

& it came to pass that he wrote *again to the governor of the land which was Pahoron* & these are the words which *he wrote saying behold I direct mine epistle to Pahoron* in the city of *Zarahemla which is the Chief Judge & the governor over the land* & also to all *those who hath been chosen by this People to govern & manage the aff(airs) of this war*

for behold I have some what to say unto them by the way of condemnation *for behold ye yourselves know that ye have been appointed by(to) gather together men & arm them with swords & with Simeters & all manner of weapons (of) war &(of) every kind & send forth against the Lamanites inwh--atsoever parts they should come into our land*

& now behold I say unto you that my-self & also my men & also Helaman & his men have suffered exceding great suf--ferings yea even hunger thirst & fateague & all manner of afflictions of every kind

but behold were this all we had suffered we would not murmur nor com--plain

but behold great has been the slaughter among the people yea thou-sands have fallen by the sword *while it might have* otherwise been if ye had rendered unto our armies *sufficient strength & succor for* them yea great has been your neglect towards us

& now *behold we desire* to know the cause of this ex-ceding great *neglect yea we desire to know the* cause of your thoughtless state

can you think to *sit upon your throans in a state* of thoughtless stupor while your *enemies are spreading the work of death* around you yea while thoy are murdering thousands of your *Brethren*

CHAPTER 60

Moroni complains to Pahoran of the government's neglect of the armies—The Lord suffers the righteous to be slain—The Nephites must use all of their power and means to deliver themselves from their enemies—Moroni threatens to fight against the government unless help is supplied to his armies. About 62 B.C.

¹**And** it came to pass that he wrote *again to the governor of the land, who was Pahoran, and* these are the words which *he wrote, saying: Behold, I direct mine epistle to Pahoran, in the city of Zarahemla, who is the chief judge and the governor over the land, and* also to all *those who have been chosen by this people to govern and manage the aff(airs) of this war.*

²**For** behold, I have some[_]what to say unto them by the way of condemnation; *for behold, ye yourselves know that ye have been appointed [_ _]to* gather together men, **and** arm them with swords, **and** with **cimeters, and** all manner of weapons **of** war **[X]of** every kind, **and** send forth against the Lamanites, in[_]wh[-][-]atsoever parts they should come into our land.

³**And** now behold, I say unto you that my[-]self, **and** also my men, **and** also Helaman **and** his men, have suffered **excedingly** great suf[-][-]ferings; yea, even hunger, thirst, **and** fati[_]gue, **and** all manner of afflictions of every kind.

⁴**But** behold, were this all we had suffered we would not murmur nor com[-][-]plain.

⁵**But** behold, great has been the slaughter among **our** people; yea, thou[-]sands have fallen by the sword, *while it might have* otherwise been if ye had rendered unto our armies *sufficient strength and succor for* them. **Yea,** great has been your neglect towards us.

⁶**And** now behold, we desire to know the cause of this ex[-]cedingly great neglect; yea, we desire to know the cause of your thoughtless state.

⁷**Can** you think to sit upon your **thrones** in a state of thoughtless stupor, while your **enemies are spreading the work of death** around you? **Yea,** while they are murdering thousands of your **brethren—**

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yea even they which have look--ed up to you for protection yea have plased you in a situation that ye might have succoured them yea ye might have sent armies unto them to have strengthened them & have saved thousands of them from falling by the sword

but behold this is not all ye have withheld your provisions **321** from them insomuch that many have faught & bled out their lives because of their great desires which they had for the welfare of this People yea & this they have done when they were about to perish with hungar because of you(r) ex-ceding great neglect towards them

& now my beloved Brethren for ye ought to be beloved yea & ye had ought to have stired yourselves more diligen--tly for the welfare & the freedom of this People but behold ye have neglected them insomuch that the blood of thousands shall come upon your heads for vengeance yea for known unto God were all the(ir) cries & all their sufferings

be-hold could ye suppose that ye could sit upon your thrones & because of the exceding goodness of God ye could do nothing & he would deliver you behold if ye have supposed this ye have supposed invain

do ye suppose that because so many of (you) your Brethren have been Killed because of their wickedness I say unto you if ye have supposed this ye have supposed invain for I say unto you that their are many which have fallen by the sword & behold it is to your condemnation

for the Lord suffereth the righteous to be slain that his Justice & Judgme-nt may come upon the wicked therefore ye need not suppose that the righte--ous are lost becaus they are slain but behold they do enter into the rest of the Lord their God

