

& now it came to pass that I received an epistle from Ammoron the King stating that if I would deliver up those Prisoners of war which we had taken that he would deliver up the city of Antiparah unto us

but I sent an Epistle unto the King that we were sure that our forces were sufficient to take the City of Antiparah by our force & by delivering up the Prisoners for that city we should suppose ourselves unwise & that we would only deliver up our Prisoners on exchange

& as Ammoron refused mine epistle for he would not exchange Prisoners therefore we began to make preparations to go against the city of Antiparah

but the People of Antiparah did leave the City & fled to their other cities which they had possession of to fortify them & thus the City of Antiparah fell in to our hands

& thus ended the twenty & eighth year of the Reign of the Judges

& it came to pass that in the commencement of the twenty & ninth year we received a supply of provisions & also an addition to our army from the land of Zarahemla & from the land round about to the number of six thousand men besides sixty of the Sons of the Ammonites

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 who had come to join their brethren my little band of two thousand & now behold we were strong yea & we had also plenty of Provisions brought to (unto) us

& it came to pass that it was our desire to wage a Battle with the army which was placed to protect the city (Cumeni)

& now behold I will shew unto you that we soon accomplished our desire yea with our strong forces or with a Part (of) our strong force  
 we did surround by night the City Cumeni a little before they were to receive a supply of  
**314** provisions

**CHAPTER 57**

*Helaman recounts the taking of Antiparah and the surrender and later the defense of Cumeni—His Ammonite striplings fight valiantly; all are wounded, but none are slain—Gid reports the slaying and the escape of the Lamanite prisoners. About 63 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>And now it came to pass that I received an epistle from Ammoron, the king, stating that if I would deliver up those prisoners of war whom we had taken that he would deliver up the city of Antiparah unto us.

<sup>2</sup>But I sent an epistle unto the king, that we were sure [X] our forces were sufficient to take the city of Antiparah by our force; and by delivering up the prisoners for that city we should suppose ourselves unwise, and that we would only deliver up our prisoners on exchange.

<sup>3</sup>And [X] Ammoron refused mine epistle, for he would not exchange prisoners; therefore we began to make preparations to go against the city of Antiparah.

<sup>4</sup>But the people of Antiparah did leave the city, and fled to their other cities, which they had possession of, to fortify them; and thus the city of Antiparah fell in to our hands.

<sup>5</sup>And thus ended the twenty and eighth year of the reign of the judges.

<sup>6</sup>And it came to pass that in the commencement of the twenty and ninth year, we received a supply of provisions, and also an addition to our army, from the land of Zarahemla, and from the land round about, to the number of six thousand men, besides sixty of the sons of the Ammonites  
 [X]

who had come to join their brethren, my little band of two thousand. And now behold, we were strong, yea, and we had also plenty of provisions brought [X] unto us.

<sup>7</sup>And it came to pass that it was our desire to wage a battle with the army which was placed to protect the city Cumeni.

<sup>8</sup>And now behold, I will show unto you that we soon accomplished our desire; yea, with our strong force, or with a part of our strong force, [we] did surround, by night, the city Cumeni, a little before they were to receive a supply of provisions.

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& it came to pass that we ~~did~~ did camp round about the city for many nights but we did sleep upon our *Sword*(s) & keep guards that the Lamanites could not come upon us by night & slay us which they attempted many times but as many times as they attempted this their ~~blood~~ blood was spilt

at length their provisions did arrive & they were about to enter the city by night & we insted of being Lamanites were Nephites therefore we did take them & their provisions

& notwithstanding the Lamanites being cut off from their support after *this manner* they were still determined to maintain the City therefore it became expedant that we should take those provisions & send them to Judeah & our Prisoners to the land of Zarahemla

& it came to pass that not many days had passed away before the Lamanites began to loose all hopes of sc(cer) therefore they yielded up the city into our hands & thus we had accomplished our designs in obtaining the city Cumeni

~~but~~ but it came to pass that our Prison(er)s were so numerous that notwithstanding the enormity of our number we wer(e) obli-ged to employ all our force to keep them or put them to death

for be hold they (~~\*)~~)would brake out in great numbers & would fight with stones & with clubs or whatsoever thing they could get into their hands insomuch that we did slay upwards of two thousand~~s~~ of them after they had surrendered themselves Pr-isoners of ware

therefore it became expediant for us that we should put an end to their lives or guard them (s)word in hand down to the land of Zarahemla & also our Provisions were not any more than sufficient for our own People not-withstanding that which we had taken from the Lamanites

& now in those Critical circumstances it Became a verry serious matter to determine Con-cerning those Prisoners of war nevertheless we did resolve to send them down to the land of Zarahemla therefore we selected a part of our men & gave them charge over our Prisoners to go down to the Land of Zarahemla

<sup>9</sup>And it came to pass that we [ ] did camp round about the city for many nights; but we did sleep upon our sword(s), and keep guards, that the Lamanites could not come upon us by night and slay us, which they attempted many times; but as many times as they attempted this their [ ] blood was spilt.

