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And now it came to pass in the commencement of the twenty & fifth year of the reign of the Judges over the People (of Nephi they) haveing established peace between the People of Lehi & the people of Morianton concerning their lands & haveing commenced the twenty & fifth year in peace

nevertheless they did not long maintain an entire peace in the land for there began to be a contension among the People concerning the Chief Judge Pahoron for behold there were a part of the People which desired that a few particular Points of the law should be altered

but behold Pahoron would not alter nor suffer the law to be altered therefore he did not hearken to those who had sent in their voices with their petitions concerning the altering of the law

therefore those which were desirous that the law should be altered were angry with him & desired that he should no longer be chief Judge over the land therefore there arose a warm disputes concerning the matter but not unto Blood shed

& it came to pass that those who were desirous that Pahoron should be dethroned from the Judgment seat were called King men for they were desirous that the law should be altered in a manner to overthrow the free government & to establish a King over the land

& those who were desirous that Pahoron should remain Chief Judge over the land took upon them the name of freemen & thus was the division among them for the freemen had sworn for covenanted to maintain their rites & the Privileges of their Religion by a free government

CHAPTER 51 [_ _ _ _]

The king-men seek to change the law and set up a king—Pahoran and the freemen are supported by the voice of the people—Moroni compels the king-men to defend their country or be put to death—Amalickiah and the Lamanites capture many fortified cities—Teancum repels the Lamanite invasion and slays Amalickiah in his tent. About 67–66 B.C.

¹And now it came to pass in the commencement of the twenty **and** fifth year of the reign of the judges over the **people of Nephi, they** hav[]ing established peace between the **people** of Lehi **and** the people of Morianton concerning their lands, **and** hav[]ing commenced the twenty **and** fifth year in peace;

²Nevertheless, they did not long maintain an entire peace in the land, for there began to be a contention among the **people** concerning the **chief judge** Pah[]horan; for behold, there were a part of the **people who** desired that a few particular **points** of the law should be altered.

³But behold, Pah[]oran would not alter nor suffer the law to be altered; therefore, he did not hearken to those who had sent in their voices with their petitions concerning the altering of the law.

⁴Therefore, those **who** were desir[]ous that the law should be altered were ang[]ry with him, **and** desired that he should no longer be chief judge over the land; therefore there arose a warm dispute[] concerning the matter, but not unto **blood**[]shed.

⁵**And** it came to pass that those who were desir[]ous that Pahoran should be dethroned from the judgment-seat were called **king-men**, for they were desir[]ous that the law should be altered in a manner to overthrow the free government **and** to establish a **king** over the la[]nd.

⁶**And** those who were desir[]ous that Pahoran should remain **chief judge** over the land took upon them the name of freemen; **and** thus was the division among them, for the freemen had sworn [] or covenanted to maintain their **rights and** the **privileges** of their religion by a free government.

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& it came to pass that this matter of their contention was settled by the voice of the People & it came to pass tha(t) the voice of the People came in the fav-uor of the freemen & Parhoran retained the Judgment seat which caused much rejoicing among the Brethren of Parhoran & also **298** among the People of liberty which al-so put the King men to silence that they dearest not oppose but were obliged to m-aintain the cause of freedom

now those which were in favour of Kings were those

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of high Bearth & they sought to be Kings & they were supported by those which sought Power & authority over the People

but Beheld this was a critical time for such contentions to be among the People of Nephi for behold Amalickiah had again stired up the hearts of the People of the Lamanites againts the people of the Nephites & he was gathering togeth-er Soldiers from all parts f of his land & arming them & preparing for war with all di-ligence for he had swoarn to drink the Blood of Moroni

but behold we shall see tha-t this promise which he made was rash nevertheless he did prepare himself & his armies to come to Battle against the Nephites

now his armies were not so great as th-ey had hitherto been because of the many thousands which had been slain by the hand of the Nephites but notwithstanding their great loss Amalick-iah had gathered together a wonderful great army insomuch that he feared not to come down to the land of Zarahemla

yea even Amalickiah did himself come down at the head of the Lamanites & it was in the twenty & fifth year of the re-ign of the Judges & it was at the sam(e) time that they had began to settle the aff--airs of their comtnions Concerning the Chief Judge Parhoron