& now behold I say unto you I fear excedingly that the Judg--ments of God will come upon ~~ye~~(this) people because of their exceding slothfulness yea even the slothfulness of our government & their exceding great neglect towa--rds their brethren yea (towards) those which have been slain

for were it not for the wick--edness which first commenced at our head we could have withstood our ene--mies that they could have gained no power over us

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⁸Yea, even they **who** have look[-][-]ed up to you for protection, yea, have placed you in a situation that ye might have succo[-]red them, yea, ye might have sent armies unto them, to have strengthened them, [] **and** have saved thousands of them from falling by the sword.

⁹But behold, this is not all—ye have withheld your provisions from them, insomuch that many have fought **and** bled out their lives because of their great desires which they had for the wel[-]fare of this people; yea, **and** this they have done when they were about to perish with hunger, because of your ex[-]cedingly great neglect towards them.

¹⁰And now, my beloved brethren—for ye ought to be beloved; yea, **and** ye [X] ought to have stirred yourselves more diligen[-][-]tly for the wel[-]fare **and** the freedom of this people; but behold, ye have neglected them insomuch that the blood of thousands shall come upon your heads for vengeance; yea, for known unto God were all the(ir) cries, **and** all their sufferings—

¹¹Be[-]hold, could ye suppose that ye could sit upon your thrones, **and** because of the exceding goodness of God ye could do nothing **and** he would deliver you? Behold, if ye have supposed this ye have supposed in[-]vain.

¹²Do ye suppose that, because so many of [X] [X] your brethren have been killed **it is** because of their wickedness? I say unto you, if ye have supposed this ye have supposed in[-]vain; for I say unto you, [X] there are many **who** have fallen by the sword; **and** behold it is to your condemnation;

¹³For the Lord suffereth the righteous to be slain that his justice **and** judgme[-]nt may come upon the wicked; therefore ye need not suppose that the righte[-][-]ous are lost because they are slain; but behold, they do enter into the rest of the Lord their God.

¹⁴And now behold, I say unto you, I fear excedingly that the judg[-][-]ments of God will come upon []this[-] people, because of their exceding slothfulness, yea, even the slothfulness of our government, **and** their excedingly great neglect towa[-][-]rds their brethren, yea, **towards** those **who** have been slain.

¹⁵For were it not for the wick[-][-]edness which first commenced at our head, we could have withstood our ene[-][-]mies that they could have gained no power over us.

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yea had it not *been for the war which broke* out among ourselves yea were it not *for those Kingmen which caused* so much bloodshed among ourselves yea *at the time we were contend-*ing among ourselves if we had united our strength as we *hitherto (have) done* yea had it not been for the desire of *power & authority* which those King men had over us had they been *true to the cause of our freedom & united* with us & gone forth against *our enemies instead of taking up* ~~our~~(their) swords against us wh-ich was *the cause of so much bloodshed among* ourselves yea if we had gone forth *against them in the strength of the Lord* we should have *dispersed our enemies* for it would have *been* done according to *thee fulfilling* of his word

but behold now the *Lamanites* are comeing *upon us & they are* murdering our *People* with the sword yea our *women & our Children* taking possession of our *lands & also carrying them away captive* causing them that *they* should suffer all manner **322** of affli-ction(s) & this because of the *great wickedness* of those who are seeking for *power & authority* yea even those *Kingmen*

but why should I say *much concerning this matter* for we know not but what ye yourselves *are a seeking for authority* we *know* not but what ye are also traitors to your *country*

or is it that ye *have neglected* us because ye are in the heart of *our country & ye are surrounded* by security that ye do not cause food *to be sent unto us & also men* to *strengthen* our armies

have ye *forgat the commandments of the* Lord your God yea have ye *for-gat the captivity* of our fathers have ye *forgat the many times w(e) have been delivered* out of the hands of our enemies

or do ye *suppose* that the *Lord will* still deliver us while we sit upon our *throans & do not make* use of the means which the Lord hath *provided for us*

yea will ye sit in idleness while ye are surrou-nded *with thousands* of those yea & tens of thousands ~~of~~(which) ~~hose~~(do) also sit in idleness while there are *thousands* round about in the borders of the land which are falling by the sword yea wounded & bleeding

