

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi 2

<sup>1</sup>& it came to pass that ~~th~~<sup>thus</sup> ~~as~~ passed away the ninety & fifth year also  
& the people began to forget those signs & wonders which they had heard  
& began to be less & less astonished at a sign or a wonder from Heaven  
insomuch that they began to be hard in their hearts & blind in their minds  
& began to disbelieve all which they had heard & seen

<sup>2</sup>imagination up some vain thing in their hearts  
that it was wrought by men & by the power of the Devil  
to lead away & deceive the hearts of the people  
& thus did Satan get possession of the hearts of the people again  
insomuch that he did blind their eyes  
& lead them away to believe  
that the doctrine of ~~eh~~ Christ was a foolish & a vain thing

<sup>3</sup>& it came to pass that  
the people began to wax strong in wickedness & abominations  
& they did not believe that there should be any more signs or wonders given  
& Satan did go about leading away the hearts of the people  
tempting them & causing them that they should do great wickedness in the land  
<sup>4</sup>& thus did pass away the ninety & sixth year  
& also the ninety & seventh year  
& also the ninety & eighth year  
& also the ninety & ninth year

<sup>5</sup>& ~~unt~~o also an hundred years had passed away  
since the day<sup>s</sup> of Mosiah which was King over the people of the Nephites

<sup>6</sup>& six hundred & nine years had passed away since Lehi left Jerusalem

<sup>7</sup>& nine years had passed away from the time  
which the sign was given which was spoken of by the prophets  
that Christ should come into the world

<sup>8</sup>now the Nephites began to reckon their time  
from this period which the sign was given or from the coming of Christ  
therefore nine years ~~had~~ passed away

<sup>9</sup>& Nephi which was the father of Nephi  
which had the charge of the records  
did not return to the land of Zarahemla  
& could no where be found in all the land

<sup>10</sup>& it came to pass that the people did still remain in wickedness  
notwithstanding the much preaching & prophesying which was sent among them  
& thus passed away the tenth year also  
& ~~they~~ the **eleventh** year also passed away in iniquity

<sup>11</sup> & it came to pass in the thirteenth year  
there **began to be** wars & contentions<sup>s</sup> throughout all the land  
**for** the Gadianton robbers had become so numerous  
& did slay so many of the people  
& did lay waste so many cities  
& **ded spread so** much death & carnage throughout the land  
that it became **expediant** that all the people  
both the Nephites & the Lamanites  
should take up **arms against them**  
<sup>12</sup> therefore all the Lamanites which had become converted unto the **Lord**  
**did** unite with their brethren the Nephites  
& were compelled for the safety of **their** lives  
& their women & their children  
to take up arms **against** those Gadianton Robbers  
yea & also to maintain their rights & their privileges **of their church**  
& of **their** worship & their freedom & their liberty

<sup>13</sup> & it came to pass that before this thirteenth year had passed away  
the Nephites were threatened with utter destruction  
because of this war which had become exceding soar

<sup>14</sup> & it came to pass that  
those Lamanites which ~~w~~<sup>had</sup> ~~ere~~<sup>ere</sup> ~~u~~<sup>united</sup> ~~nt~~ with the Nephites  
were numbered among the Nephites

<sup>15</sup> & their curse was taken from them  
& their skin became white like unto the Nephites

<sup>16</sup> & their Young men & their Daughters became exceding fair  
& they were numbered among the Nephites & were called Nephites  
& thus ended the thirteenth year

<sup>17</sup> & it came to pass in the Commence<sup>ee-ment</sup> ~~hem~~<sup>ment</sup> of the fourteenth<sup>year</sup>  
the war between the robbers & the people of Nephi did continue  
& did become exceding soar  
nevertheless the people of Nephi did gain some advantage of the robbers  
insomuch that they did drive them back out of their lands  
into the mountains & into their secret places

<sup>18</sup> & thus ended the fourteenth year  
& in the fifteenth year they did come forth again against the people of Nephi  
& because of the wickedness of the people of Nephi  
& their many contentions & dissensions  
the Gadianton robbers did gain many advantages over them

<sup>19</sup> & thus ended the fifteenth year  
& thus were the people in a state of many afflictions  
& the sword of destruction did hang over them  
insomuch that they were ~~abo~~ about to be smitten down by it  
& this because of their iniquity——