

## 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 2

<sup>1</sup>for behold it came to pass that the Lord spake unto my father  
yea even in a dream & sayeth unto him

blessed art thou Lehi because of the things which thou hast done  
& because thou hast been faithful

& declared unto this people the things which I commanded thee  
behold they seek to take away thy life

<sup>2</sup>& it came to pass that the Lord commanded my father even in a dream <sup>1</sup>  
that he should take his family & depart into the wilderness

<sup>3</sup>& it came to pass that he was obedient unto the word of the Lord  
wherefore he did as the Lord commanded him

<sup>4</sup>& it came to pass that he departed into the wilderness

& he left his house & the land of his inheritance

& his gold & his silver & his precious things

& took nothing with him save it were his family & provisions & tents

& he departed into the wilderness

<sup>5</sup>& he came down by the borders near the shores of the Red Sea

& he traveled in the wilderness in the borders which was nearer the Red Sea

& he did travel in the wilderness with his family

which consisted of my mother Sariah & my elder Brethren

which were Laman Lemuel & Sam

<sup>6</sup>& it came to pass that when he had traveled three days in the wilderness

he pitched his tent in a valley beside a river of water

<sup>7</sup>& it came to pass that he built an altar of stones

& he made an offering unto the Lord & gave thanks unto the Lord our God

<sup>8</sup>& it came to pass that he called the name of the River Laman

& it emptied into the Red Sea

& the valley was in the borders near the mouth thereof

<sup>9</sup>& when my father saw that the waters of the River

empted into the fountain of the Red sea

he spake unto Laman saying

O that thou mightest be like unto this River

continually ~~run~~ running into <sup>the fountain of</sup> all righteousness

<sup>10</sup>& he also spake unto Lemuel saying

O that thou mightest be like unto this valley

firm & steadfast & immovable in keeping the commandments of the Lord

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<sup>1</sup> OM Header = Nephi cries unto the Lord for his Brethren

<sup>11</sup>now this he spake because of the stiffneckedness of Laman & Lemuel  
for behold they did murmur in many things against their father  
because that he was a visionary man  
& that he had lead them out of the land of jerusalem  
to leave the land of their in heritage  
& their gold & their silver & their precious things  
& to perish in the wilderness  
& this they said that he had done  
because of the foolish immaginations of his heart

<sup>12</sup>& thus Laman & Lemuel being the eldest  
did murmur against their father  
& they did murmur because they knew not  
the dealings of that God who had created them

<sup>13</sup>neither did they believe that Jerusalem that great City  
could be destroyed according to the words of the prophets  
& they were like unto the Jews which were at Jerusalem  
which sought to take away the life of my father

<sup>14</sup>& it came to pass that my father did speak unto them  
in the valley of Lemuel with power being filled with the spirit  
until their frames did shake before him  
& he did confound them that they durst not utter against him  
wherefore they did do as he commanded them

<sup>15</sup>& my father dwelt in a tent

<sup>16</sup>& it came to pass that I Nephi being exceeding young  
nevertheless being large in stature  
& also having great desires to know of the mysteries <sup>of God</sup>  
wherefore I cried unto the Lord  
& behold he did visit me & did soften my heart  
that I did believe all the words which had been spoken by my father  
wherefore I did not rebel against him like unto my Brothers

<sup>17</sup>& I spake unto Sam making known unto him the things  
which the Lord had manifested unto me by his Holy spirit  
& it came to pass that he believed in my words

<sup>18</sup>but behold Laman & Lemuel would not hearken unto my words  
& being grieved because of the hardness of their hearts  
I cried unto the Lord for them

<sup>19</sup>& it came to pass that the Lord spake unto me saying  
blessed art thou <sup>Nephi</sup> because of thy faith  
for thou hast sought me diligently with lowliness of heart

<sup>20</sup>& in as much as ye shall keep my commandments  
ye shall prosper ~~in~~ & shall be led to a land of promise  
yea even a land which I have prepared for you  
yea a land which is choice above all other lands

<sup>21</sup>& in as much as thy Brethren shall rebell agaisst the<sup>e</sup>  
they shall be cut off from the presance of the Lord  
<sup>22</sup>& in as much as thou shalt keep my commandments  
thou shalt be made a ruler & a teacher over thy Brethren  
<sup>23</sup>for behold in that day that they shall rebell against me  
I will curse them even with a sore curse  
& they shall have no power over thy seed  
except they shall ~~re~~<sup>2</sup>rebell against me also  
<sup>24</sup>& if it so be that they rebell against me  
they shall be a Scourge unto thy seed  
to stir them up in the ways of remembrance

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<sup>2</sup> OM Header = Nephi goeth up to jerusalem to bring the <sup>Records</sup> of the jews