

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

## Chapter

### The Book of Nephi

An account of the death of Lehi  
~~the Lord~~ Nephi's Brethren rebelleth against him —  
the Lord warns Nephi to depart into the wildness — &C  
his journeyings in the wilderness — &C —

<sup>1</sup>And now it came to pass  
after Nephi had made an end of teaching my brethren  
our father Lehi also spake many things unto them  
& rehearsed unto them how great things the Lord had done for them  
in bringing them out of the land of Jerusalem  
<sup>2</sup>& he spake unto them concerning their rebellions upon the waters  
& the mercies of God in sparing their lives  
that they were not swallowed up in the sea  
<sup>3</sup>& he also spake unto them concerning the land of promise  
which they had obtained  
how merciful the Lord had been in warning us  
that we should flee out of the land of Jerusalem  
<sup>4</sup>for behold saith he I have seen a vision  
in the which I know that Jerusalem is destroyed  
& had we remained in Jerusalem we should also have perished  
<sup>5</sup>but said he notwithstanding our afflictions  
we have obtained a land of promise  
a land which is choice above all other lands  
a land which the Lord God hath covenanted with me  
should be a land for the inheritance of my seed  
yea the Lord hath consecrated this land unto me & to my children forever  
& also all they which should be led out of other countries  
by the hand of the Lord

<sup>6</sup>wherefore I Lehi prophesy  
according to the workings of the spirit which is in me  
that there shall be none come into this land  
save they should be brought by the hand of the Lord  
<sup>7</sup>wherefore this land is consecrated unto him whom he shall bring  
& if it so be that they shall serve him  
according to the Commandments which he hath given  
it shall be a land of liberty unto them  
wherefore they shall never be brought down into captivity  
if so it shall be because of iniquity  
for if iniquity shall abound  
cursed shall be the land for their sakes  
but unto the righteous it shall be blessed forever

<sup>8</sup>& behold it is wisdom that this land should be kept  
as yet from the knowledge of other Nations  
for behold many Nations would overrun this land  
that there would be no place for an enheritance  
<sup>9</sup>wherefore I Lehe have obtained a promise that  
inasmuch ass they which the Lord God shall bring out of the land of Jerusalem  
shall keep his commandments  
they shall prosper upon the face of this land  
& they shall be cept from all other Nations  
that they my possess this land unto themselves  
& if it so be that they shall ke<sup>e</sup>p his his commandments  
they shall be blessed upon the face of thes land  
& theer shall be none to molest them  
nor to take away the land of their enheritancee  
& they shall dwell safely forever

<sup>10</sup>but behold when the tme cometh  
that they shall dwindle in unbelief  
~~they~~ after that they have received so great blessings from the hand of the Lord  
haveeng a knowledge of the Creation of the earth & all men  
knowing the great & marvelous works of the Lord  
from the Creation of the world  
haveing power fiven them to do all things by faith  
haveing all the comm<sup>m</sup>mandments from the begenning  
& haveing been brought by his enfinite good<sup>n</sup>ness  
into this precious laad of proiseise  
behold I say if the day shall come  
that they will reject the holy one of Israel  
the true messiah theer redeemer & their God  
behold the judgments of him that is just shall rest upom them  
<sup>11</sup>yea he will bring other Nations unto them  
& he will geve unto them power  
& he will take away from them the lands of their possessions  
& he will cause them be<sup>too be<sup>m</sup></sup> scattered & smitten  
<sup>12</sup>yea as one Generation passeth to an other  
there shall be bloodsheds & great visitations among them

wherefore my Sons I would that ye would remember  
yea I would that ye would hearken unto my words  
<sup>13</sup>O that ye would awake awake from a deep sleep  
yea even from the sleep of hell  
& shake off the awful chanes by which ye are bound  
which are the Chanes which bind the children of men  
that they are carried away captive down to the eternal gulf of miseary & woe  
<sup>14</sup>awake & arise from the dust  
& hear the words of a trembleing of~~er~~ent parent  
whose limbs ye must soon lay down in the cold & silent grave  
from whence no traveller can return  
a few more days & I go the way of all the earth

