

2nd Nephi 4

Chapter —

¹And now I Nephi speak concerning the prophesies
of ~~my~~^{which} ~~fa~~ my father hath spoken concerning Joseph who was carried into Egypt

²for behold he truly prophesied concerning all his Seed
& the prophesies which he wrote
~~these~~ there are not many greater
& he prophesied concerning us & our future generations
& they are written upon the plates of Brass

³wherefore after my father had made an end of speaking
concerning the prophesies of Joseph
he called the children of Laman his Sons & his daughters
& sayeth unto them

behold my Sons & my daughters
which are the Sone & the daughters of my first born
I would that ye should give ear unto my words

⁴for the Lord God hath said that
inasmuch as ye shall keep my Commandments
ye shall prosper in the land
& in as much as ye will not keep my commandments
ye shall be cut off from my presance

⁵but behold my Sons & my Daughters
I cannot go down to my grave save I should leave a blessing upon you
for behold I know that if ye are brought up in the right way that ye should go
ye will not depart from it

⁶wherefore if ye are cursed
behold I leave my blessing upon you
that the Cursing may be taken from you
& be answered upon the heads of your parents

⁷wherefore because of my blessing
the Lord God will not suffer that ye shall perish
wherefore he will be merciful unto you & unto your seed forever

⁸& it came to pass that after my father had made an end of speaking
to the Sons & Daughters of Laman
he caused ~~that~~ the Sons & daughters of Lemuel to be brought before him

⁹& he spake unto them saying
behold ~~t^{my}he~~ Sons & ~~t^{my}he~~ Daughters
which are the Sons & the Daughters of my Second Son
behold I leave unto you the Same blessing
which I left unto the Sons & Daughters of Laman
wherefore thou shalt not utterly be destroid
but in the end thy seed shall be blessed

¹⁰& it came to pass that ^{when} my father ^{had} made an end of speaking ~~u~~ unto them
Behold it came to pass that he spake unto the Sons of Ishmael
yea & even all his household

¹¹& after that he had made an end of speaking unto them
he spake unto Sam saying
blessed art thou & thy Seed
for thou shalt inherit the ~~land~~ land like unto thy Brother Nephi
& thy seed shall be numbered with his seed
& thou shalt be even like unto thy Brother
& thy seed like unto his seed
& thou shalt be blessed in all thy days

¹²& it came to pass that
after Lehi had spake unto all his household
according to the feelings of his heart
& the spirit of the Lord which was in him
he waxed old
& it came to pass that he died & was buried

¹³& it came to pass that not many days after his Death
Laman & Lemuel & the Sons of Ishmael were angry with me
because of the admonitions of the Lord

¹⁴for I Nephi was constrained to speak unto them according to the word
for I had spake many things unto them
& also my father before his death
many of which sayings are written upon mine other plates
for a more history part are written upon mine other plates

¹⁵& upon these I write the things of my Soul
& many of the Scriptures which are engraven upon the plates of Brass

for my Soul deliteth in the Scriptures
& my heart pondereth ^{them}
& writeth them for the learning & the profit of my children

¹⁶behold my Soul deliteth in the things of the Lord
& my heart pondereth continually upon the things which I have seen & heard

¹⁷nevertheless notwithstanding the great goodness of the Lord
in shewing me his great & marvelous works
my heart exclaimeth

O wretched man that I am
yea my heart sorroweth because of mine flesh
my Soul grieveth because of mine iniquity

¹⁸I am encompassed about
because of the temptations & the Sins which doth so easily beset me

¹⁹& when I desire to rejoice
my heart groaneth because of my Sins
nevertheless I know in whom I have trusted

²⁰my God hath been my support
he hath lead me through mine afflictions in the wilderness
& he hath preserved me upon the waters of the great deep

²¹he hath filled me with his love
even unto the Consumeing of my flesh

²²he hath confounded mine enemies
unto the causing of them to quake before me

²³behold he hath heard my cry by day
& he hath given me knowledge by visions in the night time
²⁴& by day have I waxed bold in mighty prayer before him
yea my voice have I sent upon high
& Angels came down & ministered unto me
²⁵& upon the wings of his spirit hath my body been carried
away upon exceeding high Mountains
& mine eyes hath beheld great things
yea even to great for man
therefore I was bidden that I should not write them

²⁶O then if I have seen so great things
if the Lord in his condesension unto ~~m~~^{the}e children of men
hath visited me in so much mercy
why should my heart weep
& my Soul linger in the vally of sorrow
& my flesh waste away
& my strength slacken because of mine afflictions
²⁷& why should I yield to sin because of my flesh
yea why should I give way to temptations
that the evil one have place in my heart
to destroy my peace & afflict my soul
why am I angry because of mine enemy

²⁸awake my soul
no ~~lon~~ longer droop in Sin
rejoice O my heart
& give place no more for the enemy of my Soul
²⁹do not anger again because of mine enimies
do not slacken my strength because of mine afflictions
³⁰rejoice O my heart
& cry unto the Lord & say
O Lord I will praise thee forever
yea my Soul will rejoice in thee my God & the rock of my Salvation

³¹O Lord wilt thou redeem my Soul
wilt thou deliver me out of the hands of mine enemies
wilt thou make me that I may shake at the appearance of Sin
³²may the gates of hell be shut continually before me
because that my heart is broken & my spirit is contrite
O Lord wilt thou not shut the gates of thy righteousness before me
that I may walk in the path of the low vally
that I may be strict in the plane road

³³O Lord wilt thou ensircle me around in the robe of thy righteousness
O Lord wilt thou make a way for mine escape before mine enemies
wilt thou make my path strait before me
wilt thou not place a stumbling block in my way
but that thou wouldst clear my way before
& hedge not up way way but the ways of mine enemy

³⁴O Lord I have trusted in thee
& I will trust in thee forever
I will not put my trust in the arm of flesh
for I know that cursed is he that puteth his trust in the arm of flesh
yea cursed is he that puteth his trust in man or maketh flesh his arm
³⁵yea I know that God will give liberally to him that asketh
yea my God will give me if I ask not amiss
therefore I will lift up my voice unto thee
I will cry unto thee my God the rock of my righteousness
behold my voice shall forever ascend up unto thee
my Rock & mine everlasting God
Amen ——