¹⁶Yea, had it not *been for the war which broke* out among ourselves; yea, were it not *for these king-men, who caused* so much bloodshed among ourselves; yea, *at the time we were contend[-]*ing among ourselves, if we had united our strength as we *hitherto have done*; yea, had it not been for the desire of *power and authority* which those *king-men* had over us; had they been *true to the cause of our freedom, and united* with us, *and* gone forth against our enemies, *instead of tak[] up []their[]* swords against us, wh[-]ich was the cause of so much bloodshed among ourselves; yea, if we had gone forth *against them in the strength of the Lord*, we should have *dispersed our enemies*, for it would have *been* done, according to *the[] fulfilling* of his word.

¹⁷But behold, now the *Lamanites* are com[]ing upon us, *taking possession of our lands, and* they are murdering our *people* with the sword, yea, our *women and our children*, [_ _ _ _ _ X X X X] *and* also carrying them away captive, causing them that they should suffer all manner of affli[-]ctions, *and* this because of the *great wickedness* of those who are seeking for *power and authority*, yea, even those *king-men*.

¹⁸But why should I say *much concerning this matter?* For we know not but what ye yourselves *are [] seeking for authority. We know* not but what ye are also traitors to your *country*.

¹⁹Or is it that ye *have neglected* us because ye are in the heart of *our country and ye are surrounded* by security, that ye do not cause food *to be sent unto us, and also men* to *strengthen* our armies?

²⁰Have ye *forgotten the commandments of the* Lord your God? Yea, have ye *for[-]gotten the captivity* of our fathers? *Have ye forgotten the many times we[] have been delivered* out of the hands of our enemies?

²¹Or do ye *suppose* that the *Lord will* still deliver us, while we sit upon our *thrones and* do not make use of the means which the Lord has[] provided for us?

²²Yea, will ye sit in idleness while ye are surrou[-]nded *with thousands* of those, yea, *and* tens of thousands, [X _]*who[_ _ _] do* also sit in idleness, while there are *thousands* round about in the borders of the land *who* are falling by the sword, yea, wounded *and* bleeding?

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do ye suppose that God will look upon you as guiltless while ye sit still & behold these things behold I say unto you nay now I would that ye should remember that God hath said that the inward vessel shall be cleansed first & then shall the outer vessel be cleansed also

& now except ye do repent of that which ye have done & begin to be up & doing & send forth food & men unto us & also unto Helaman that he may support those parts of our country which he hath obtained that we may also recover the remainder of our possessions in these parts behold it will be expediant that we contend no more with the Lamanites until we have first cleansed our ~~inner~~(inner) vessel yea even the great head of our government

& except ye grant mine Epistle & come out & shew unto me a true spirit of freedom & try to strengthen & fortify our armies & grant unto them food for their support behold I will leave a part of my Freemen to maintain this part of our land & I will leave the strength (& &)of the blessings of God upon them that none other power can operate against them

& this because of their exceding faith & their patience in their tribullations

& I will come unto you & if there be any among you that hath a desire for freedom yea if there be even a spark of freedom remaining behold I will stir up insurrections among you even until those who hath desires to usurp power & authority shall become extinct

yea behold I do not fear your power nor your authority but it is my God whom I fear & it is according to his commandments that I do take my sword to defend the cause of my country & it is because of your iniquity that we have suffered so much loss

behold it is time yea the time is(now) at hand that except ye do bestir yourselves in the defence of your country & your little ones the sword of Justice doth hang over you yea & it shall fall upon you & visit you even to your **323** utter destruction

²³Do ye suppose that God will look upon you as guiltless while ye sit still **and** behold these things? Behold I say unto you, **Nay**. Now I would that ye should remember that God has said that the inward vessel shall be cleansed first, **and** then shall the outer vessel be cleansed also.