<sup>10</sup>At length their provisions did arrive, and they were about to enter the city by night. And we, instead of being Lamanites, were Nephites; therefore, we did take them and their provisions.

<sup>11</sup>And notwithstanding the Lamanites being cut off from their support after this manner, they were still determined to maintain the city; therefore it became expedient that we should take those provisions and send them to Judea[ ], and our prisoners to the land of Zarahemla.

<sup>12</sup>And it came to pass that not many days had passed away before the Lamanites began to lose all hopes of succor; therefore they yielded up the city unto our hands; and thus we had accomplished our designs in obtaining the city Cumeni.

<sup>13</sup>[X]But it came to pass that our prisoners were so numerous that, notwithstanding the enormity of our numbers, we were obli[-]ged to employ all our force to keep them, or to put them to death.

<sup>14</sup>For be [ ]hold, they [ ]would break out in great numbers, and would fight with stones, and with clubs, or whatsoever thing they could get into their hands, insomuch that we did slay upwards of two thousand[ ] of them after they had surrendered themselves pr[-]isoners of war[ ].

<sup>15</sup>Therefore it became expedient for us, that we should put an end to their lives, or guard them, sword in hand, down to the land of Zarahemla; and also our provisions were not any more than sufficient for our own people, not[-]withstanding that which we had taken from the Lamanites.

<sup>16</sup>And now, in those critical circumstances, it became a ver[ ]y serious matter to determine con[-]cerning these prisoners of war; nevertheless, we did resolve to send them down to the land of Zarahemla; therefore we selected a part of our men, and gave them charge over our prisoners to go down to the land of Zarahemla.

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but it came to pass that on the morrow they did return & now behold we did not enquire of them concerning the Prisoners for behold the Lamanites were upon us & they returned in season to save us from falling into their hands for behold  
Epistle to Moro  
 Ammoron had sent to their support a new supply of provision & also a numerous army of men

& it came to pass that those men which we sent with the prisoners did arrive in season to check them as they were about to overpower us

but Behold my little band of twothousand & sixty fought most desper-ately yea they were firm before the Lamanites & did administer death unto all those who opposed them

& as the rema(i)nder of our army were about to give way before the Lamanites behold these twothousand & sixty were firm and unda-nted

yea & they & they did **315** obey & observe to perform every word of command with exactness yea & even according to their faith it was done unto them & I did remember the words which they said unto me (tha)t their Mothers had taught them

& now behold it was these my Sons & those men which had been selected to convey the Prisoners to whom we owe this great ~~vie~~ victory for it was they who did m(beat)et the Lamanites therefore they were driven ba-ck to the city of M-anti

& we retained our City Cumeni & were not all destroy--ed by the sword never-theless we had suffered ~~gred~~ great loss

& it came to pass that after the Lamanites had fled I immediately gave orders to-(that)-hav my men which had been wounded sho-uld be taken from among the dead & caused that their wounds should be dressed

& it came to pass that there were two hundred out of my twothousand & sixtey which had fainted because of the (ef) loss of blood nevertheless according to the goodness of God & to our great astonishment & also the joy of our whole army there was not one soul of them who did perish yea & neither was there one sou-l among them which had not received many wounds

<sup>17</sup>But it came to pass that on the morrow they did return. **And** now behold, we did not inquire of them concerning the prisoners; for behold, the Lamanites were upon us, **and** they returned in season to save us from falling into their hands. **For** behold,  
 [X\_X\_ \_ \_ \_]

Ammoron had sent to their support a new supply of provisions **and** also a numerous army of men.

<sup>18</sup>**And** it came to pass that those men **whom** we sent with the prisoners did arrive in season to check them, as they were about to overpower us.

<sup>19</sup>But behold, my little band of two[\_]thousand **and** sixty fought most desper[-]ately; yea, they were firm before the Lamanites, **and** did administer death unto all those who opposed them.

<sup>20</sup>**And** as the remainder of our army were about to give way before the Lamanites, behold, those t[\_]wo[\_]thousand **and** sixty were firm and undau[-]nted.

<sup>21</sup>Yea, **and** they [X\_X] did obey **and** observe to perform every word of command with exactness; yea, **and** even according to their faith it was done unto them; **and** I did remember the words which they said unto me **that** their mothers had taught them.

<sup>22</sup>**And** now behold, it was these my sons, **and** those men **who** had been selected to convey the prisoners, to whom we owe this great [\_ \_][ ] victory; for it was they who did [\_]beat[\_ \_] the Lamanites; therefore they were driven ba[-]ck to the city of M[-]anti.

<sup>23</sup>**And** we retained our city Cumeni, **and** were not all destroy[-][-]ed by the sword; never[-]theless, we had suffered [\_ \_ \_] great loss.

<sup>24</sup>**And** it came to pass that after the Lamanites had fled, I immediately gave orders [\_ \_][ ]**that**[ ][ \_ \_] my men **who** had been wounded sho[-]uld be taken from among the dead, **and** caused that their wounds should be dressed.

