

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 5

### Chapter

<sup>1</sup> — Behold it came to pass that I Nephi did cry much unto the Lord my God because of the anger of my Brethren

<sup>2</sup> but behold their anger did increase against me insomuch that they did seek to take away my life

<sup>3</sup> yea they did murmur against me saying our younger Brother thinketh to rule over us & we have had much trial because of him wherefore now let us slay him

that we may not be afflicted more because of his words for behold we will not that he shall be our ruler for it belongeth unto us which are the elder Brethren to rule over this People

<sup>4</sup> now I do not write upon these plates all the words which they murmured against me but it sufficeth me to say that they did seek to take away my life

<sup>5</sup> & it came to pass that the Lord did warn me that I Nephi should depart from them & flee into the wilderness & all they which would go with me

<sup>6</sup> wherefore it came to pass that I Nephi did take my family & also Zoram & his family & Sam mine elder Brother & his family & Jacob & Josep ~~min~~<sup>my</sup>e younger Brethren & also my sisters

& all they which would go with me & all they which would go with me were they which w<sup>believed</sup>~~ould~~ go in the warnings & the revelations of God wherefore they did hearken unto my words

<sup>7</sup> & we did take our tents & whatsoever things were possible for us & did journey in the wilderness for the space of many days & after that we had journied for the space of many days we did pitch our tents

<sup>8</sup> & my People would that we should call the name of the place Nephi wherefore we did call it Nephi

<sup>9</sup> & all they which were with me did take it upon them to call themselves the People of Nephi

<sup>10</sup> & we did observe to keep the Judgments & the statutes & the commandments of the Lord in all things according to the law of Moses

<sup>11</sup> & the Lord was with us & we did prosper exceedingly for we did sow seed & we did reap again in abundance & we began to raise flocks & heards & animels of every kind

<sup>12</sup>& I Nephi had also brought the records  
which were engraven upon the plates of Brass  
& alls the Ball or the compass  
which was prepared for my father by the hand of the Lord  
according to that which is written  
<sup>13</sup>& it came to pass that we began to prosper exceedingly  
& to multiply in the land

<sup>14</sup>& I Nephi did take the sword of Laban  
& after the maneer of it did make many swords  
least by any means the people which now called Lamandes  
should come upon us & destroy us  
for I knew their hatred towards me & my Children  
& they which were called my people

<sup>15</sup>& I dil teach my people that they should build bildengs  
& that they should work in all manner of wood  
& of iron & of Copper & of Brass & of steel  
& of Gold & of Silver & ~~wa~~ of precious ores  
which were en great abundance

<sup>16</sup>& I Nephi did build a temple  
& I did construct it after the manner of the Temple of Solomony  
save it were not built of so many precious things  
for they were not to be found upon the land  
wherefore it could not be built like unto Solomons Temple  
but the manner of the construction was like unto the Temple of Solomon  
& the workmanship thereof was exceding fine

<sup>17</sup>& it came to pass that I Nephi did cause my People  
that they should be industrious  
& that they should labour with their hands

<sup>18</sup>& it came to pass that they would that I should be their King  
but I Nephi was desireous that they should have no King  
nevertheless I did do for them according to that which was in my power  
<sup>19</sup>& behold the words of the Lord had been fulfilled unto my Brethren  
which he spake concerning them that I should be their ruler & their teacher  
wherefore I had been their ruler & their teacher  
according to the commandments of the Lord  
untill the time that they sought to take away my life  
<sup>20</sup>wherefore the word of the Lord was fulfilled  
which he spake unto me  
saying that in as much as they will not hearken unto thy words  
they shall be cut off from the presance of the Lord  
& behold they were cut off from his presance

<sup>21</sup> & he had caused the cursing to come upon<sup>them</sup>  
yea even a sore curseing because of their iniquity  
for behold they had hardened their hearts against him  
that they had become like unto a flint  
wherefore as they were white & exceding fair & delightsome  
that they might not be enticeing unto my People  
therefore the Lord God did cause a skin of blackness to come upon them

<sup>22</sup> & thus saith the Lord God  
I will cause that they shall be loathsome unto thy People  
save they shall repent of their iniquities  
<sup>23</sup> & cursed shall be the seed of him that mixeth with their seed  
for they shall be cursed even with the same cursing  
& the Lord spake it & it was done

<sup>24</sup> & because of their curseing which was upon them  
they did become an idle People full of mischief & subtely  
& did seek in the wilderness for beasts of pray  
<sup>25</sup> & the Lord God said unto me  
they shall be a scorge unto thy seed to stir them up in remembrance of me  
& in as much as they will not remember me & hearken unto my words  
they shall scorge them even unto destruction

<sup>26</sup> & it came to pass that I Nephi did consecrate Jacob & Joseph  
that they should be priests & teachers over the Land of my people

<sup>27</sup> & it came to pass that we lived after the manner of happiness  
<sup>28</sup> & thirty years had passed away fro the time we left Jerusalem  
<sup>29</sup> & I Nephi had cept the reckords  
wpon my plates which I had made  
of my People thus far

<sup>30</sup> & it came to pass that the Lord God said unto me  
make other plates  
& thou shalt ingraven many things upon them  
which are good in my sight for the prorit of thy People  
<sup>31</sup> wherefore I Nephi to be obedient to the commandments of the Lord  
went & made these plates upon which I have engraven these things  
<sup>32</sup> & I engravened that which is pleasing unto God  
& if my people be pleased with the things of God  
they be pleased with mine engraveings which are upon these plates  
<sup>33</sup> & if my People desire to know the more particular part  
of the history of my People  
they must search mine other Plates

<sup>34</sup> & it sufficeth me to say that forty years had passed away  
& we had already had wars & contentions with our Brethren