²⁴**And** now, except ye do repent of that which ye have done, **and** begin to be up **and** doing, **and** send forth food **and** men unto us, **and** also unto Helaman, that he may sup~~-~~port those parts of our country which he has regained, **and** that we may also recover the remainder of our possessions in these parts, behold it will be expedient that we contend no more with the Lamanites until we have first cleansed our **[X]inward** vessel, yea, even the great head of our government.

²⁵**And** except ye grant mine epistle, **and** come out **and** show unto me a true spirit of freedom, **and** strive to strengthen **and** fortify our armies, **and** grant unto them food for their support, behold I will leave a part of my freemen to maintain this part of our land, **and** I will leave the strength **and** **[X][X]** the blessings of God upon them, that none other power can operate against them—

²⁶**And** this because of their exceeding faith, **and** their patience in their tribul~~l~~ations—

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²⁸Yea, behold I do not fear your power nor your authority, but it is my God whom I fear; **and** it is according to his commandments that I do take my sword to defend the cause of my country, **and** it is because of your iniquity that we have suffered so much loss.

²⁹Behold it is time, yea, the time isnow at hand, that except ye do bestir yourselves in the defence of your country **and** your little ones, the sword of justice doth hang over you; yea, **and** it shall fall upon you **and** visit you even to your utter destruction.

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behold I wait for assistance from you & except ye do adminis-ter unto our relief behold I come unto you even into the land of Zarahemla & smite you with the sword insomuch that ye can have no more power to impede the progress of this people in the cause of our freedom

for behold the Lord will not suffer that ye shall live & wax strong in your iniquities to destroy his righteous people

behold can you suppose that the Lord will spare you & come out in judgment against the Lamanites when it is the tradition of their fathers that has caused ~~†(their)heir~~ hatred yea & it hath been redoubled by those which have dissented from us wh-ile your iniquity is for the cause of your love of glory & the vain things of the world

ye know that ye do transgress the laws of God & ye do know that ye do trample them under your feet behold the Lord saith unto me if those whom ye have appoi-nted your governors do not repent of their sins & iniquities ye shall go up to battle against them

& now behold I Moroni am constrained according to the covenant which I have made to keep the commandments of (my) God therefore I would that ye should adhere to the word of God & send speedily unto me of your provis--ions & of your men & also to Helaman

& behold if ye will not do this I come unto you speedily for behold God will not suffer that we should perish with hunger therefore he will give unto us of your food even if it must be by the sw--ord now see that ye fulfil the word of God

behold I am Moroni your Chief captain I seek not for power but to pull it down I seek not for honour of the world but for the glory of my God & the freedom & welfare of my country & thus I close mine Epistle

³⁰Behold, I wait for assistance from you; **and**, except ye do adminis[-]ter unto our relief, behold, I come unto you, even in[_ _] the land of Zarahemla, **and** smite you with the sword, insomuch that ye can have no more power to impede the progress of this people in the cause of our freedom.

³¹For behold, the Lord will not suffer that ye shall live **and** wax strong in your iniquities to destroy his righteous people.

³²Behold, can you suppose that the Lord will spare you **and** come out in judgment against the Lamanites, when it is the tradition of their fathers that has caused [_]their[_ _ _] hatred, yea, **and** it has[_] been redoubled by those **who** have dissented from us, wh[-]ile your iniquity is for the cause of your love of glory **and** the vain things of the world?

³³Ye know that ye do transgress the laws of God, **and** ye do know that ye do trample them under your feet. Behold, the Lord saith unto me: If those whom ye have appoi[-]nted your governors do not repent of their sins **and** iniquities, ye shall go up to battle against them.

³⁴And now behold, I, Moroni, am constrained, according to the covenant which I have made to keep the commandments of **my** God; therefore I would that ye should adhere to the word of God, **and** send speedily unto me of your provis[-][-]ions **and** of your men, **and** also to Helaman.

³⁵And behold, if ye will not do this I come unto you speedily; for behold, God will not suffer that we should perish with hunger; therefore he will give unto us of your food, even if it must be by the sw[-][-]ord. Now see that ye fulfil the word of God.

³⁶Behold, I am Moroni, your chief captain. I seek not for power, but to pull it down. I seek not for hono[_]r of the world, but for the glory of my God, **and** the freedom **and** wel[_]fare of my country. **And** thus I close mine epistle.