

# 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 15

## Chapter I

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass that  
after I Nephi had been carred away in the spirit & seen all these things  
I returned to the tent of my father

<sup>2</sup>& it came to pass that I beheld my Brethren  
& they were disputeing one with another  
concerning the things which my father had spoken unto them

<sup>3</sup>for he truly spake many great things unto them  
which was hard to be understood  
save a man should enquire of the Lord  
& they being hard in their hearts  
therefore they did not look unto the Lord as they had ought

<sup>4</sup>& now I Nephi was grieved because of the hardness of their hearts  
& also because of the things which I had seen  
& knew they must unavoidably come to pass  
because of the great wickedness of the children of men

<sup>5</sup>& it came to pass that I was overcome because of my afflictions  
for I considered that mine affrictions wase great above all  
because of the distruction of my people  
for I had beheld their fall

<sup>6</sup>& it came to pass that after I had received strength  
I spake unto my Bretheren  
disireng to know of them ~~be~~<sup>the</sup> cause of their disputations

<sup>7</sup>& they said  
behold we cannot understand the words which our father hath spoken  
conserning the natural branches of the olive tree  
& also conserning the gentiles

<sup>8</sup>& I said unto them  
have ye inquired of the Lord

<sup>9</sup>& they said unto me  
uee have not

for the Lord maketh no such tht'ng known unto us

<sup>10</sup>behold I said unto them  
how is it that yo do not keep~~t~~ the commandments of the Lord  
how is it that ye will perish because of the hardness of your hearts

<sup>11</sup>do ye not remembr the thing which the Lord hath said  
if ye will not harden your hearts & ask me in faith  
believing that ye shall ~~beli~~<sup>receive</sup> ~~eve~~

~~th~~<sup>with</sup> ~~ei~~r direigence in keeping my commandments  
shurely these things shall be made known unto you

<sup>12</sup> behold I say unto you that the House of Israel was compared unto an olive tree  
by the spirit of the Lord which was in our father  
& behold are we not broken off from the house of Israel  
& are we not a branch of the house of Israel

<sup>13</sup> & now the thing which our father meaneth  
concerning <sup>the grafting</sup> in of the natural branches  
through the fulness of the gentiles  
is that in the latter days when our seed shall have dwindled in unbelief  
yea for the space of many years & many generations  
after that the masiah hath manifested himself in body unto the Children of men  
then shall the fulness of the gospel of the masiah come unto the gentiles  
and ~~from~~ the gentiles unto the remnant of our seed

<sup>14</sup> & at that day shall the remnant of our seed know  
that they are of the house of Israel  
& that they are the Covenant people of the Lord  
& then shall they know & come to the knowledge of their forefathers  
& also to the knowledge of the gospel of their redeemer  
which was ministered unto their fathers by him  
wherefore they shall come to the knowledge of their redeemer  
& the ~~very~~ points of his doctrine  
that they may know how to come unto him & be saved

<sup>15</sup> & then at that day will they not rejoice  
& give praise unto their everlasting God their Rock & their Salvation  
yea at that day will they not receive strength & nourishment from the true vine  
yea will they not come unto the true fold of God

<sup>16</sup> behold I say unto you  
yea they shall be numbered a gain among the House of Israel  
they shall be ~~gathered~~ grafted in  
being a natural Branch of the olive tree  
in to the true olive tree

<sup>17</sup> & this is what our father meaneth  
& he meaneth that it will not come to pass  
until after that they are scattered by the gentiles  
& he meaneth that it shall come by way of the gentiles  
that the Lord may shew his power unto the gentiles  
for the ~~very reason~~ that he shall be rejected of the Jews or of the house of Israel

<sup>18</sup> wherefore our father hath not spoken of our seed alone  
but also of all the House of Israel  
pointing to the covenant which should be fulfilled in the latter days  
which covenant the Lord made to our father Abraham saying  
in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the Earth be blessed

<sup>19</sup> & it came to pass that I Nephi spake much unto them concerning these things  
yea I spake unto them concerning the restoration of the Jews in the latter days

<sup>20</sup>& I did rehearse unto them the words of asauh  
which spake concerning the restoration of the Jews or of the House of Israel  
& after that they were restored they should no more be confounded  
neither should they be scattered again  
& it came to pass that I did speak somany words unto my Brettren  
that they were passified & did humble them selves before the Lord

<sup>21</sup>& it came to pass that they did speak unto me again Saying  
what meaneth the thing which our father saw in a dream  
what meaneth the ree which he saw

<sup>22</sup>& I said unto them  
it was a representaion of the tree of life

<sup>23</sup>& they said unto me  
what meaneth the rod of Iron which our father saw that led to the tree

<sup>24</sup>& I said unto them that it was the word of god  
& that whoso would kearken unto the word of god & would hold fast unto it  
they would never perish  
neither could the temptations & the firey darts of the adversary  
over power them unto blindness  
to lead them away to distruction

<sup>25</sup>wherefore I Nephi did exhort them to give heed unto the word of the Lord  
yea I did exhort them with all the energies of my soul  
& with all the faculty which I posses<sup>s</sup>ed  
that they would give heed to the word of god  
& reb<sup>e</sup>mber to keep his commandments allsways in all things

<sup>26</sup>& they said unto me  
what meaneth the river of water which our father saw

<sup>27</sup>& I said unto them that the water which my father saw was filthyness  
& so muh was his mind swallowed up in other things  
that he behold not the fihhyness of the water

<sup>28</sup>& I said unto them that it was an awful gulph  
which seperateth the wicked from the tree of life & also from the saints of god

<sup>29</sup>& I said unto then that it was a representation of that awful Hell  
which the Angel said unto me was prepared for the wicke<sup>d</sup>

<sup>30</sup>& I said unto them that our father also saw  
that the Justices of god alsd also divide the wicked from the righteous  
& the brightness thereof was aike unto the brightness of <sup>a flaming</sup> fire  
which ascendeth up unto god for ever & ever & hath no end

<sup>31</sup>& they said unto me  
doth this thing mean the torment of the body in the days of probation  
or doth it mean the final state of the soul after the death of the temperal body  
or doth it speak of the things which are temperal

<sup>32</sup>& it came to pass that I said unto them  
that it was a representation of things both temporal & spiritual  
for the day should come that they must be Judged of their works  
yea even the works which were done by the temperal body  
in their days of probation

<sup>33</sup>wherefore if they should die in their wickedness  
they must be cast off also as to the things which are spiritual  
which are partaining <sup>un</sup>to righteousness  
wherefore they must be  $\diamond$ brought to stand before gor  
to be Judged of their work  
& if their <sup>works</sup> have been fifthness they must needs be filthy  
& if they be filhhy it must needs be  
that they cannot dwell in the kingdom of god  
if so the kingdon of god must be filthy also

<sup>34</sup>but behold I say unto you that the kingdom <sup>of god</sup> is not filhle  
that there annot any unclean thing anter into the kingdom of god  
wherefore <sup>there</sup>  $\mathfrak{m}$  must needs be a place of filthyness  
prepared for that whch is filthy

<sup>35</sup>& there is a place prepared  
yea even that awful Hell of which I have spoken  
& the devel is the prepriator of it  
wherefore the final fiate of the souls of man  
is to dwell **in** the kingdom of god or to be cast out  
because of thett justice of which I have spoken

<sup>36</sup>wherefore the wicked are seperated from **the** righteous  
& also from that tree of wife  
whose fruit is most precious & most desireable of all other fruits  
yea & it is the greatest of all the gifts of god

& thus I spake unto my breethren  
amen