

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi 5

<sup>1</sup>& now behold there was not a living soul among all the people of the Nephites which did doubt in the least thing in the words of all the holy prophets which had [been] spoken for they knew that it must needs be that they must be fulfilled  
<sup>2</sup>& they knew that it must be expediant that Christ had come because of the many signs which had been given according to the words of the ~~p~~ prophets & because of the things which had come to pass already they knew it must needs be that all things should come to pass according to that which had been spoken  
<sup>3</sup>therefore they did forsake all their sins & their abominations & their whoredoms & did serve God with all diligence day & night

<sup>4</sup>& now it came to pass that when they had taken all the robbers prisoners insomuch that none did escape which were not slain they did cast their prisoners into prison & did cause the word of God to be preached unto them & as many as would repent of their sins & enter into a covenant that they would murder no more were set at liberty

<sup>5</sup>but as many as there were who did not enter into a covenant & who did still continue to have **those** secret murders in their hearts yea as many as were found breathing out threatnings against their brethren were ~~pun~~ condemned & punished according to the law

<sup>6</sup>& thus they did put an end to all those wicked & secret & abominable combinations inthewhich there were so much wickedness & so many murders committed

<sup>7</sup>& thus had the twenty & second year passed away & the twenty & third year also & the twenty & fourth & the twenty & fifth

& thus had twenty & five years passed away

<sup>8</sup>& there had [been] many things transpired which in the eyes of some would be great & marvelous nevertheless they could not all be written in this Book yea this Book cannot contain even a hundredth part of what was done among so many people in the space of twenty & five years

<sup>9</sup>but behold there are records which do contain all the procedings of this people & a more short but a true account <sup>i</sup>was given by Nephi

<sup>10</sup>therefore I have made my record of these things according to the record of Nephi

which were engraven on the plates which were called the plates of<sup>Nephi</sup>

<sup>11</sup>& behold I do make the record on plates which I have made with mine own hands

<sup>12</sup>& behold I am called Mormon  
being called after the land of Mormon  
the land inthewhich Alma did establish the church among this people  
yea the first church which was established among them after their transgression

<sup>13</sup>ye<sup>behold</sup> a I am a Desiple of Jesus Christ the Son of God  
I have been called of him to declare his word among his people  
that they might have everlasting life

<sup>14</sup>& it hath become expediant  
that I according to the will of God  
that the prayer of those which have gone hence  
which were the holy ons  
should be fulfilled according to their faith  
should make a record of these things which have been done

<sup>15</sup>yea a small record of that which hath taken place  
from the time that Lehi left Jerusalem even down until the presant time

<sup>16</sup>therefore I do make my record from the accounts  
which hath been given by those which were before me  
until the commencement of my day

<sup>17</sup>& then do I make a record of the things  
which I have seen with mine own eyes

<sup>18</sup>& I know the record which I make to be a just & a true record  
nevertheless there are many things  
which according to our language we are not able to write

<sup>19</sup>& now I make an end of my saying which is of myself  
& prosede to give my account of the things which hath been before me

<sup>20</sup>I am Mormon & a pure decendant of Lehi  
I have reason to bless my God & my Savior Jesus Christ  
that he brought our fathers out of the land of Jerusalem  
& no one knew it save it were himself  
& those which he brought out of that land  
& ~~th~~<sup>that</sup> us he hath given me & my people  
so much knowledge unto the salvation of our souls

<sup>21</sup>surely he hath blessed the house of Jacob  
& hath been merciful unto the seed of Joseph

<sup>22</sup>& in as much as the children of Lehi hath kept his commandments  
he hath blessed them & prospered them according to his word

<sup>23</sup>yea & surely shall he again bring a remnant of the seed of Joseph  
to the knowledge of the Lord their God

<sup>24</sup>& as surely as the Lord liveth  
will he gather in from the four quarters of the earth  
all the remnant of the seed of Jacob  
which are scattered abroad upon all the face of the earth

<sup>25</sup>& as he hath covenanted with all the house of Jacob  
even so shall the covenant  
wherewith he hath covenanted with the house of Jacob  
be fulfilled in his own due time  
unto the restoreing all the house of Jacob unto the knowledge of the covenant  
that he hath covenanted with them  
<sup>26</sup>& then shall they know their redeemer  
which is Jesus Christ the Son of God  
& then shall they be gathered in from the four quarters of the earth  
unto their own lands from whence they have been disperced  
yea as the Lord liveth so shall it be  
Amen——