

Jacob 1

The Book of Jacob ^{Chapter}
The Brother of Nephi

the words of his preaching unto his Brethren—
He confoundeth a man who seeketh to overthrow the doctrine of Christ—
A few words concerning the history of the People of Nephi—

- ¹for behold it came to pass that fifty & five years had passed away
from the time Lehi left Jerusalem
wherefore Nephi gave me Jacob a commandment
concerning these things plates upon which these things are engraven
²& he gave me Jacob a commandment that I should write upon these plates
a few of the things which I considered to be most precious
that I should not touch save it were lightly
concerning the history of this People which are called the People of Nephi
³for he said that the history of his People should be engraven upon his other Plates
& that I should preserve these Plates & hand them down
unto my Seed from generation to generation
⁴& if there were preaching which was sacred
or revelation which was great or prophesying
that I should engraven the heads of them upon these plates
& touch upon them as much as it were possible
for Christs Sake & for the sake of our People
⁵for because of faith & great anxiety
it truly had been made manifest unto us concerning our People
what things should happen unto them
- ⁶& we also had many revelations & the spirit of much prophesy
wherefore we knew of Christ & his Kingdom which should come
⁷wherefore we laboured diligently among our People
that we might persuade them to come unto Christ
& partake of the goodness of God
that they might enter into his rest
lest by any means he should swear in his wrath they should not enter in
as in the days^{proviocation} of in the days of temptation
while the children of Israel were in the wilderness
⁸wherefore we would to God that we could persuade all men
not to rebell against God to provoke him to anger
but that all men would believe in christ
& view his death & suffer^{his}ngs cross & bear the shame of the world
wherefore I Jacob take it upon me to fulfil the commandment of my Brother Nephi
- ⁹now Nephi began to be old & he saw that he must soon die
wherefore he anointed a man to be a King & a ruler over his People
now according to the reigns of the Kings

¹⁰the People haveing loved Nephi excedingly
he haveing been a great protector for them
haveing wealed the sword of Laban in their defence
& haveing laboured in all his days for their wellfare
¹¹wherefore the People were desireous to retain in remembrance his name
& whoso should Reign in his stead were calld by the People
second Nephi & third Nephi .&C.
according to the Reigns of the Kings
& thus they were called by the People
let them be of whatsoever name they would
¹²& it came to pass that Nephi died

¹³now the People which were not Lamanites were Nephites
nevertheless they were called Nephites Jacobites Josephites Zoramites
Lamanites Lemuelites & Ishmaelites
¹⁴but I Jacob shall not hereafter distinguish them by these names
but I shall call them Lamanites they that seek to destroy the People of Nephi
& they which are friendly to Nephi I shall call Nephites or the People of Nephi
according to the reigns of the Kings

¹⁵& now it came to pass that
the People of Nephi under the reign of the second king
began to grow hard in their hearts
& indulge themselves somewhat in wicked practices
such as like unto David of Old
desireing many wives & concubines
& also Solomon his Son
¹⁶yea & they also began to search much gold & Silver
& began to be lifted up somewhat in pride

¹⁷wherefore I Jacob gave unto them these words as I taught them in the temple
haveing firstly obtained mine errond from the Lord
¹⁸for I Jacob & my Brother Joseph had been consecrated
priests & teachers of this People ^{by} the hand of Nephi
¹⁹& we did magnify our office unto the Lord
takeing upon us the responceability
answering the Sins of the people upon our own heads
if we did not teach them the word of God with all diligence
wherefore by labouring with our mights
their blood might not come upon our garments
otherwise their blood would come upon our garments
& we would not be found spotless at the last day