

1st Nephi 3

¹& it came to pass that I Nephi returned
from speaking with the Lord to the tent of my father
²& it came to pass that he spake unto me saying
behold I have dreamed a dream
in the which the Lord hath commanded ~~m~~ me
that thou & thy Brethren shall return to Jerusalem
³for behold Laban hath the reckord of the Jews
& also a genealogy of my forefathers
& they are engraven upon plates of Brass
⁴wherefore the Lord hath commanded me
that thou & thy Brethers should go unto the house of Laban
& seek the re^ckords & bring them down ^{hither} into the wilderness

⁵& now behold thy Brethers murmur
saying it is a hard thing which I have required of them
but behold I have not required ^{it} of them
but it is a commandment of the Lord
⁶therefore go my Son
& thou shalt be favoured of the Lord
because thou hast not murmured
⁷and it came to pass that I nephi said unto my father

I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commander
for I know that the Lord gaveth no commandments unto the children of men
Save he shall prepare a way for them
that they may accorplish the thing which he commandeth them
⁸and it came to pass that when my father fad heard these words
he was exceding glad
for he knew that I had been blessed of the Lord
⁹and I Nephi & my Brethren toof our Journey in the wilderness wiith our tents
to go up to the Land of Jerusalem
¹⁰and it came to pass that when we had come up to the land of Jerusalem
I a my Bretheren did consult one with another
¹¹I ~~◇◇~~ cast lots which of us should go in unto the house ^{of} Laban
& it ~~◇~~came to pass that the lot **fell** upon Laman
& Laman went in unto the house of Labaa
& he talked with him as he sat in his house
¹²& he desired of Laban the Records
which where engavveⁿ upon the plates of brass
which contained the genealogy of my father
¹³that behold it came to pass that Labaⁿ was angry
and thrust him out from his presence
& he would not that he should have the records
wherefore he said unto him
behold thou art a robber and I will slay thee

¹⁴but laman fled out of his presence
and told the things which laban had done unto us
& we began to be exceeding sorrowful
& my brethren where about to return unto my father in the wildermess

¹⁵but behold I said unto them that
as the Lord liveth a & as we live
we will not go down uuto our father in the wilderness
until we have accomplihhed the thing which the Lord hath commanded us

¹⁶wherefore let us be baithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord
therefore let us go down to the Land of our fathers inheritance
for behold ha left gold & a siveer & all manner of eiches
& all this hee haah done because of the commandments of the Lord

¹⁷for he knowing that Jerusalem must be destroyed
bcause of the wic wicness of the people

¹⁸for behold they have regected the words of thee proprots
wherefore if my father should swell in the land
after that he hath been commanded to ~~f~~ flee out of the land
behold he would also perish ¹

wherefore it must needs be that he flee oft of the land

¹⁹& behold it is wisdom of God ttet we should obtain these receords
ttat we might preserve unto our children the language of our fathers

²⁰& also that we may preserve unto them the words
which have been Spoken by the mouth of all the holly Prophe^st
which have been delivered unto then by the spirite and power of god
since the world began even down unto this present time

²¹& it came to pass that after this manner of Language
did I persuade my Brethhrin that they might be faithful
in keeping the commandments of God

²²& it came to pass that we ~~w~~e went down to the land of our inhiritance
& we did gether to gether our gold o our silver & our precious things

²³& after that we had gethered these things to gather
we went up again unto the house of Laban

²⁴& it came to pass that we went in unto Laban & desired his
that he would give unto us the records
which were engraven upon the plaits of Brass
for which we would give unto him
our gold & our Silver & all our precious things

²⁵& it came to pass that
when Laban saw our property that it excees exceeding great
he did lust after it
in ao much that he trrust uss out & sent his Servents slo slay us
that he might obtain our property

¹ OM Header = The brethran of Nephi Smite him with a Rod

²⁶& it came to pass that we did flee before the Servents of Laban
& we were abouged to leave behind our property
& it fell into the hands of Laban

²⁷& it came to pass that we fled into the wilderness
& the servents of Laban did not overtake us
& we hid ourselves in the cavity of a rock

²⁸& it came to pass that Laman was angry with me & also with my father
& ~~leo~~ ~~with~~ was Lemuel for he hearkened unto the words of Laman
wherefore Laman & Lemuel did speak many hard words
unto us their younger Brother
& they did smite us even with a rod

²⁹& it came to pass as they smote us with a rod
behold an angel of the Lord came and stood before them
and he spake unto them saying
why do ye smite your younger Brother with a rod
know ye not that the Lord hath chosen him to be a ruler over you
& this because of your iniquities
behold thou shalt go up to Jerusalem again
& the Lord will Deliver Laban into your hands

³⁰& after that ^{the angel} ~~he~~ had spake unto us he departed

³¹& after that the angel had departed
Laman & Lemuel again began to murmur saying
how is it possible that the Lord will deliver Laban into our hands
behold he is a mighty man & he can command fifty
yea ~~h~~ even he can slay fifty ^{then} why not us