& it came to pass that when the e men which were called King men had heard that the Lamanites were coming down to Battle against them they were glad in their hearts & they refused to take up arms for they were so wroth with the chief Judge & also with the People of liberty tha-t they would not take up arms to defend their country

⁷And it came to pass that this matter of their contention was settled by the voice of the people. And it came to pass that the voice of the people came in [X] fav[-][_]or of the freemen, and Pa[_]horan retained the judgment-seat, which caused much rejoic[_]ing among the brethren of Pa[_]horan and also many of the people of liberty, who al[-]so put the king-men to silence, that they du[_]rst not oppose but were obliged to m[-]aintain the cause of freedom.

⁸Now those who were in favo[_]r of kings were those
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of high bi[_]rth, and they sought to be kings; and they were supported by those who sought power and authority over the people.

⁹But behold, this was a critical time for such contentions to be among the people of Nephi; for behold, Amalickiah had again stirred up the hearts of the people of the Lamanites against the people of the Nephites, and he was gathering togeth[-]er soldiers from all parts [_] of his land, and arming them, and prepar[_]ing for war with all di[-]ligence; for he had swo[_]rn to drink the blood of Moroni.

¹⁰But behold, we shall see tha[-]t [_]his promise which he made was rash; nevertheless, he did prepare himself and his armies to come to battle against the Nephites.

¹¹Now his armies were not so great as th[-]ey had hitherto been, because of the many thousands who had been slain by the hand of the Nephites; but notwithstanding their great loss, Amalick[-]iah had gathered together a wonderfully great army, insomuch that he feared not to come down to the land of Zarahemla.

¹²Yea, even Amalickiah did himself come down, at the head of the Lamanites. And it was in the twenty and fifth year of the re[-]ign of the judges; and it was at the same time that they had begun to settle the aff[-]airs of their contentions concerning the chief judge, Pa[_]horan.

¹³And it came to pass that when the [_] men who were called king-men had heard that the Lamanites were coming down to battle against them, they were glad in their hearts; and they refused to take up arms, for they were so wroth with the chief judge, and also with the people of liberty, tha[-]t they would not take up arms to defend their country.

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& it came to pass that when Moro-ni saw this & also saw that the Lamanites were coming into the borders of the land he was exceeding wroth because of the stubbornness of those People of whom he had laboured with so much diligence to preserve yea he ~~was~~ was exceeding wroth his soul was filled with anger against them

& it came to pass that he sent a petition with the voice of the People unto the Governor of the land desiring that he should head it & give him Mo-roni power to compel those dissenters to defend their Country or to put them to death

for it was his first care to put an end to such contentions & dissensions among the People for behold this had been hitherto a cause of all their destructions & it came to pass that it was granted according to the voice of the People

& it came to pass that Moroni commanded that his army should go against those King men to pull down their prides & their nobility & level them with the earth or they should take up arms & support the cause of liberty

& it came to pass ~~that~~ that the armies did march forth against them & they did pull down their pride & their nobility insomuch that as they did lift their weapons of war to fight against the men of Moroni they were hewn down & levelled to the earth

& it came to pass that there (were) four thousand of those dissenters which were hewn down by the sword & those of their leaders which were not slain (in Battle)
by Teancum & C
were taken & cast ~~299~~ into prison for there was no time for their trials at this period

& the remainder of those dissenters rather than to be smote down to the earth by the sword yielded to the standard of liberty & were compelled to hoist the title of liberty upon their towers & in their Cities & to take up arms in defence of their country

& thus Moroni put an end to those Kingmen that there were not any known by the appellation of king men & thus he put an end to the stubbornness & the prides of those people which professed the Blood of nobility but they were brought down to humble themselves like unto their Brethren & to fight valiantly ~~for~~ for their freedom from bondage

¹⁴And it came to pass that when Moro[-]ni saw this, **and** also saw that the Lamanites were coming into the borders of the land, he was exceedingly wroth because of the stubbornness of those people **[X]** whom he had labored with so much diligence to preserve; yea, he **[X]** was exceedingly wroth; his soul was filled with anger against them.

