

& it came to pass that there arose a division among the people inso much that they divided hither & thither & went their ways leaving Nephi alone as he was standing in the midst of them

& it came to pass that Nephi went his way towards his own house pondering upon the things which the Lord had shewn unto him

& it came to pass as he was thus pondering being much cast down because of the wickedness of the people of the Nephtes their secret works of darkness & their murderings & their plundering plunderings & all manner of iniquities & it came to pass as he was thus pondering in his **351** heart behold a voice came unto him saying

blessed art thou Nephi for those things which thou hast done for I have beheld how thou hast with ~~unwearyingness~~^{unwearyingness} ~~ingness~~ declared the word which I have given unto thee unto this people & thou hast not feared them & hast not sought thine own life but hath sought my will & to keep my commandments

& now because thou hast done this with such unweariness behold I will bless thee forever & I will make thee mighty in word & in deed in faith & in works yea even that all things shall be done unto thee according to thy word for thou shalt not ask that which is contrary to my will

behold thou art Nephi & I am God behold I declare it unto thee in the presance of mine Angels that ye shall have power over this people & shall smite the earth with famine & with pestilence & distruction according to the wickedness of this people

behold I give unto you power that whatsoever ye shall Seal on earth shall be Sealed in Heaven & whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven & thus shall ye have power among this^{people}

CHAPTER 10

The Lord gives Nephi the sealing power—He is empowered to bind and loose on earth and in heaven—He commands the people to repent or perish—The Spirit carries him from multitude to multitude. About 21–20 B.C.

¹**And** it came to pass that there arose a division among the people, inso[]much that they divided hither **and** thither **and** went their ways, leaving Nephi alone, as he was standing in the midst of them.

²**And** it came to pass that Nephi went his way towards his own house, pondering upon the things which the Lord had sh~~own~~ unto him.

³**And** it came to pass as he was thus pondering—being much cast down because of the wickedness of the people of the Nephites, their secret works of darkness, **and** their murderings, **and** their [X] plunderings, **and** all manner of iniquities—**and** it came to pass as he was thus pondering in his heart, behold, a voice came unto him saying:

⁴**Blessed** art thou, Nephi, for those things which thou hast done; for I have beheld how thou hast with []**unwearyingness**[] declared the word, which I have given unto thee, unto this people. **And** thou hast not feared them, **and** hast not sought thine own life, but **hast** sought my will, **and** to keep my commandments.

⁵**And** now, because thou hast done this with such unweariness, behold, I will bless thee forever; **and** I will make thee mighty in word **and** in deed, in faith **and** in works; yea, even that all things shall be done unto thee according to thy word, for thou shalt not ask that which is contrary to my will.

⁶**Behold**, thou art Nephi, **and** I am God. **Behold**, I declare it unto thee in the pres~~ence~~ of mine **angels**, that ye shall have power over this people, **and** shall smite the earth with famine, **and** with pestilence, **and** **destruction**, according to the wickedness of this people.

⁷**Behold**, I give unto you power, that whatsoever ye shall **seal** on earth shall be **sealed** in **heaven**; **and** whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in **heaven**; **and** thus shall ye have power among this[]**people**.

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& thus if ye shall say unto this Temple it shall be wrent in twain & it shall be done

& if ye shall say unto this Mountain be thou cast down & become smooth & it shall be done

& behold if ye shall say that God shall smite this people it shall come to pass

& now behold I command you that ye shall go & declare unto this people that thus saith the Lord God who is the Almighty except ye repent ye shall be smitten even unto destruction

& behold now it came to pass that when the Lord had spoken these words unto Nephi he did stop & did not go unto his own house but did return unto the multitudes which were scattered about upon the face of the land & began to declare unto them the word of the Lord which had been spoken unto him concerning their destruction if they did not repent

now behold notwithstanding that great miracle which Nephi had done in telling them concerning the death of the chief Judge they did harden their hearts & did not hearken unto the words of the Lord

therefore Nephi did declare unto them the word of the Lord Saying except ye repent thus saith the Lord Ye shall be smitten even unto destruction

& it came to pass that when Nephi had declared unto them the word ~~ob~~^{behold} they did still harden their hearts & would not hearken unto his words therefore they did revile against him & did seek to lay their hands upon him that they might cast him into prison

but behold the power of God was with him & they could not take him to cast him into prison for he was taken by the spirit & conveyed away out of the midst of them

& it came to pass that thus he did go forth in the spirit from multitude to multitude declaring the word of God even untill he had declared it unto them all or sent it forth among all the people

& it came to pass that they would not hearken unto his words & there began to be contentions insomuch that they were divided against themselves & began to slay one another with the sword

⁸**And** thus, if ye shall say unto this temple it shall be rent in twain, it shall be done.

⁹**And** if ye shall say unto this mountain, **Be** thou cast down **and** become smooth, it shall be done.

¹⁰**And** behold, if ye shall say that God shall smite this people, it shall come to pass.

¹¹**And** now behold, I command you, that ye shall go **and** declare unto this people, that thus saith the Lord God, who is the Almighty: **Except** ye repent ye shall be smitten, even unto destruction.

¹²**And** behold, now it came to pass that when the Lord had spoken these words unto Nephi, he did stop **and** did not go unto his own house, but did return unto the multitudes **who** were scattered about upon the face of the land, **and** began to declare unto them the word of the Lord which had been spoken unto him, concerning their destruction if they did not repent.

¹³**Now** behold, notwithstanding that great miracle which Nephi had done in telling them concerning the death of the chief judge, they did harden their hearts **and** did not hearken unto the words of the Lord.

¹⁴**T**herefore Nephi did declare unto them the word of the Lord, **saying: Except** ye repent, thus saith the Lord, **ye** shall be smitten even unto destruction.

¹⁵**And** it came to pass that when Nephi had declared unto them the word, **behold** , they did still harden their hearts **and** would not hearken unto his words; therefore they did revile against him, **and** did seek to lay their hands upon him that they might cast him into prison.

¹⁶**B**ut behold, the power of God was with him, **and** they could not take him to cast him into prison, for he was taken by the **Spirit** **and** conveyed away out of the midst of them.

¹⁷**And** it came to pass that thus he did go forth in the **Spirit**, from multitude to multitude, declaring the word of God, even until he had declared it unto them all, or sent it forth among all the people.

¹⁸**And** it came to pass that they would not hearken unto his words; **and** there began to be contentions, insomuch that they were divided against themselves **and** began to slay one another with the sword.

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reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi

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reign of the **j**udges over the people of Nephi.