

& now it came to pass that as soon as Amaleckiah had obtained the Kingdom he began to inspire the hearts of the Lamanites against the People of Nephi yea he did appointed (men) to speak unto the Lamanites from their towers against the Nephites

& thus he did inspire their hearts against the Nephites insomuch **289** that in the latter end of the nineteenth yea of the Reign of thee Judes he having accomplished his designs thusfar (yea) having been made King over the Lamanites he sought also to Reign over all the land yea & all the People which were in the land the Nephites as well as the Lamanites

therefore he had accomplished his design for he had hardened the hearts of the Lamanites & blinded their minds & stired them up to anger inso much that he had gathered together a numerous hoast to go to Battle against the Nephites

for he was determined because of the greatness of the number of his People to over power the Nephites & to bring them into bondage

& thus he did appoint Cap(t) Chief Captains of the Zoramites they being the most acquainted which the stren-gth of the Nepehites & their places of resort & the weakest parts of their City Cities therefore he appointed them to be chief Captains over his armies

& it came to pass tha-t they took their camp & moved forth towards the land of Zarahemla in the wilderness

now it came to pass that while Amaleckiah had thus been obtaining Power by fraud & deceit moroni on the other hand had been a preparing the m-inds of the People to be faithful unto the Lord their God

**CHAPTER 48**

*Amalickiah incites the Lamanites against the Nephites—Moroni prepares his people to defend the cause of the Christians—He rejoices in liberty and freedom and is a mighty man of God. About 72 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>And now it came to pass that, as soon as Amalickiah had obtained the kingdom he began to inspire the hearts of the Lamanites against the people of Nephi; yea, he did appoint[ ] men to speak unto the Lamanites from their towers, against the Nephites.

<sup>2</sup>And thus he did inspire their hearts against the Nephites, insomuch that in the latter end of the nineteenth year of the reign of the[ ] judges, he hav[ ]ing accomplished his designs thus[ ]far, yea, h[ ]aving been made king over the Lamanites, he sought also to reign over all the land, yea, and all the people who were in the land, the Nephites as well as the Lamanites.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he had accomplished his design, for he[ ] had h[ ]ardened the hearts of the Lamanites and blinded their minds, and stirred them up to anger, inso[ ]much that he had gathered together a numerous ho[ ]st to go to battle against the Nephites.

<sup>4</sup>For he was determined, because of the greatness of the number of his people, to over[ ]power the Nephites and to bring them into bondage.

<sup>5</sup>And thus he did appoint [ ] chief captains of the Zoramites, they being the most acquainted w[ ]i[ ]th the stren[-]gth of the Nep[ ]hites, and their places of resort, and the weakest parts of their [X] cities; therefore he appointed them to be chief captains over his armies.

<sup>6</sup>And it came to pass tha[-]t they took their camp, and moved forth toward[ ] the land of Zarahemla in the wilderness.

<sup>7</sup>Now it came to pass that while Amalickiah had thus been obtaining power by fraud and deceit, Moroni, on the other hand, had been [ ] prepar[ ]ing the m[-]inds of the people to be faithful unto the Lord their God.

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yea (he) had been streng th-ening the armies of the Nephites & erecting small forts or places of resort thro-wing upø Banks of earth round about to ensercle his armies & also building walls of stone to ensercle them about æround about their Cities & the bor-ders of their lands yea all round about the land

& in their weakest fortific-ations he did place the greater (number of) men number of men & thus he did forti()fy & strengthen the land which was possessed by the Nephites

& thus he was preparing to support their liberty their lands their wives & their ch-ildren & their peace & that they might live unto the Lord their God & that they might maintain that which was called by their enemies the cause of Christions

& Moroni was a strong & a mighty man he was a mon of a (perfect understanding) the Nephites are compe yea a man that deid not delight in bloodshed a man whose soul did joy in the liberty & the freedom of his country & his brethren from bondage & slav--ery

yea a man whose heart did swell withi# thanks giving to his God for the many privileges & Blessings he which he bestowed upon his people a man who did labour exceedingly for the welfare & safty of his People

yea & he was a 290 man who was firm in the faith of Christ & he had sworn with an oath to defend his People his rights & his country & his religion ev-en to the loss of his Blood

now the Nephites were taught to defend themselves against their enemies even to the sheading of blood even if it were necessary yea & they w-ere also taught never to give an offence yea & never to raise the sword except it we-re against an enemy except it were to preserve their lives

& this was their faith th()at by so doing God would prosper them in the land or in other wo--rds if they were fa-ithful in keeping the commondments of God that he would prosper them in the lan-d yea warn them to flee or to prepare for war according to their danger

<sup>8</sup>Yea, he had been streng[ ]th[-]ening the armies of the Nephites, and erecting small forts, or places of resort; thro[-]wing up[ ] banks of earth round about to enclose his armies, and also building walls of stone to encircle them about, [ ]round about their cities and the bor[-]ders of their lands; yea, all round about the land.

<sup>9</sup>And in their weakest fortific[-]ations he did place the greater [X\_X] [X] number of men; and thus he did forti()fy and strengthen the land which was possessed by the Nephites.

<sup>10</sup>And thus he was prepa[ ]ring to support their liberty, their lands, their wives, and their ch[-]ildren, and their peace, and that they might live unto the Lord their God, and that they might maintain that which was called by their enemies the cause of Christians.

