

4th Nephi 1

= The Book of Nephi
which is the Son of Nehi
one of the Disciples of Jesus Christ—

An account of the People of Nephi according to his Record—

¹And it came to pass that the thirty & fourth year [year] passed away
& also the thirty & fifth
& behold the Disciples of Jesus had formed a Church of Christ
in all the lands round about
& as many as did come unto them & did truly repent of their sins
were Baptised in the name of jesus
& they did also receive the Holy Ghost

²and it came to pass in the thirty & sixth year
the People were all converted unto the Lord
upon all the face of the land
both Nephites & Lamanites
& there was no contentions & disputations among them
& every man did deal justly one with another
³& they had [of] things common among them
therefore there were not rich & poor bond & free
but they were all made free & partakers of the Heavenly gift

⁴& it came to pass that the thirty & seventh year passed away also
& there still continued **to be** peace in the land

⁵& there were great & marvellous works wrought by the Disciples of Jesus
insomuch that they did heal the sick & raise the dead
& cause the lame to walk & the blind to receive their sight & the deaf to hear
and all manner of miracles did they work among the children of men
& in nothing did they work miracles save it were in the name of Jesus

⁶& thus did the thirty & eighth year pass away
& also the thirty & ninth
& the forty & first
& the forty & second
yea even until forty & nine years had passed away
& also the fifty & first
and the fifty & second
yea & even until fifty & nine years had passed away

⁷& the Lord did prosper them exceedingly in the land
yea in so much that they did build cities again
where there had been cities burned

⁸yea even **at** great City Zarahemla did they ~~build~~ cause to be built again

⁹but there were many Cities which had been sunk
& waters came up in the stead thereof
therefore these Cities could not be renewed

¹⁰& now behold it came to pass that
the People of Nephi did wax strong & did multiply exceeding fast
& became an exceeding fair And delightful People

¹¹& they were married & given in marriage
& were blessed according to the multitude of the promises
which the Lord had made un^{to} them

¹²& they did not walk any more
after the performances & ordinances of the Law of Moses
but they did walk after the commandments
which they had received from their Lord & their God
continuing in fasting & prayer & in meeting together oft
both to pray & to hear the word of the Lord,

¹³And it came to pass that there was no contention
among all the People in all the land
but there were mighty miracles wrought among the [the] Disciples of Jesus

¹⁴& it came to pass that the seventy & first year passed away
& also the seventy & second year
yea & in fine until the seventy & ninth year to passed away
yea even an hundred years had **passed** away.
& the Disciples of Jesus whom he had chosen
had all gone to the paridice of God
save it were the three which should tarry
& there were other Disciples ordained in their stead
& also many of that generation which had passed away

¹⁵& it came to pass that there was no contention in the land
because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the People

¹⁶& there were no envyings nor strifes nor tumults nor whoredoms
nor lyeings nor murders nor no manner of lasciviousness
& surely there could not be a happier People
among all the People which had been created by the hand of God

¹⁷there were no robbers nor no murderers
neither were there Lamanites nor no ~~manner~~ manner of ites
but they were in one
the Children of Christ & heirs to the Kingdom of God

¹⁸& how Blessed were they
for the Lord did bless them in all their doings
yea even they were blessed & prospered
until an hundred & ten years had passed away
& the first generation from Christ had passed away
& there was no contention in all the land

¹⁹& it came to pass that Nephi
(he that kept **this** last record
& he kept it upon the plates of Nephi)
died & ^{his} son Amos kept it in his stead
& he kept it upon the plates of Nephi also
²⁰& he kept it eighty & four years
& there was still Peace in the land
save it were a small part of the People which had revolted from the Church
& took upon them the name of Lamanites
therefore there began to be Lamanites again in the land

²¹& it came to pass that Amos died also
& it was an hundred & Ninety & four years from the coming of Christ,
and his Son Amos kept ^{the record} in his stead
& he also kept it upon the plates of Nephi
& it was also written in the Book of Nephi which is this book
²²& it came to pass that Two Hundred years had passed away
& the second Generation had all passed away save it were a few

²³& now I Mormon would that ye should know
that the People had multiplied
insomuch that they were spread upon all the face of the land
& **that** they had become exceeding rich because of their prosperity in Christ

²⁴& now in this Two hundred & first year
there began to be among them those which were lifted up in pride
such as the wearing of costly apparel & all manner of fine pearls
& of the fine things of the world,
²⁵& from that time forth they did have their goods & their substance
no more common among them