<sup>25</sup>**And** it came to pass that there were two hundred, out of my two[\_]thousand **and** sixt[\_]y, **who** had fainted because of the [X] loss of blood; nevertheless, according to the goodness of God, **and** to our great astonishment, **and** also the joy of our whole army, there was not one soul of them who did perish; yea, **and** neither was there one sou[-]l among them **who** had not received many wounds.

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& now their preservation was astonishing to our whole army yea that they should be spared while there was a thousand of our Brethren which were slain & we do justly ascribe it to the marack-ulous power of God because of their exceeding faith in that which they had been tau-ght to believe that there was a just God & whosoever did not doubt that they sho#uld be preserved by his marvelous power

now this was the faith of these of which I have spoken they are yong & their minds are firm & they do put their trus(ts) in God continually

& now it came to pass that after we had thus taken care of our wounded men & had buried our dead & also the dead of the Lamanites w-hich were many bhold we did inquire of Gid concerning the Prisoners wh-ich they had started to go down to the land of Zarahemla with

now Gid w-as the Chief Captain over the band which was appointed to guard them down to that land

& now these are the words which Gid said unto me behold we di-d start to go down to the land of Zarahemla with our Prisoners & it came to pass pistle that we did meet the spies of our armies which had been sent out to wa-tch the camp of the Lamanites

& they cried u(n)to us saying behold the armies of the La--manites are (a) marching towards the city of Cumeni & behold they will fall upon them (yea) & will destroy our People

& it came to pass that our Prisoners did hear their cries wh-ich caused them to take courage & they did raise up in rebellion against us

& it came to pass because of their rebellion we did cause that our swords should come upon them & it came to pass that they did in a body run upon our swords **316** in the which the greater number of them were slain & the remainder of them brake through & fled from us

& behold when they had fled & we could not overtake them we took our march with speed towards the city Cumeni & behold we did arrive in time that we might p#e ass()ist our brethren in preseriving the city

<sup>26</sup>And now, their preservation was astonishing to our whole army, yea, that they should be spared while there was a th[-]ousand of our brethren who were slain. And we do justly ascribe it to the mirac[ ][-]ulous power of God, because of their exceeding faith in that which they had been tau[-]ght to believe—that there was a just God, and whosoever did not doubt, that they sho[ ][-]uld be preserved by his marvelous power.

<sup>27</sup>Now this was the faith of these of whom I have spoken; they are young, and their minds are firm, and they do put their trust[ ] in God continually.

<sup>28</sup>And now it came to pass that after we had thus taken care of our wounded men, and had buried our dead and also the dead of the Lamanites, who were many, behold, we did inquire of Gid concerning the prisoners wh[-]om[ ] they had started to go down to the land of Zarahemla with.

<sup>29</sup>Now Gid w[-]as the chief captain over the band who was appointed to guard them down to the[ ] land.

<sup>30</sup>And now, these are the words which Gid said unto me: Behold, we di[-]d start to go down to the land of Zarahemla with our prisoners. And it came to pass [ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] that we did meet the spies of our armies, who had been sent out to wa[-]tch the camp of the Lamanites.

<sup>31</sup>And they cried unto us, saying—Behold, the armies of the La[-][-]manites are [ ] marching towards the city of Cumeni; and behold, they will fall upon them, yea, and will destroy our people.

<sup>32</sup>And it came to pass that our prisoners did hear their cries, wh[-]ich caused them to take courage; and they did r[ ]ise up in rebellion against us.

<sup>33</sup>And it came to pass because of their rebellion we did cause that our swords should come upon them. And it came to pass that they did in a body run upon our swords, in the which, the greater number of them were slain; and the remainder of them broke through and fled from us.

<sup>34</sup>And behold, when they had fled and we could not overtake them, we took our march with speed towards the city Cumeni; and behold, we did arrive in time that we might [ \_ \_ ] ass()ist our brethren in preserv[ ]ing the city.

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& behold we are *again* delivered out of the hands of our enemies & *blessed is the name of our God for behold it is he* that hath delivered us *yea that hath done this great thing* for us

now it *came* to pass *that when I Helaman* had heard these words of *Gid* I was filled with *exceeding joy* because of *the goodness of God* in *preserveing us* that we might *not* all *perish* *yea* & I trust that *the souls* souls of them which have been slain *have entered* into the rest of their God

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<sup>35</sup>**And** behold, we are again delivered out of the hands of our enemies. **And** blessed is the name of our God; for behold, it is he that has[ ] delivered us; yea, that has[ ] done this great thing for us.

<sup>36</sup>**Now** it came to pass that when I, Helaman, had heard these words of *Gid*, I was filled with **exceeding** joy because of the goodness of God in **preser[ ]ving** us, that we might not all **perish**; yea, **and** I trust that the [ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] souls of them **who** have been slain have entered into the rest of their God.