

## Jacob 7 Chapter

<sup>1</sup>And now it came to pass that some years had passed away there came a man among the People of Nephi whose name was Sherem  
<sup>2</sup>& it came to pass that he began to preach among the People & to declare unto them that there should be no Christ & he preached many things which were flattering unto the People & this he done that he might overthrow the doctrine of Christ  
<sup>3</sup>& he laboured diligently that he might lead away the parts of the People insomuch that he did lead away many hearts

& he knowing that I Jacob had faith in Christ which should come wherefore he sought much opportunity that he might come unto me  
<sup>4</sup>& he was learned that he had a perfect knowledge of the language of the People wherefore he could use much flattery & much power of speech according to the power of the Devil  
<sup>5</sup>& he had hope to shake me from the faith notwithstanding the many revelations & the many things which I had seen concerning these things for I truly had seen Angels & they had ministered unto me & also I had heard the voice of the Lord speaking unto me in very word from time to time wherefore I could not be shaken

<sup>6</sup>& it came to pass that he came unto me & on this wise did he speak unto me saying  
Brother Jacob I have sought much opportunity that I might speak unto you for I have heard & also know that thou goest about much preaching that which ye call the Gospel or the doctrine of Christ  
<sup>7</sup>& ye have lead away much of this People that they pervert the right way of God & keep not the law of Moses which is the right way & convert the law of Moses into the worship of a being which ye say shall come many hundred years hence & now behold I Sherem declare unto you that this is blasphemy for no man knoweth of such things for he cannot tell of things to come & after this manner did Sherem contend against me

<sup>8</sup>but behold the Lord God poured in his spirit into my soul insomuch that I did confound him in all his words

<sup>9</sup>& I sayeth unto him  
denyest thou the Christ which should come  
& he sayeth  
if there should be a Christ  
I would not deny him  
but I know that there is no Christ  
neither hath been nor never will be

<sup>10</sup>& I sayest unto him  
believest thou the Scriptures  
& he sayeth yea

<sup>11</sup>& I sayeth unto him  
then ye do not understand them  
for they truly testify of Christ  
behold I say unto you  
that none of the prophets have written nor prophesied  
save they have spoken concerning this Christ

<sup>12</sup>& this is not all it  
hath been made manifest unto me  
for I have heard & seen  
& it also hath been made manifest  
by the power of the Holy Ghost  
wherefore I know if there should be no atonement made  
all mankind must be lost

<sup>13</sup>& it came to pass that he sayeth unto me  
shew me a sign by this power of the Holy Ghost  
in the which ye know so much

<sup>14</sup>& I said unto him  
what<sup>what</sup> am I that I should tempt God to shew unto thee a sign  
in the things which thou knowest to be true  
yet thou wilt deny it because thou art of the Devil  
nevertheless not my will be done  
but if God shall smite thee let that be a sign unto thee  
that he hath power both in heaven & in earth  
& also that Christ shall come  
& thy will O Lord be done & not mine

<sup>15</sup>& it came to pass that when I Jacob had spoken these words  
the power of the Lord came upon him  
insomuch that he fell to the earth  
& it came to pass that he was nourished for the space of many days

<sup>16</sup>& it came to pass that he sayeth unto the people  
gather together on the morrow for I shall die  
wherefore I desire to speak unto the people before that I shall die

<sup>17</sup>& it came to pass that on the morrow that the multitude were gathered together  
& he spake plainly unto them & denied the things which he had taught them  
& confessed the Christ & the power of the Holy Ghost  
& the ministering of Angels

<sup>18</sup>& he speak plainly unto them  
that he had been deceived by the power of the Devil  
& he spake of Hell & of eternity & of eternal punishment

<sup>19</sup>& he sayeth  
I fear lest I have committed the unpardonable sin  
for I have lied unto God  
for I denied the Christ & said that I believed the Scriptures  
& they truly testify of him  
& because that I have this lied unto God  
I greatly fear lest my case shall be awful  
but I confess unto God

<sup>20</sup>& it came to pass that when he had said these words  
he could say no more & he gave up the ghost

<sup>21</sup>& when the multitude had witnessed  
that he spake these things as he was about to give up the ghost  
they were astonished exceedingly  
insomuch that the power of God came down upon them  
& they were overcome that they fell to the earth

<sup>22</sup>now this thing was pleasing unto me Jacob  
for I had requested it of my Father which was in heaven  
for he had heard my cry & answered my prayers

<sup>23</sup>& it came to pass that  
peace & the love of God was restored again among the People  
& they searched the Scriptures  
& hearkened no more to the words of this wicked man

<sup>24</sup>& it came to pass that many means were devised  
to reclaim & restore the Lamanites to the knowledge of the truth  
but it all were vain  
for they delight<sup>d</sup> in wars & bloodshed  
& they had an eternal hatred against us their Brethren  
& they sought by the power of their arms to destroy us continually

<sup>25</sup>wherefore the People of Nephi did fortify against them  
with their arms & with all their might  
trusting in the God & the Rock of their Salvation  
wherefore they became as yet conquerors of their enemies

<sup>26</sup>& it came to pass that I Jacob began to be Old  
& the record of this people being kept on the other plates of Nephi  
wherefore I conclude this record  
declareing that I have written according to the best of my knowledge  
by sayeng that the time passed away with us  
& also our leves pa<sup>s</sup>sed away like as it were unto us a dream  
we being a lonesome & a solumn people  
wanderers cast out from Jerusalem  
born in tribulation in a wild wilderness  
& hated of our Brethren which caused wars & contentions  
wherefore we did mourn out our days

<sup>27</sup>& I Jacob saw that I muss soon go down to my grave  
wherefore I said unto my Son Enos  
take these plates  
& I told him the things which my Brother Nephi had commanded me  
& he promised obiediance unto the commands

& I make an end of my writing upon these plates  
which writing hath been small  
& to the reader I bid farewell  
hoping that many of my Brethren may read my words  
Brethren adieu