

Helaman 10

¹& it came to pass that there arose a division among the people inso much that they divided hither & thither & went their ways leaving Nephi alone as he was standing in the midst of them

²& it came to pass that Nephi went his way towards his own house pondering upon the things which the Lord had shewn unto him

³& it came to pass as he was thus pondering being much cast down because of the wickedness of the people of the Nephtes their secret works of darkness & their murderings & their ~~plundering~~ plunderings & all manner of iniquities

& it came to pass as he was thus pondering in his heart behold a voice came unto him saying

⁴blessed art thou Nephi for those things which thou hast done for I have beheld how thou hast with ~~unwearyingness~~ ^{unwearyingness} ~~ingness~~ declared the word which I have given unto thee unto this people

& thou hast not feared them & hath not sought thine own life but hast sought my will & to keep my commandments

⁵& now because thou hast done this with such unwearyingness behold I will bless thee forever & I will make thee mighty in word & in deed in faith & in works yea even that all things shall be done unto thee according to thy word for thou shalt not ask that which is contrary to my will

⁶behold thou art Nephi & I am God behold I declare it unto thee in the presance of mine Angels that ye shall have power over this people & shall smite the earth with famine & with pestilence & distruction according to the wickedness of this people

⁷behold I give unto you power that whatsoever ye shall Seal on earth shall be Sealed in Heaven & whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven & thus shall ye have power among this^{people}

⁸& thus if ye shall say unto this Temple it shall be wrent in twain & it shall be done

⁹& if ye shall say unto this Mountain be thou cast down & become smooth & it shall be done

¹⁰& behold if ye shall say that God shall smite this people it shall come to pass

¹¹& now behold I command you that ye shall go & declare unto this people that thus saith the Lord God who is the Almighty except ye repent ye shall be smitten even unto destruction

¹²& behold now it came to pass that
when the Lord had spoken these words unto Nephi
he did stop & did not go unto his own house
but did return unto the multitudes
which were scattered about upon the face of the land
& began to declare unto them the word of the Lord
which had been spoken unto him
concerning their destruction if they did not repent
¹³now behold notwithstanding that great miracle which Nephi had done
in telling them concerning the death of the chief Judge
they did harden their hearts
& did not hearken unto the words of the Lord
¹⁴therefore Nephi did declare unto them the word of the Lord Saying
except ye repent thus saith the Lord Ye shall be smitten even unto destruction

¹⁵& it came to pass that when Nephi had declared unto them the word
~~ob~~^{behold}e they did still harden their hearts & would not hearken unto his words
therefore they did revile against him
& did seek to lay their hands upon him
that they might cast him into prison

¹⁶but behold the power of God was with him
& they could not take him to cast him into prison
for he was taken by the spirit & conveyed away out of the midst of them

¹⁷& it came to pass that
thus he did go forth in the spirit from multitude to multitude
declareing the word of God
even untill he had declared it unto them all
or sent it forth among all the people

¹⁸& it came to pass that they would not hearken unto his words
& there began to be contentions
insomuch that they were divided against themselves
& began to slay one another with the sword

¹⁹& thus ended the seventy & first year
of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi