** had **shaken** the earth; yea, they did cry even until the cloud of darkness was dispersed.

⁴³**And** it came to pass that when they cast their eyes about, **and** saw that the cloud of darkness was dispersed from overshadowing them, **[X] behold**, they saw that they were encircled about, yea every soul, by a pillar of fire.

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& Nephi & Lehi ~~w~~^were in the midst of them yea they were enserceled about yea they were as if in the midst of a flaming fire yet it did harm them not neither did it take hold upon the walls of the prison & they were filled with that joy which is unspeakable & full of glory

& behold the Holy Spirit of God did come down from Heaven & did enter into their hearts & they were filled as if with fire & they could speak forth marvelous words

& it came to pass that there came a voice unto them yea a pleasant voice as if it were a whisper saying

peace peace be unto you because of your faith in my beloved which was from the foundation of the world

& now when they heard this they cast up their eyes as if to behold from whence the voice came & behold they saw the Heavens open & Angels came down out of Heaven & ministered unto them

& there were about three hundred souls which saw & heard ~~thes~~^{these}e things & they were bid to go forth & marvel not neither should they doubt

& it came to pass that they did go forth & did minister unto the people declareing throughout all the regions round about all the things which they had heard & seen insomuch that the more part of the Lamanites were convinced of them because of the greatness of the evidences which they had received

& as many as were convinced did lay down their weapons of war & also their hatred & the tradition of their fathers

& it came to pass that they did yield up unto the Nephites the lands of their possession

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⁴⁴**And** Nephi **and** Lehi []were[] in the midst of them; yea, they were encircled about; yea, they were as if in the midst of a flaming fire, yet it did harm them not, neither did it take hold upon the walls of the prison; **and** they were filled with that joy which is unspeakable **and** full of glory.

⁴⁵**And** behold, the Holy Spirit of God did come down from heaven, **and** did enter into their hearts, **and** they were filled as if with fire, **and** they could speak forth marvelous words.

⁴⁶**And** it came to pass that there came a voice unto them, yea, a pleasant voice, as if it were a whisper, saying:

⁴⁷**Peace**, peace be unto you, because of your faith in my **Well Beloved**, **who** was from the foundation of the world.

⁴⁸**And** now, when they heard this they cast up their eyes as if to behold from whence the voice came; **and** behold, they saw the heavens open; **and** angels came down out of heaven **and** ministered unto them.

⁴⁹**And** there were about three hundred souls **who** saw **and** heard []these[] things; **and** they were bidden to go forth **and** marvel not, neither should they doubt.

⁵⁰**And** it came to pass that they did go forth, **and** did minister unto the people, declar[]ing throughout all the regions round about all the things which they had heard **and** seen, insomuch that the more part of the Lamanites were convinced of them, because of the greatness of the evidences which they had received.

⁵¹**And** as many as were convinced did lay down their weapons of war, **and** also their hatred **and** the tradition of their fathers.

⁵²**And** it came to pass that they did yield up unto the Nephites the lands of their possession.