

CHAPTER 1

Pahoran the second becomes chief judge and is murdered by Kishkumen—Pacumeni fills the judgment seat—Coriantumr leads the Lamanite armies, takes Zarahemla, and slays Pacumeni—Moronihah defeats the Lamanites and retakes Zarahemla, and Coriantumr is slain. About 52–50 B.C.

And now behold it came to pass in the commencement of the (fourth fortyeth year of the) Reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi therer began to be a serious difficulty among the People of the Nephites

¹And now behold, it came to pass in the commencement of the [X] fortieth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi, there[] began to be a serious difficulty among the people of the Nephites.

for behold Pahoron had Died & gone the way of all the earth therefore there began to be a serious contention concerning who should have the Judgment seat among the Brethren which were the Sons of Pahoron

²For behold, Pahoran had died, and gone the way of all the earth; therefore there began to be a serious contention concerning who should have the judgment-seat among the brethren, who were the sons of Pahoran.

now these are their names which did contend for the Judgment seat which did also cause the People to contend Pahoron Paa(n)chi & Pacumeni

³Now these are their names who did con[-]tend for the judgment-seat, who did also cause the people to contend: Pahoran, Paanchi, and Pacumeni.

now these are not all the Sons of Pahoron for he had many but these are they which did contend for the Judgment seat therefore they did cause three divisions among the People

⁴Now these are not all the sons of Pahoran (for he had many), but these are they who did contend for the judgment-seat; therefore, they did cause three divisions among the people.

nevertheless it came to pass that Pa-horon was appointed by the voice of the People to be chiefe Judge & a governor with the Neph(i)tes over the people of Nephi

⁵Nevertheless, it came to pass that Pa[-]horan was appointed by the voice of the people to be chief[] judge and a governor [X_X_X] over the people of Nephi.

& it came to pass that Pacumeni when he saw that he could not obtain the Judgmentseat he did **331** unite with the voice of the people

⁶And it came to pass that Pacumeni, when he saw that he could not obtain the judgment-seat, he did unite with the voice of the people.

but behold Paanchi & that part of the People that were desireous that he should be their Governor was exceding wroth therefore he was about to flatter away those people to rise up in rebellion against their Brethren

⁷But behold, Paanchi, and that part of the people that were desir[]ous that he should be their governor, was exceedingly wroth; therefore, he was about to flatter away those people to rise up in rebellion against their brethren.

& it came to pass as he was about to do this behold he was taken & was tried according to the voice of the People & condemned unto death for he had raised up in rebellion & sought to destroy the liberty of the people

⁸And it came to pass as he was about to do this, behold, he was taken, and was tried according to the voice of the people, and condemned unto death; for he had raised up in rebellion and sought to destroy the liberty of the people.

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now when those *People which were desirous* that he should *be* their Governor saw that he was condemned unto *Death* therefore they were anga(ry) & behold they sent forth *one Kishcumen* even to the Judgment seat of Pa(horon) & murdered Pahoron as he sat upon the Judgment seat

& he was persued by the servants of Pahoron but *behold so* speedy was the flight of Kishcumen that no man could overtake him

& he went unto those that sent him & they all enter(ed) into a covenant yea swearing by their everlasting maker that they would tell no man that Kishcumen had murdered Pahoron

therefore Kishcumen was not known among the people of *Nephi* for he was in disguise at the time that he murdered Pahoron & Kishcumen & his band which had covenanted with him did mi(n)gle themselves among the People in ~~a~~ manner that they all could not be found but as many as were found were condemned unto death

& now behold Pacumeni was appointed according to the voice of the People to be a chief Judge & a Gover(n)or over the people to Reign in the stead of his Brother Pahoron & it was accor(d)ing to his right & all this was done in the fortyeth year of the Reign of the Judges & it had an end

& it came to pass in the forty & first year of the Reign of the Jud(ges) that the Lamanites had gathered together an innumerable army of men & had & ~~at~~ armed them with sword(s) & with simeters & with bows & with arrows & with head plates & with Breast plates & with all manner of shields of every kind

& they came down again that they might pitch Battle against the Nephites & they were lead by a man whose name was ~~Coriantumr~~ Coriantumr & he was a desendant of Zarahemla & he was a desenter from among the Nephites & he was a large & a mig(hty) man

therefore the King of the Lamanites whose name was Tubaloth who was the son of Ammoron now Tubaloth supposing that Coriantumr he being a m(i)ghty man could stand against the Nephites insomuch with his strength & also with his great wisdom that by sending him forth he should gain power over the Nephites

⁹Now when those **people who** were desir[]ous that he should be their **governor** saw that he was condemned unto **death**, therefore they were ang[](ry), **and** behold, they sent forth **one Kishkumen**, even to the **judgment-seat** of Pa(horan), **and** murdered Pahoran as he sat upon the **judgment-seat**.

