

2nd Nephi 28

Chapter

¹And now behold my Brethren I have spoken unto you
according as the spirit hath constrained me
wherefore I know that they must surely come to pass
²& the things which shall be written out of the Book
shall be of great unto the children of men
& especially unto our seed which are a remnant of the house of Israel

³for it shall come to pass in that day
that the churches which are built up & not unto the Lord
when the one shall say unto the other
behold I¹ am the Lords
& the others shall say
I¹ am the Lords
& thus shall every one say
that hath built up churches & not unto the Lord
⁴& they shall contend one with another
& their priests shall contend one with another
& they shall teach with their learning
& deny the Holy Ghost which giveth utterance
⁵& they deny the power of God the holy one of Israel

& they say unto the People
hearken unto us & hear ye our precept
for behold there is no God today
for the Lord & the Redeemer hath done his work
& he hath given his power unto men
⁶behold hearken ye unto my precept
if they shall say there is a miricle wrought by the hand of the Lord
believe it not
for this day he is not a God of miricles
he hath done his work

⁷yea & there shall be many which shall say
eat drink & be merry
for tomorrow we die & it shall be well with us

⁸& there shall also be many which shall say
eat drink & be merry
nevertheless fear God
he will justify in committing a little Sin
yea lie a little
take the advantage of one because of his words
dig a pit for thy neighbor
there is no harm in doing these things
& do all these things for tomorrow we die
& if it so be that we are guilty
God will beat us with a few stripes
& at last we shall be saved in the Kingdom of God

⁹yea & there shall be many
which shall teach after this manner fals & vain & foolish doctrine^s
& shall be puffed up in their hearts
& shall seek deep to hide their counsels frome the Lord
& their works shall be in the dark
¹⁰& ^{the} blood of the Saints shall cry from the ground against them
¹¹yea they have all gone out of the way
they have become corrupted
¹²because of pride
& because of fals teachers & fals doctrines
their churches have become corrupted & their churches are lifted up
because of pride they are puffed up
¹³they rob the poor because of their fine sanctuaries
they rob the poor because of their fine cloathing
& they persecute the meek & the poor in heart
because in their pride they are puffed up
¹⁴they wear stiff necks & high heads
& yea & because of pride & wickedness & abominations & whoredoms
they have all gone astray
save it be a few which are the humble followers of christ
nevertheless they are lead that in many instances they do err
because they are taught by the precepts of men

¹⁵O the wise & the learned & the rich
that are puffed up in the pride of their hearts
& all they that preach fals doctrine^s
& all they that commit whoredoms & pervert the right way of the Lord
wo wo wo be unto them saith the Lord God Almighty
for they shall be thrust down to hell
¹⁶wo unto them that turn aside the just for a thing of nought
& revile against that which is good
& say that it is of no worth
for the day shall come
that the Lord God will speedily visit the inhabitants of the earth
& in that day that they are fully ripe in iniquity they shall perish

¹⁷but behold if the inhabitants of the earth shall repent
of their wickedness & abominations
they shall not be destroyed saith the Lord of hosts

¹⁸but behold that great & abominable church
the whore of all the earth
must tumble to the earth
& great must be the fall

¹⁹for the Kingdom of the Devil must shake
& they which belong to it must needs be stirred up unto repentance
or the Devil will grasp them with his everlasting chains
& they be stirred up to anger & perish

²⁰for behold at that day shall he rage in the hearts of the children of men
& stir them up to anger against that which is good

²¹& others will he pacify & ~~te~~ lull them away into carnal security
that they will say
all is well in Zion
yea Zion prospereth
all is well
& thus the Devil cheateth their Souls
& leadeth them away carefully down to hell

²²& behold others he flattereth ^{away} ~~wa~~ & telleth them
there is no hell
& he sayeth unto them
I am no Devil
for there is none

& thus he whispereth in their ears
untill he grasps them with his awful chains
from whence there is no deliverance

²³yea they are grasped with death & hell & death & hell & the Devil
& all that have been seized therewith must stand before the throne of God
& be Judged according to their works
from whence they must go into the place prepared for them
even a lake of fire & brimstone which is endless torment

²⁴therefore wo be unto him that is at ease in Zion

²⁵wo be unto him that cryeth
all is well

²⁶yea wo be unto him that hearkeneth unto the precepts of men
& denyeth the power of God & the gift of the Holy Ghost

²⁷yea wo be unto him that sayeth
we have received & we need no more

²⁸& in fine wo unto all they
that tremble & are angry because of the truth of God
for behold he that is built upon the rock receiveth it ~~with~~ with gladness
& he that is built upon a sandy foundation trembleth lest he shall fall

²⁹wo be unto him that shall say
we have received the word of God
& we need no more of the word of God
for we have enough

³⁰for behold thus saith the Lord God
I will give unto the children of men line upon line & precept
upon precept here a little & their a little
& blessed are they that hearken unto my precepts
& lend an ear unto my counsel
for they shall learn wisdom
for unto him that receiveth I will give more
& them that shall say we have enough
from them shall be taken away even that which they have

³¹cursed is he that puteth his trust in man or maketh flesh his arm
or shall hearken unto the precepts of men
save their precepts shall be given by the power of the Holy Ghost

³²wo be unto the Gentiles saith the Lord God of hosts
for notwithstanding I shall lengthen our mine arm unto them from day to day
they will deny me
nevertheless I will be merciful unto them saith the Lord God
if they will repent & come unto me
for mine arm is lengthened out all the day long saith the Lord God of hosts