¹⁵And it came to pass that he sent a petition, with the voice of the people, unto the governor of the land, desiring that he should read it, **and** give him (Mo[-]roni) power to compel those dissenters to defend their country or to put them to death.

¹⁶For it was his first care to put an end to such contentions **and** dissensions among the people; for behold, this had been hitherto a cause of all their destruction. **And** it came to pass that it was granted according to the voice of the people.

¹⁷And it came to pass that Moroni commanded that his army should go against those king-men, to pull down their pride **and** their nobility **and** level them with the earth, or they should take up arms **and** support the cause of liberty.

¹⁸And it came to pass **[X]** that the armies did march forth against them; **and** they did pull down their pride **and** their nobility, insomuch that as they did lift their weapons of war to fight against the men of Moroni they were hewn down **and** levelled to the earth.

¹⁹And it came to pass that there were four thousand of those dissenters who were hewn down by the sword; **and** those of their leaders who were not slain in battle **[X_X_X]**
were taken **and** cast into prison, for there was no time for their trials at this period.

²⁰And the remainder of those dissenters, rather than **[X]** be smitten down to the earth by the sword, yielded to the standard of liberty, **and** were compelled to hoist the title of liberty upon their towers, **and** in their cities, **and** to take up arms in defence of their country.

²¹And thus Moroni put an end to those king-men, that there were not any known by the appellation of king-men; **and** thus he put an end to the stubbornness **and** the pride of those people who professed the blood of nobility; but they were brought down to humble themselves like unto their brethren, **and** to fight valiantly **[X]** for their freedom from bondage.

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behold it *came* to pass that while Moroni was thus breaking down the wars & contentions among his own People & subjecting them to peace & civilisation & making regulations to prepare for war against the ~~Lamites~~ Lamanites behold the Lamanites had come into the land of Moroni which was in the borders by the Sea Shore

& it *came* to pass that the Nephites were not sufficiently s(t)rong in the city of Moroni therefore Amaleckiah did drive them slaying many & it came to pass that Amelickiah took possession of the City & yea possession of all their fortifications

& those which fled out of the City of Moroni came to the City of Nephiah & also the People of the City of Lehi gathered themselves together & ma-de preparations & were ready to receive the Lamanites to Battle

but it came to pass that Amalickiah would not suffer the Lamanites to go against the city of Nephiah to Battle but he kept them down by the Sea shore leaving men in eve-ry City to maintain & defend it

& thus he went on taking possession of many cities the City of Nephiah & the city of Lehi & the City of Morionton & the City of Omner & the city of Gid & the City of Mulek all of which were on the east Borders by the Sea Shore

& thus had the Lamanites obtained by the cunning of Amelickiah so many Cities by their numberless hoasts all of which were strongly fortified after the manner of the fortifications of Moroni all of which afforded strong ho-lds for the Lamanites

& it came to pass that they marched to the borders of the lan-d bountiful driveing the Nephites before them & slaying many

but it came to pass that they were met by Teancum who had slain Morionton & had headed his People in his flight

& it came to pass that he headed Amelick-iah also as he was marching forth with his numerous army that he might take possession of the land Bountiful & also the land Northward

²²Behold, it came to pass that while Moroni was thus breaking down the wars and contentions among his own people, and subjecting them to peace and civiliz[]ation, and making regulations to prepare for war against the [] Lamanites, behold, the Lamanites had come into the land of Moroni, which was in the borders by the sea[]shore.