<sup>15</sup>but behold hae Lord hath redeemed my soul from hell  
I have beheld his glory  
& I am encerceled about eternally in the arms of his love

<sup>16</sup>& I desere that ye should remember  
to observe the statutes & the judgments of the Lord  
behold this hath been the anxciety of my soul from the beginning  
<sup>17</sup>my heart hath been weyed dow with sorrow from time to time  
for I have fear<sup>e</sup>d least for the heardness of you<sup>r</sup> hearts  
least the Lord your god should come out  
in the fullness of his wrath upon you  
that ye be cut off & destroid forever

<sup>18</sup>or that a curseing should come upon you for the space of many generations  
& ye are visited by sword & by famine & hated  
& are lead according to the will & captivity of the Devil

<sup>19</sup>O my Sons that these things might not come upon you  
but that ye might be a choice & a favored people of the Lord  
but ~~but~~ behold his will be done  
for his waas are righteousnes forever

<sup>20</sup>& he hath said that  
in so much as ye shall keep my commandments  
ye shall prosper in the land but en as much as ye will not <sup>keep his commandments</sup>  
ye shall be cut off from his presance

<sup>21</sup>& now that my Soul might have joy in you  
& that my heart might leave this world with gladness because of you  
that I might not be brought down with greef & sorrow to the grave  
arise from the dust my Sons & be men  
& to letermined in one mind & in one heart united in all things  
that ye may not come down into captivity

<sup>22</sup>that ye may not be cursed with a sore cursing  
& also that ye may not incur the displeasure of a just God upon you  
unto the destruction yea ~~the~~ eternal destruct'ion of both Soul & boddy

<sup>23</sup>awake my Sons put on the arnour of righteousness  
shake off the Chanes which ye are bound  
& come forth out of obscurity & arese from the dust

<sup>24</sup>rebell no more against your Brorer  
whose views have been grorious  
& who hath cept the commandments from the time we left Jerusalem  
& who hath been an instrument in the hands of God  
in bringing us forth into the land of promise  
for were it not for him we must have perished with hunger in the wildernees  
nevertheless ye sought to take away his life  
yea & he hath suffered much sorrow because of you

<sup>25</sup>& I exceedingly fear & tremble because of you  
lest he shall suffer again

for behold ye have accused him  
that he sought power & authority over you  
but I know that he hath not sought for power nor authority over you  
but he hath sought the Glory of God & your own eternal welfare

<sup>26</sup>& ye have murmured because he hath been plain unto you  
ye say that he hath used sharpness  
ye say that he hath been angry with you  
but behold his sharpness was the sharpness of the power  
of the word of God which was in him  
& that which ye call anger was the truth  
according to that which is in God  
which he could not constrain  
manifesting boldly concerning your iniquities  
<sup>27</sup>& it must needs be that the power of God must be with him  
even unto his commanding you that ye must obey  
but behold it was not him  
but it was the spirit of the Lord which was in him  
which opened his mouth to utterance that he could not shut it

<sup>28</sup>& now my Son Laman & also Lemuel & Sam  
& also my Sons which are the Sons of Ishmael  
behold if ye will hearken unto the word voice of Nephi  
ye shall not perish  
& if ye will hearken unto him  
I leave unto you a blessing yea even my first blessing  
<sup>29</sup>but if ye will not hearken unto him I take away my first blessing  
yea even my blessing & it shall rest upon him

<sup>30</sup>& now Zoram I speak unto you  
behold thou art the servant of Laban  
nevertheless thou hast been brought out of the land of Jerusalem  
& I know that thou art a true friend unto my Son Nephi forever

<sup>31</sup>wherefore because thou hast been faithful  
thy seed shall be blessed with his seed  
that they dwell in prosperity long upon the face of this land  
& nothing save it shall be iniquity among them  
shall harm or disturb their prosperity upon the face of this land forever

<sup>32</sup>wherefore if ye shall keep the commandments of the Lord  
the Lord hath even consecrated this land for the security of thy Seed  
with the seed of my Son