

1st Nephi 9

¹and all these things did my father see and hear and speak
as he dwelt in a tent in the valley of Lemuel
and also a great many more things which can not be written upon these plates

²and now as I have spoken concerning these plates
behold they are not the plates
upon which I make a full account of the history of my people
for the plates upon which I make a full account of my people
I have given the name of Nephi
for wherefore they are called the plates of Nephi after mine own name
and these plates also are called the plates of Nephi
³nevertheless I have received a commandment of the Lord
that I should make these plates for the special purpose
that there should be an account engraven of the ministry of my people
⁴and upon the other plates should be engraven
an account of the reigns of the kings and the wars and contentions¹ of my people
wherefore these plates are for the more part of the ministry
and the other plates are for the more part of the reigns of the kings
& the wars and contentions of my people

⁵wherefore the Lord hath commanded me to make these plates
for a wise purpose in Him which purpose I know not
⁶but the Lord knoweth all things from the beginning
wherefore he prepareth a way
to accomplish all his works among the children of men

for behold he hath all power unto the fulfilling of all his words
and this it is
amen

¹ OM Header = Lehi Prophecies of the Messiah and so forth