²³And it came to pass[] that the Nephites were not sufficiently strong in the city of Moroni; therefore Amalickiah did drive them, slaying many. And it came to pass that Amalickiah took possession of the city, [X]yea, possession of all their fortifications.

²⁴And those who fled out of the city of Moroni came to the city of Nephiah; and also the people of the city of Lehi gathered themselves together, and made preparations and were ready to receive the Lamanites to battle.

²⁵But it came to pass that Amalickiah would not suffer the Lamanites to go against the city of Nephiah to battle, but [X] kept them down by the sea[-]shore, leaving men in eve[-]ry city to maintain and defend it.

²⁶And thus he went on, taking possession of many cities, the city of Nephiah, and the city of Lehi, and the city of Morionton, and the city of Omner, and the city of Gid, and the city of Mulek, all of which were on the east borders by [] the sea[]shore.

²⁷And thus had the Lamanites obtained, by the cunning of Amalickiah, so many cities, by their numberless ho[]sts, all of which were strongly fortified after the manner of the fortifications of Moroni; all of which afforded strong[]ho[-]lds for the Lamanites.

²⁸And it came to pass that they marched to the borders of the land Bountiful, driving the Nephites before them and slaying many.

²⁹But it came to pass that they were met by Teancum, who had slain Morionton and had [X] headed his people in his flight.

³⁰And it came to pass that he headed Amalick[-]iah also, as he was marching forth with his numerous army that he might take possession of the land Bountiful, and also the land northward.

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but behold he met with a disappointment (by) ~~of~~ being repulsed by Teancum & ~~hs~~ (his) men for they were great warriors for every man of Teancum did exceed the Lamanites in their strength & in their skill of war insomuch that they did gain Ameleckiah Slain by T advantage over the Lamanites

& it came to pass that they did harrass them inso(much that they did slay them even until **300** it was dark & it came to pass that Teancum & his men did pitch their tents in the borders of the land Bountiful & Ameleckiah did pitch his tents in the borders on the beach by the Sea shore & after this manner were they driven

& it came to pass that when the night had come Teancum & his Servant stole forth & went out by night & went into the camp of Ameleckiah & behold sleep had over powered them because of their much fate-ague which was caused by the labours & heat of the day

& it came to pass that Teancum stole privelley into the tent of the King & put a Javlin to his heart & he did cause the death of the King immediately that he did not awake his serv-ants

& he returned again privelley to his own camp & behold his men were asleep & he awoke them & told them all the things that he had done

& he caused that his armies should stand in readiness lest the Lamanites had awoke & should co-me upon them

& thus endeth the twenty & fifth & year of the reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi & ~~thus~~ thus ended the days of Ameleckiah

³¹But behold he met with a disappointment by[X] being repulsed by Teancum and [] his men, for they were great warriors; for every man of Teancum did exceed the Lamanites in their strength and in their skill of war, insomuch that they did gain [-----X_X_] advantage over the Lamanites.

³²And it came to pass that they did har[]ass them, inso(much that they did slay them even until it was dark. And it came to pass that Teancum and his men did pitch their tents in the borders of the land Bountiful; and Amalickiah did pitch his tents in the borders on the beach by the sea[]shore, and after this manner were they driven.

³³And it came to pass that when the night had come, Teancum and his servant stole forth and went out by night, and went into the camp of Amalickiah; and behold, sleep had over[]powered them because of their much fat[][-]igue, which was caused by the labo[]rs and heat of the day.

³⁴And it came to pass that Teancum stole privil[]y into the tent of the king, and put a javelin to his heart; and he did cause the death of the king immediately that he did not awake his serv[-]ants.

³⁵And he returned again privil[]y to his own camp, and behold, his men were asleep, and he awoke them and told them all the things that he had done.

³⁶And he caused that his armies should stand in readiness, lest the Lamanites had awaked and should co[-]me upon them.

³⁷And thus endeth the twenty and fifth [X]year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi; and [X] thus endeth the days of Amalickiah.