

## Helaman 9

<sup>1</sup>behold now it came to pass that  
when Nephi had spoken these words  
certain men which were among them ran to the Judgmentseat  
yea even there were five which went  
& they said among themselves as they went  
<sup>2</sup>behold now we will know of a surety  
whether this man be a prophet  
& God hath commanded him  
to prophesy such marvelous things unto us  
behold we do not believe that he hath  
yea we do not believe that he is a prophet  
nevertheless if this thing  
which he hath said concerning the chief Judge be true  
that he be dead  
then will we believe  
that the other words which he hath spoken i∅ true

<sup>3</sup>& it came to pass that they ran in their might  
& came in unto the Judgmentseat  
& behold the chief Judge had fallen to the earth  
& did lie in his blood  
<sup>4</sup>& now behold when they saw this  
they were astonished exceedingly  
insomuch that they fell to the earth  
for they had not believed the words  
which Nephi had spoken concerning the Chief Judge  
<sup>5</sup>but now when they saw they believed  
& fear came upon them  
lest all the Judgments which Nephi had spoken should come upon the people  
therefore they did quake & had fallen to the earth

<sup>6</sup>now immediately when the Judge had been murdered  
he being stabled by his brother by a garb of secrecy  
& he fled

& the servants ran & told the people  
raising the cry of murder among them

<sup>7</sup>& behold the people did gather themselves together  
unto the place of the Judgmentseat  
& behold to their astonishment they saw those five men  
which had fallen to the earth

<sup>8</sup>& now behold the people knew nothing concerning the multitude  
which had gathered together at the garden of Nephi  
therefore they said among themselves  
these men are they which have murdered the Judge  
& God hath smitten them that they could not flee from us

<sup>9</sup>& it came to pass that they laid hold on them  
& bound them & cast them into prison  
& there was a proclamation sent abroad  
that the Judge was slain  
& that the murderers had been <sup>taken</sup> ~~taken~~ & was cast into prison

<sup>10</sup>& it came to pass that on the morrow  
the people did assemble ~~them~~ <sup>themselves</sup> together to mourn & to fast  
at the burial of the great & chief Judge which had been slain

<sup>11</sup>& thus were also those Judges  
which were at the garden of Nephi & heard his words  
were also gathered together at the burial

<sup>12</sup>& it came to pass that they inquired among the people saying  
where are the five which was sent to inquire concerning the chief Judge  
whither he was dead  
& they answered & said  
concerning this five which ye say ye have sent we know not  
but there are five which are the murderers  
whom we have cast into prison

<sup>13</sup>& it came to pass that  
the Judges desired that they should be brought  
& they were brought  
& behold they were the five which were sent  
& behold they Judges inquired of them to know concerning the matter  
& they told them all they they had done saying

<sup>14</sup>we ran & came to the place of the Judgmentseat  
& when we saw all things even as Nephi had testified  
we were astonished insomuch that we fell to the earth  
& when we were recovered from our astonishment  
~~that~~ <sup>behold</sup> ~~we fell~~ <sup>they cast</sup> ~~1~~ <sup>us</sup> ~~to the~~ <sup>into</sup> ~~earth~~ prison

<sup>15</sup>now as for the murder of this man  
we know not who hath done it  
& only this much we know  
we ran & came according as ye desired  
& behold he was dead according to the words of Nephi

<sup>16</sup>& now it came to pass that  
the Judges did expound the matter unto the people  
& did cry <sup>out</sup> ~~u~~ against Nephi saying  
behold we know that this Nephi must have agreed  
with some one to slay the Judge  
& then he might declare it unto us  
that he might convert us unto his faith  
that he might raise himself to be a great man  
chosen of God & a prophet

<sup>17</sup>& now behold we will detect this man  
& he shall confess his fault  
& make known unto us the true murderer of this Judge

