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The Book of Nephi
the Son of Nephi
Which was the Son of Helaman

& Helaman was the Son of Helaman
which was the Son of Alma
which was the Son of Alma
being a decendant of Nephi
which was the Son of Lehi
which came out of Jerusalem in the first year
of the reign of Zedekiah the king of Judah——

Chapter—— ——

¹Now it came to pass that the ninety & first year had passed away
& it ~~wa~~^{was}s six hundred years from the time that Lehi left Jerusalem
& it was **en the** year that ~~Lachon~~ Lachoneus was the chief Judge
& the governor over the land [of Nephi]

²& **& Nephi** the **Son of** Helaman had departed out of the land of Zarahemla
giving charge unto his Son **Nephi** which was his eldest Son
concerning the plates of Brass & all the records which had been kept
& all those things which had been kept sacred
from the departure of Lehi out of Jerusalem

³then he departed out of the land
& whether he went no man knoweth
& his Son Nephi did keep the records in his stead
yea the record of this people

⁴& it came to pass that in the commencement of the **ninety** & second year
behold the prophecies of the prophets began to be fulfilled more fully
for there began to be greater signs & greater miracels wrought among the people

⁵but there were some which began to say
that the time was past for the words to be fulfilled
which were spoken by Samuel the Lamanite

⁶& they began to rejoice over their brethren saying
behold the time is past & the words of Samuel ^{are}s not fulfilled
therefore your joy & your faith concerning this thing hath been vain

⁷& it came to pass that **they** did make a great uprore throughout the land
& the people which believed began to be verry sorrowful
lest by any means those things which had been spoken might not come to pass

⁸but behold they did watch steadfastly for that day & that night & that day
which should be as one day as if there were no night
that they might know that **their faith** had not been vain

⁹now it came to pass that there was a day set apart by the unbelievers
that all those who believed in those traditions should be put to death
except the sign should come to pass which had been given by Samuel the prophet

¹⁰now it came to pass that
when Nephi the Son of Nephi saw this wickedness of his people
his heart was exceeding sorrowful

¹¹& it came to pass that he went out
& bowed himself down upon the earth
& cried mightily to his God in behalf of his People
yea those which were about to be destroyed
because of their faith in the tradition of their Fathers

¹²& it came to pass that he cried mightily unto the Lord all that day
& behold the voice of the Lord came unto him saying

¹³lift up your head & be of good cheer
for behold the time is at hand
& on this night shall the sign be given
& on the morrow come I into the world
to shew unto the world that I will fulfil all that
which I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my Holy Prophets
¹⁴behold I come unto my own
to fulfil all things which I have made known unto the Children of men
from the foundation of the world
& to do the will of both of the Father & of the Son
of the Father because of me
& of the Son because of my flesh
& behold the time is at hand
& this night shall the sign be given

¹⁵& it came to pass that the words which came unto Nephi was fulfilled
according as they had been spoken
for he beheld at the going down of the Sun there was no darkness
& the people began to be astonished
because there was no darkness when the night came

¹⁶& there were many which had not believed the words of the prophets
fell to the earth & became as if they were dead
for they knew that the great plan of destruction
which they had laid for those who had believed in the word[s] of the prophets
had been frustrated

for the sign which had been given was already at hand

¹⁷& they began to know that the Son of God must shortly appear
yea [&] in fine all the people upon the face of the whole Earth
from the west to the east

both in the land north & in the land south
were so exceedingly astonished that they fell to the earth

¹⁸for they knew that the prophets had testified of these things for many years
& that the sign which had been given was already at hand
& they began to fear because of their iniquity & their unbelief

¹⁹& it came to pass that there was no darkness in all that night
but it was as light as tho it was mid day
& it came to pass that the Sun did rise in the morning again
according to its proper order
& they knew that it was the day that the Lord should be born
because of the sign which had been given
²⁰& it had come to pass yea all things
every whit according to the words of the prophets
²¹& it came to pass also that a new Star did appear according to the word

²²& it came to pass **that** from this time forth
there began to be lieings sent forth among the people by Satan
to harden their hearts
to the intent that they might not believe
in those signs & wonders which they had seen
but not ^{withstanding} **these** lieings & deceivings
the more part of the people did believe & were converted unto the Lord

²³& it came to pass that
Nephi went forth among the people & also many ~~other~~ others
baptiseing unto repentance in the which there were a great remission of sins
& thus the people began again to have peace in the land

²⁴& there were no contentions
save it wer a few that began to preach
endeavoring to prove by the Scriptures
that it was no **more expediant** to observe the law of Moses
now in this thing they did err having not **understood the Scriptures**
²⁵but it came to pass that they soon became converted
& **were convinsed of the error** which they were in
for it was made known unto them that the law **was not yet fulfilled**
& **that it must be fulfilled** in every whit
yea the word **came unto them that it muet be pulfilled**
yea that one jot nor tittle should not pass **away till is should all be fulfilled**
therefore in this same year were they brought to a **Knowledge of their error**
& **did confess** their faults

²⁶& thus the ninety & second year did **pass away**
bringing glad tedings unto the people
because of the signs which did **come to pass**
according to the words of the prophecy of all the holy prophets

²⁷& it came to **pass that** the ninety & third year did also pass away in peace
save it were for the ~~gad~~ Gadianton robbers which [**did**] **dwelt** upon the mountains
which did infest the land
for so strong were their holds & their secret places
that the people could not overpower them
therefore they did commit many murders
& did do much slaughter among the people

²⁸& it came to pass that in the ~~m~~^{ninety}~~ne~~ & fourth year
they began to increase in a great degree
because there were many dissenters of the Nephites which did flee unto them
which did cause much sorrow unto those Nephites **which** did remain in the land
²⁹& there were also a cause **of much sorrow** among the Lamanites
for behold they had many children
which **did grow** up & began to wax strong in years
that they became for themselves
& were ~~le~~^{led}~~ad~~ away by some which were Zoramites
by their lieings & their flatter**ing words** to join those Gadianton robbers
³⁰& thus were the Lamanites afflicted also
& began to decrease as to their faith & righteousness
because of the wickedness of the rising generation