

Mormon 5

¹& it came to pass that I did go forth among the ~~People~~ Nephites
& did repent of the oath which I had made
that I would no mere assist **them**
& they gave me command again of their armies
for they looked upon me
as though I could deliver them from their afflictions
²but behold I was without hopes
for I knew the jud^egments of the Lord which should come upon them
for they repented not of their iniquities
but did struggle for their lives
without calling upon that being who had created them

³& it came to pass that the Lamanites did come against us
as we had fled to the city of Jordan
but behold they were driven back
that they did not take the city at hat tine

⁴& it came to pass that they came against us again
& we did maintain the City
& there were also other cities which were maintained by the Nephites
which strong holds did cut them off
that they could not get into the country which lay before us
to destroy the inhabtants of our land

⁵but it came to pass that whatsoever lands we had passed by
the inhaitants thereof were not gathered in
were destroyed by the Lamanites
& their towns & vilages & Cities were berned with fire.
& thus the three hundred & seventy & nine years passed away

⁶& it came to pass that in the three **hundred** & eightieth year
the Lamanites did come again against us to battle
& we did stand against them boldly
but it was all in vain
for so great were their numbrs
that they did tread the People ~~under their feet~~ of the Nephites under their feet

⁷& it cam to pass that we did again take to flight
& they whose flight were swifter than the Lamanites did escape
& they whose flight did not exceed the Lamanites
were swept down & dstroyed

⁸& now behold I Mormon do not desire to harrow up the souls of men
in casting before them su^hc an awful scene of blood & carnage
as was laid before mine eyes
but I knowing thot these things must **surely** be made known
& that all things which are hid must be revealed upon the house topps

⁹& also that a knowledge of theses things
must come unto the remnant of these People & also unto the Gentiles
which the Lord hath said should scatter this People
& this People should be counted as nought among them
therefore I w^rite a small abridgement
dareing not to give a full accoun^t of the things which I have seen
because of the commandment which I have received
& also that ye might not have to great sorrow
because of the wickedness of this People

¹⁰& now behold this I speak unto their seed
& also to the Gentiles which hath care for the House of Israel
that realize & know from whence their blessings come
¹¹for I know that such will sorrow for the ^{Calamity of the} house of Israel
yea they will sorrow fore the destruction of this People
they will sorrow that this **people** had not repent^{ed}
that they might have been clasped in the arms of Jesus
¹²now these things are written unto the remnant of the house of Jacob
& they are written after this manner
because it is known of God
that wickedness will not bring them forth unto them
& they are to be hid up unto the Lord
that they may come forth in his own due time
¹³& this is the commandment which I have received
& behold they shall come forth according to the comandment of the Lord
when he shall see fit in his wⁱsdom

¹⁴& behold they shall go unto the unbelieving of the jews
& for this intent shall they go
that they may be perswaded that Jesus is the Christ
the Son of the living God
that the Father may bring about through his most beloved
his great and eternal purpose
in the restoreing the Jews or all the house of Israel
to the land of their inheritance
which the Lord their God hath given them
unto the fulfilling of his covenant
¹⁵& also that the seed of this People may more fully believe his Gospel
which shall go forth unto them from the Gentiles

for this People shall be scattered
& shall become a dark a filthy & a loathsome People
beyond the description of that which ever hath been amongst us
yea even that which hath been among the Lamanites
& this because of their unbelief & Idolity
¹⁶for behold the spirit of the Lord hath already ceased to strive with their Fathers
& they are without Christ & God in the world
& they ore driven about as chaff before the wind

¹⁷they were once a delightsome People
& they had Christ for their shepherd
yea they were lead even by God the Father
¹⁸but now behold they are lead about by Satan
even as Chaff is driven before the wind
or as a Vessel is tossed about upon the waves without sail or anchor
or without any thing wherewith to steer her
& even as she is so ~~or~~ they
¹⁹& behold the Lord hath rreserved their blessing
which they might have received in the land
for the Gentiles which shall fossess the land
²⁰but behold it shall come to pass
that they shall be driven & scattered by the Gentil^se
& after th^ot they have been driven & scattered by the Gentile
behold then will the Lord remember the covenant
which he made unto Abraham & unto all the house of Israel
²¹& all the Lord will remember the prayers of the righteous
which hath been put up unto him for them

²²& then O ye Gentiles how can ye stand before the power of God
except ye shall repent & turn from your evil ways
²³know ye not that ye are in the hands of God
know ye not **that** he hath all power
& at his great command the earth shall be rolled together as a scrawl
²⁴therefore repent ye & humble yourselves before him
last he shall come out in justice against you
least a remnant of the seed of Jacob shall go forth among you as a lion
& tear you in pieces
& there is none to deliver.—