<sup>18</sup> & it came to pass that the five were liberated on the day of the ~~trial~~ burial  
nevertheless they did rebuke the Judges  
in the words which they had spoken against Nephi  
& did contend with them one by one  
insomuch that they did confound them  
<sup>19</sup> nevertheless they caused that Nephi should be taken & bound  
& brought before the multitude  
& they began to question him in divers ways that they might cross him  
that they might accuse him to death  
<sup>20</sup> saying ~~u~~<sup>into</sup> ~~n~~ him  
thou art confederate  
~~who~~<sup>with</sup> ~~is~~ ~~n~~ this man that hath done this murder  
now tell us & acknowledge thy ~~fault~~ fault  
saying  
behold here is money  
& also we will grant unto thee thy life  
if thou wilt tell us & acknowledge the agreement  
which thou hast made with him

<sup>21</sup> but Nephi saith unto them  
O ye fools ye uncircumcised of heart  
ye blind & ye stiffnecked people  
do ye know how long the Lord your God will suffer you  
that ye shall go on in this your ways of sin  
<sup>22</sup> O ye had ought to begin to howl & mourn  
because of the great destruction  
at this time ~~the~~<sup>which</sup> ~~t~~ doth await you  
except ye<sup>shall</sup> repent  
<sup>23</sup> behold ye say that I have agreed with a man  
that he should murder Seezoram our chief Judge  
but behold I say unto you  
that this is because I have testified unto you  
that ye might know concerning this thing  
yea even for a witness unto you  
that I did know of the wickedness & abominations which is among you  
<sup>24</sup> & because I have done this  
ye say that I have agreed with a man that he should do this thing  
<sup>yea</sup> because I shewed unto ye this sign  
ye are angry with me & seek to destroy my life

<sup>25</sup> & now behold I will shew unto you an other sign  
& see if ye will in this thing seek to destroy me  
<sup>26</sup> behold I say unto you  
go to the hous of Seantum which is the brother of Seezoram  
& say unto him  
<sup>27</sup> hath Nephi the pretended prophet  
which doth prophesy so much evil concerning this people  
agreed with thee inthwhich ye have murdered Seezoram which is your brother  
<sup>28</sup> & behold he shall say unto you nay

<sup>29</sup> & ye shall say unto him  
have ye murdered your brother  
<sup>30</sup> & he shall stand with fear & wist not what to say  
& behold he shall deny unto you  
& he shall make as if he were astonished  
nevertheless he shall declare unto you that he is innocent

<sup>31</sup> but behold ye shall examine him  
& ye shall find blood in the skirts of his cloak  
<sup>32</sup> & when ye have seen this ye shall say  
from whence cometh this blood  
do we not know that it is the blood of your brother  
<sup>33</sup> & then shall he tremble & shall look pale  
even as if death had come upon him  
<sup>34</sup> & then shall ye say  
because of this fear & this paleness which hath come upon your face  
behold we know that thou art guilty  
<sup>35</sup> & then shall greater fear come upon him  
& then shall he confess unto you  
& deny no more that he hath done this murder  
<sup>36</sup> & then shall he say unto you  
that I Nephi knew nothing concerning the matter  
save it were given unto me by the power of God  
& then shall ye know that I am an honest man  
& that I am sent unto you from God

<sup>37</sup> & it came to pass that they went  
& did even according as Nephi had said unto them  
& behold the words which he had said were true  
for according to the words he did deny  
& also according to the words he did confess  
<sup>38</sup> & he was brought to prove that he himself was the very murderer  
inso much that the five were set at liberty & also was Nephi  
<sup>39</sup> & these were some of the Nephites which did believe on the words of Nephi  
& there were some also which believed because of the testimony of the five  
for they had been converted while they were in prison  
<sup>40</sup> & now there were some among the people  
which said that Nephi was a prophet  
<sup>41</sup> & there were others which said  
behold he is a God  
for except he was a God  
he ~~wou~~<sup>could</sup> not know all things  
for behold he hath told us the thoughts of our hearts  
& also hath told us things  
& even he hath brought unto our knowledge  
the true murderer of our chief Judge