²⁶& they began to be divided into classes
& they began to build up Churches unto themselves to get gain
and began to deny the true church of church

²⁷& it came to pass that when two hundred & ten years Had passed away
there were many Churches in the Land
yea there were Churches which professed to know the Christ
& yet they did deny the more **parts** of his Gospel
insomuch that they did receive all manner of wickedness
& did administer that which was sacred unto him
to whom it had been forbidden because of unworthyness
²⁸& this Church did multiply exceedingly because of iniquity
& because of the power of Satan which did get hold upon their hearts,

²⁹& again there was another Church which denied the Christ
& they did persecute the true Church of Christ
because of their humility & thier belief in Christ
& they did despise them bcause of the many maracles
which were wrought among them

³⁰ therefore they did exercise power [over] & authority
over the Disciples of Jesus which did tarry with them
& they did cast them into prison
but by the power of the word of God which was in them
the prisons were rent in twain
& they went forth doing mighty maracles among them

³¹ nevertheless & notwithstanding all these miracles
the People did harden their hearts
& did seek to kill them
even as the Jews at Jerusalem sought to kill Jesus
according to his word

³² & they did cast them into furnaces of fire
& they came forth receiving no harm

³³ & they also cast them into dens of wild beasts
& they did play with the wild beasts even as a child with a lamb
& they did come forth from among them receiving no harm

³⁴ nevertheless the People did harden their hearts
for they were led by many priests & false Prophets
to build up many Churches & to do all manner of iniquity
& they did smite upon the people of Jesus
but the people of **Jesus** did not smite again
& thus they did dwindle in unbelief & wickedness from year to year
even until two hundred & thirty years had passed away—

³⁵ & now it came to pass in this year
yea in the two hundred & thirty & first year
there were a great division among the People —

³⁶ & it came to pass that in this year
there arose a People which was called the Nephites
& they were true believers in Christ
& among them there were they which was called by the Lamanites
Jacobites & Josephites & Zoramites

³⁷ therefore the true believers in **Christ** & the true worshipers of Christ
among whom were the three disciples of Jesus which should tarry,
were called Nephites & Jacobites & Josephites & Zoramites

³⁸ & it came to pass that they which rejected the Gospel
were called Lamanites & Lemuelites & Ishmaelites
& they did not dwindle in unbelief
but they did willfully rebell against the Gospel of Christ
& they did teach their children that they should not believe
even as their Fathers from the beginning **did** dwindle

³⁹ & it was because of the wickedness & abominations of their Fathers
even as it was in the beginning
& they were taught to hate the Children of God
even as the Lamanites were taught
to hate the Children of Nephites from the beginning

⁴⁰& it came to pass that
two hundred & forty & four years had passed away
& thus were the affairs of the People
& the more wicked part of the People did wax strong
& became exceeding more numerous than were the People of God
⁴¹& they did still continue to build up Churches **unto** themselves
& adorn them with all manner of precious things
& thus did two hundred ~~selves~~ & fifty years pass away
& also two hundred **[a]**d & sixty years

⁴²& it came to pass that
the wicked part of the People began again
to build up the secret oaths & combinations of Gadianton
⁴³& also the people which were called the people of Nephi began
to **be** proud in their hearts because of their exceeding riches
& became vain like unto their brethren the Lamanites
⁴⁴& from this time the Disciples began to sorrow for the Sins of the world

⁴⁵& it came to pass that ^{when three} hundred years had passed away
both the People of Nephi & the Lamanites had become exceeding wicked
one like unto an other

⁴⁶& it came to pass that
the Robbers of Gadianton did spread over all the face of the Land
& there were none that were righteous
save it were the Disciples of Jesus,
and Gold & silver did they lay up in store in abundance
& did traffic^k in all manner of traffic^[k]

⁴⁷& it came to pass that after three hundred & five years ~~die~~ had passed away
& the people did still remain in wickedness
[&] Amos died & his Brother Ammoron did keep the Record in his stead

⁴⁸& it came to pass that when three hundred & twenty years had passed away
Ammoron being constrained by the Holy Ghost
did hide up the records which were sacred
yea even all the sacred records which had been handed down
from Generation to Generation which were Sacred
even until the three hundred & twentieth year from the coming of Christ

⁴⁹& did hide them up unto the Lord
that they might come again unto the remnant of the House of ~~Isr~~^{Jacob} ~~ael~~
according to the Prophecies & the promises of the Lord
& thus is the end of the records of Ammo^{ron}