

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi 1

The Book of Nephi  
the Son of Nephi  
Which was the Son of Helaman

& Helaman was the Son of Helaman  
which was the Son of Alma  
which was the Son of Alma  
being a decendant of Nephi  
which was the Son of Lehi  
which came out of Jerusalem in the first year  
of the reign of Zedekiah the king of Judah——

Chapter—— ——

<sup>1</sup>Now it came to pass that the ninety & first year had passed away  
& it ~~wa~~<sup>was</sup>s six hundred years from the time that Lehi left Jerusalem  
& it was **en the** year that ~~Lachoneus~~ Lachoneus was the chief Judge  
& the governor over the land [of Nephi]

<sup>2</sup>& **& Nephi** the **Son of** Helaman had departed out of the land of Zarahemla  
giving charge unto his Son **Nephi** which was his eldest Son  
concerning the plates of Brass & all the records which had been kept  
& all those things which had been kept sacred  
from the departure of Lehi out of Jerusalem

<sup>3</sup>then he departed out of the land  
& whether he went no man knoweth  
& his Son Nephi did keep the records in his stead  
yea the record of this people

<sup>4</sup>& it came to pass that in the commencement of the **ninety** & second year  
behold the prophecies of the prophets began to be fulfilled more fully  
for there began to be greater signs & greater miracels wrought among the people

<sup>5</sup>but there were some which began to say  
that the time was past for the words to be fulfilled  
which were spoken by Samuel the Lamanite

<sup>6</sup>& they began to rejoice over their brethren saying  
behold the time is past & the words of Samuel <sup>are</sup>s not fulfilled  
therefore your joy & your faith concerning this thing hath been vain

<sup>7</sup>& it came to pass that **they** did make a great uprore throughout the land  
& the people which believed began to be verry sorrowful  
lest by any means those things which had been spoken might not come to pass

<sup>8</sup>but behold they did watch steadfastly for that day & that night & that day  
which should be as one day as if there were no night  
that they might know that **their faith** had not been vain

<sup>9</sup>now it came to pass that there was a day set apart by the unbelievers  
that all those who believed in those traditions should be put to death  
except the sign should come to pass which had been given by Samuel the prophet

<sup>10</sup>now it came to pass that  
when Nephi the Son of Nephi saw this wickedness of his people  
his heart was exceeding sorrowful

<sup>11</sup>& it came to pass that he went out  
& bowed himself down upon the earth  
& cried mightily to his God in behalf of his People  
yea those which were about to be destroyed  
because of their faith in the tradition of their Fathers

<sup>12</sup>& it came to pass that he cried mightily unto the Lord all that day  
& behold the voice of the Lord came unto him saying

<sup>13</sup>lift up your head & be of good cheer  
for behold the time is at hand  
& on this night shall the sign be given  
& on the morrow come I into the world  
to shew unto the world that I will fulfil all that  
which I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my Holy Prophets  
<sup>14</sup>behold I come unto my own  
to fulfil all things which I have made known unto the Children of men  
from the foundation of the world  
& to do the will of both of the Father & of the Son  
of the Father because of me  
& of the Son because of my flesh  
& behold the time is at hand  
& this night shall the sign be given

<sup>15</sup>& it came to pass that the words which came unto Nephi was fulfilled  
according as they had been spoken  
for he beheld at the going down of the Sun there was no darkness  
& the people began to be astonished  
because there was no darkness when the night came

<sup>16</sup>& there were many which had not believed the words of the prophets  
fell to the earth & became as if they were dead  
for they knew that the great plan of destruction  
which they had laid for those who had believed in the word[s] of the prophets  
had been frustrated

for the sign which had been given was already at hand

<sup>17</sup>& they began to know that the Son of God must shortly appear  
yea [&] in fine all the people upon the face of the whole Earth  
from the west to the east

both in the land north & in the land south  
were so exceedingly astonished that they fell to the earth

<sup>18</sup>for they knew that the prophets had testified of these things for many years  
& that the sign which had been given was already at hand  
& they began to fear because of their iniquity & their unbelief

<sup>19</sup>& it came to pass that there was no darkness in all that night  
but it was as light as tho it was mid day  
& it came to pass that the Sun did rise in the morning again  
according to its proper order  
& they knew that it was the day that the Lord should be born  
because of the sign which had been given  
<sup>20</sup>& it had come to pass yea all things  
every whit according to the words of the prophets  
<sup>21</sup>& it came to pass also that a new Star did appear according to the word

<sup>22</sup>& it came to pass **that** from this time forth  
there began to be lieings sent forth among the people by Satan  
to harden their hearts  
to the intent that they might not believe  
in those signs & wonders which they had seen  
but not <sup>withstanding</sup> **these** lieings & deceivings  
the more part of the people did believe & were converted unto the Lord

<sup>23</sup>& it came to pass that  
Nephi went forth among the people & also many ~~other~~ others  
baptiseing unto repentance in the which there were a great remission of sins  
& thus the people began again to have peace in the land

<sup>24</sup>& there were no contentions  
save it wer a few that began to preach  
endeavoring to prove by the Scriptures  
that it was no **more expediant** to observe the law of Moses  
now in this thing they did err having not **understood the Scriptures**  
<sup>25</sup>but it came to pass that they soon became converted  
& **were convinsed of the error** which they were in  
for it was made known unto them that the law **was not yet fulfilled**  
& **that it must be fulfilled** in every whit  
yea the word **came unto them that it muet be pulfilled**  
yea that one jot nor tittle should not pass **away till is should all be fulfilled**  
**therefore** in this same year were they brought to a **Knowledge of their error**  
& **did confess** their faults

<sup>26</sup>& thus the ninety & second year did **pass away**  
**bringing glad tedings** unto the people  
because of the signs which did **come to pass**  
**according to the words** of the prophecy of all the holy prophets

<sup>27</sup>& it came to **pass that** the ninety & third year did also pass away in peace  
save it were for the ~~gad~~ Gadianton robbers which [**did**] **dwelt** upon the mountains  
which did infest the land  
for so strong were their holds & their secret places  
that the people could not overpower them  
therefore they did commit many murders  
& did do much slaughter among the people

<sup>28</sup>& it came to pass that in the ~~m~~<sup>ninety</sup>~~ne~~ & fourth year  
they began to increase in a great degree  
because there were many dissenters of the Nephites which did flee unto them  
which did cause much sorrow unto those Nephites **which** did remain in the land  
<sup>29</sup>& there were also a cause **of much** sorrow among the Lamanites  
for behold they had many children  
which **did grow** up & began to wax strong in years  
that they became for themselves  
& were ~~le~~<sup>led</sup>~~ad~~ away by some which were Zoramites  
by their lieings & their flatter**ing words** to join those Gadianton robbers  
<sup>30</sup>& thus were the Lamanites afflicted also  
& began to decrease as to their faith & righteousness  
because of the wickedness of the rising generation