<sup>11</sup>And Moroni was a strong and a mighty man; he was a man of a perfect understanding; [X\_X\_X\_ \_ \_ \_ \_] yea, a man that d[ ]id not delight in bloodshed; a man whose soul did joy in the liberty and the freedom of his country, and his brethren from bondage and slav[-][-]ery;

<sup>12</sup>Yea, a man whose heart did swell with[ \_ \_] thanks[ ]giving to his God, for the many privileges and blessings [X] which he bestowed upon his people; a man who did labo[ ]r exceedingly for the wel[ ]fare and safety of his people.

<sup>13</sup>Yea, and he was a man who was firm in the faith of Christ, and he had sworn with an oath to defend his people, his rights, and his country, and his religion, ev[-]en to the loss of his blood.

<sup>14</sup>Now the Nephites were taught to defend themselves against their enemies, even to the shedding of blood [X] if it were necessary; yea, and they w[-]ere also taught never to give an offense, yea, and never to raise the sword except it we[-]re against an enemy, except it were to preserve their lives.

<sup>15</sup>And this was their faith, th()at by so doing God would prosper them in the land, or in other wo[-][-]rds, if they were fa[-]ithful in keeping the commandments of God that he would pros[-]per them in the lan[-]d; yea, warn them to flee, or to prepare for war, according to their danger;

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& also that God would make it known unto them whither they sho--uld go to defend themselves against their enemies & by so doing the Lord would deliver them & this was the faith of Moroni & his heart of did glory in it not in the shedding of blood but in doing good in preserueing his People yea in keeping the commandments of God yea & resisting iniquity

yea verily verily I say unto you if all men had been & were & ever wo-uld be like unto Moroni behold the verry power(s) of Hell would have been sh-aken forever yea the Devil would never have no power over the hearts of the Ch-ildren of men

Behold he was a man like unto Ammon the Son of Mosiah yea & even the other Sons of Mosiah yea & also Alma# & his Sons for they were all men of God

now behold Helaman & his Brethren were not less servisable unto the People then was Moroni for they did Preach the word of God & they did Baptise unto repentance all men whosoever would hearken unto their words

& thu(s) they went forth & the People did humble themselves because of their words inso-much that they were highly favored of the G Lord & thus they were free from wars & contentions among themselves yea even for the space of four years

but as I have said in the latter end of the nineteenth year notwithstanding their peace am-ongst themselves they w(were)as compeled reluctantly to contend with their Bre-thren the Lamanites

yea & in fine their wars never did cease for the space of many years with the Lamonites notwithstanding their much reluctance

now they were sorry to take up arms against the Lamanites because they did not delight in the shedding **291** of Blood yea & this was not all they wa(were)s sorry to be the means of sending so many of their Brethren out of this world (world) go to the City of Ammonihah into an eternal world unprepared to meet their God

<sup>16</sup>And also, that God would make it known unto them whither they sho[-]-uld go to defend themselves against their enemies, and by so doing, the Lord would deliver them; and this was the faith of Moroni, and his heart [X] did glory in it; not in the shedding of blood but in doing good, in preserv[ ]ing his people, yea, in keeping the commandments of God, yea, and resisting iniquity.

<sup>17</sup>Yea, verily, verily I say unto you, if all men had been, and were, and ever wo[-]uld be, like unto Moroni, behold, the ver[ ]y powers of hell would have been sh[-]aken forever; yea, the devil would never have [X] power over the hearts of the ch[-]ildren of men.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, he was a man like unto Ammon, the son of Mosiah, yea, and even the other sons of Mosiah, yea, and also Alma[ ] and his sons, for they were all men of God.

<sup>19</sup>Now behold, Helaman and his brethren were no[ ] less serviceable unto the people than was Moroni; for they did preach the word of God, and they did baptize unto repentance all men whosoever would hearken unto their words.

<sup>20</sup>And thus they went forth, and the people did humble themselves because of their words, inso[-]much that they were highly favored of the [ ] Lord, and thus they were free from wars and contentions among themselves, yea, even for the space of four years.

<sup>21</sup>But, as I have said, in the latter end of the nineteenth year, yea, notwithstanding their peace am[-]ongst themselves, they [ ]were[ ] compelled reluctantly to contend with their bre[-]thren, the Lamanites.

<sup>22</sup>Yea, and in fine, their wars never did cease for the space of many years with the Lamanites, notwithstanding their much reluctance.

<sup>23</sup>Now, they were sorry to take up arms against the Lamanites, because they did not delight in the shedding of blood; yea, and this was not all—they [ ]were[ ] sorry to be the means of sending so many of their brethren out of this [X] world [X\_X\_X\_X\_X\_X] into an eternal world, unprepared to meet their God.

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nevertheless *they could* not suffer to lay down their lives that *their wives & their children should be* massacred by the barbarous cruelty of *those who was once their Brethren yea* & had desented from their church & had *left them & had gone to destroy* ~~th~~(them)e by joining the Lamanites

yea they could *not bare* that their Brethren should rejoice over the blood of the Nephites so long as *there were any who should keep the(§) commandments of God for the promises of the Lord were if they should keep his commandments* they should *prosper* in the land

<sup>24</sup>Nevertheless, they could not suffer to lay down their lives, that their wives **and** their children should be massacre~~ed~~ by the barbarous cruelty of those who **were** once their brethren, yea, **and** had dissented from their church, **and** had left them **and** had gone to destroy [ ]them[ ] by joining the Lamanites.

<sup>25</sup>Yea, they could not bear that their brethren should rejoice over the blood of the Nephites, so long as there were any who should keep the[ ] commandments of God, for the promise[ ] of the Lord **was**, if they should keep his commandments they should prosper in the land.