

# 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 4

<sup>1</sup>& it came to pass that I spake unto my Brethren saying  
let us go up again unto Jerusalem  
& let us be faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord  
for behold he is mightier than all the Earth  
then why not mightier than Laban & his fifty  
yea or even than his tens of thousands  
<sup>2</sup>therefore let us go up  
Let us be strong like unto Moses  
for he truly spake unto the waters of the Red Sea  
& they divided hither and thither  
& our fathers came through out of <sup>1</sup> ~~out of~~ captivity on dry ground  
& the armies of Pharaoh did follow  
& were drowned in the waters of the Red Sea  
<sup>3</sup>now behold ye know that this is true  
& ye also know that an angel hath spoken unto you  
wherefore can ye doubt  
let us go up  
the Lord is able to deliver us even as our fathers  
& to destroy Laban even as the Egyptians

<sup>4</sup>now when I had spoken these words  
they were yet roth & did still continue to murmur  
nevertheless they did follow me up until we came without the walls of Jerusalem  
<sup>5</sup>& it was by night  
& I caused that they should hide themselves without the wall

& after that they had hid themselves  
I Nephi crept unto the City & went forth towards the house of Laban  
<sup>6</sup>& I was led by the spirit  
not knowing beforehand the things which I should do

<sup>7</sup>nevertheless I went forth  
& as I came near unto the house of Laban I beheld a man  
& he had fallen to the Earth before me  
for he was drunken with wine

<sup>8</sup>& when I came to him & found that it was Laban  
<sup>9</sup>& beheld his sword & I drew it forth from the sheath thereof  
& the hilt thereof was of pure Gold  
& the workmanship thereof was exceeding fine  
& I saw then the blade thereof was of the most precious steel

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<sup>1</sup> OM Header = Nephi slayeth Laban & C

<sup>10</sup>& it came to pass that  
I was constrained by the mirit that I should hill Laban  
but I said in my heart  
never at any time have I shed the boood of man  
◇ I shrunk & would that I might not slay him  
<sup>11</sup>& the spirit saith unto me a gain  
behold the Lord hath delivered him into thy hands  
yea & I also knew heat he had sought to take away mine own life  
yea & he would not kearken unto the commandments of the Lord  
& he also had lefen away our property  
<sup>12</sup>& it came to pass that the spirit said unto me again to me  
slay him for the Lord hath delivered him into thy hands  
<sup>13</sup>behold the Lord slayeth the ewicked to bring forth his righteous perposes  
it is better that one man should perish  
then that a nation should dwindle & perish in unbelieve

<sup>14</sup>& now when I nephi had heard these words  
I remembered the words of the ◇◇rd  
which he spake unto me in the wilderness  
saying that in as much as thy seed hhall keep my commandments  
they shall prosper in the land of promise  
<sup>15</sup>yea & I also thought that they could not keep the Commandments of the Lord  
accordeng to the law of Moses save they should have the law  
<sup>16</sup>& I also knew that the law was engraven upon the plates of Brass  
<sup>17</sup>& again I knew that the Lord had delevered Laban unto my hands for this cause  
that I might obtain the Reckords according to his commandments

<sup>18</sup>therefore I did obey the voice of the spirit  
& took Laban by the hair of the head  
& I smote off his head with his own sword  
<sup>19</sup>& after that I had smote off his ~~own~~ head with his own sword  
I took the garments of Laban & put them  
upon mine own boddy yea even every whit  
& I did gird on his armour about my loins

<sup>20</sup>& after that I had done this I went forth unto the treaeurey of laaban  
& as I went forth towards the treasury of Laban  
behold I saw the servant of Laban which had the keys of the treasury<sup>2</sup>  
And i commanded him in the voice of laban  
that he should Go with me intu the treashury  
<sup>21</sup>and he soposing me to Be his Master laben  
for he beheld the garments & Also the Sword Girted about my loins  
<sup>22</sup>and he Spake unto me consenning the elders of the jews  
he knowing that his Master laban had b<sup>e</sup>en out By night among them  
<sup>23</sup>and I spake unto him as if it had ben laban

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<sup>2</sup> OM Header = Nephi obtains the Records

<sup>24</sup>and i also spake unto him that I Should carry the ingravings  
which ware uppon the Plates of brass  
to my elder bretheen which ware without the wall  
<sup>25</sup>and i also bade him that he should follow Me  
<sup>26</sup>and he supposing that i spake of the brethren of the church  
and that i was truly that laban whon I had ~~had~~ Slew  
where fore he did follow me  
<sup>27</sup>and he spake unto me menny times consenning the elders Of the jews  
as i went forth  $\diamond$ nt $\diamond$  my brethren which Ware without the wall

<sup>28</sup>and it came to pass that when laman Saw me  
he was Exceedingly frightend and also Lemuel and Sam  
and they fled from before my pressans  
for they Supposd is was laban  
and that he had slain Me and had Sot to take away their lives also

<sup>29</sup>and it came to pass that I cald after them and they did hear Me  
wherefore they did ce<sup>a</sup>ce to flee from my pressance  
<sup>30</sup>And it came to pass that when the Servant of laban Beheld my brethran  
he be gan to trenbel and was About to flee from before me  
and return to the citty Of jerusalem  
<sup>31</sup>and now i nephi be ing A man large in Stature  
and also having receivd much strength of the lord  
therefore i did cicce uppon the servant of laban  
and held him that he should not flee

<sup>32</sup>and it came to Pass that i spake with thin  
that if he would harken un to my words  
as the lord liveth and as i live  
even so that if he would harken un to our words we would spare His life

<sup>33</sup>and i Spake unto him even with an oath that he nead not fear  
that he should be a free Man like unto us  
if he would go down in the wilderness with us

<sup>34</sup>and i also spake unto him saying  
shurely the lord hath commanded us to do this thing  
and shall we not be dilligent in keeping the coomandment of the lord  
therefore if thou wilt go down In the wileerness to my father  
thou shalt have Place with us

<sup>35</sup>and it came to pass that Zoram did take c<sup>o</sup>urrage at the words which i spake  
now Zorum was the name of the Servand  
and he promised that he would go down into the w<sup>l</sup>d<sup>r</sup>nness unto our father  
Yea and he also made an oath unto us  
that he would tarry with us from that time forth

<sup>36</sup>now we ware desirus that he should tarry with us for this cause  
that the jews might Not n<sup>o</sup>w conseming our flight into the wildersess  
lest they should Persue us and destroy us

<sup>37</sup>and it Came to pass that when Zorun had made an oath Umo us  
our fears did seace concerning ~~th~~ him <sup>3</sup>

<sup>38</sup>And ct came to pass that we took the plates of brass & the Servant of laban  
& departed in<sup>lo</sup> the wilderness & j<sup>o</sup>urn<sup>ed</sup> Uun the tent of our father

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<sup>3</sup> OM Header = [Lehi searcheth the Records](#)