¹⁰**And** he was **pursued** by the servants of Pahoran; but behold, so speedy was the flight of Kishkumen that no man could overtake him.

¹¹**And** he went unto those that sent him, **and** they all enter(ed) into a covenant, yea, swearing by their everlasting **Maker**, that they would tell no man that Kishkumen had murdered Pahoran.

¹²**T**herefore, Kishkumen was not known among the people of Nephi, for he was in disguise at the time that he murdered Pahoran. **And** Kishkumen **and** his band, **who** had covenanted with him, did mi(n)gle themselves among the **people**, in a [] manner that they all could not be found; but as many as were found were condemned unto death.

¹³**And** now behold, Pacumeni was appointed, according to the voice of the **people**, to be a chief **judge and a gover**(nor) over the people, to **reign** in the stead of his **brother Pahoran**; **and** it was accor(d)ing to his right. **And** all this was done in the fortieth year of the **reign** of the **judges**; **[X] and** it had an end.

¹⁴**And** it came to pass in the forty **and** first year of the **reign** of the **jud**(ges), that the Lamanites had gathered together an innumerable army of men, **[X_X] and [X]** armed them with swords, **and** with **cimeters and** with bows, **and** with arrows, **and** with head-plates, **and** with **breast[]plates, and** with all manner of shields of every kind.

¹⁵**And** they came down again that they might pitch **battle** against the Nephites. **And** they were le[]d by a man whose name was [_ _ _ _ _] Coriantumr; **and** he was a descendant of Zarahemla; **and** he was a **dis**senter from among the Nephites; **and** he was a large **and** a mig(hty) man.

¹⁶**T**herefore, the **king** of the Lamanites, whose name was Tubaloth, who was the son of Ammoron, **[X_X]** suppos[]ing that Coriantumr, **[X]** being a mi(ghty) man, could stand against the Nephites, **[X]** with his strength **and** also with his great wisdom, **insomuch** that by sending him forth he should gain power over the Nephites—

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& suppos-ing that their greatest strength was in the centre of the land therefore he did march forth giving them no time to assemble themselves together save it were in sm-all boddies & # in this manner they did fall upon them & cut them down to the earth

but behold this march of Coriantumrs through the centre of the land gave Moro-nihah great advantage over them notwithstanding the greatness of the number of the Nephites which were slain

for behold Moronihah had supposed that the Lamanites dearst not come into the centre of the land but that they would attack the Cities round about in the borders as they had hitherto done therefore Moronihah had caused that their strong armies should maintain those parts round about by the borders

but behold the Lamanites were not frightened accord-ing to his desire but they had come into the centre of the land & had taken the capatal City ~~which~~ which was the city of Zarahemla & were mar--ching through the most capital parts of the land slaying the People with a great sla--u-ghter both men women & children taking possession of many Cities & (of) many es & C strong holds

but when Moronihah had discovered this he immediately sent forth Lehi with an army round about to head them before they should come to the land Bountiful

& thus he did & he did head them before they came to the land Bountiful & **533** gave unto them battle insomuch that they began to retreat back towards the land of Zarahemla

& it came to pass that Moronihah did head them in their retreat & did give unto them battle insomuch that it became an exceding bloody battle yea many were slain & among the number which were slain Coriantumr was also found

& now behold the Lamanites could not retreat neither way neith()er on the nor--th nor on the south nor on the East nor on the West for they were sur()rounded on every hand by the Nephites

²⁴And, suppos[-]ing that their greatest strength was in the center of the land, therefore he did march forth, giv[]ing them no time to assemble themselves together save it were in sm[-]all bod[]ies; and [X] in this manner they did fall upon them and cut them down to the earth.

²⁵But behold, this march of Coriantumr[] through the center of the land gave Moro[-]nihah great advantage over them, notwithstanding the greatness of the number of the Nephites who were slain.

²⁶For behold, Moronihah had supposed that the Lamanites du[]rst not come into the center of the land, but that they would attack the cities round about in the borders as they had hitherto done; therefore Moronihah had caused that their strong armies should maintain those parts round about by the borders.

²⁷But behold, the Lamanites were not frightened accord[-]ing to his desire, but they had come into the center of the land, and had taken the capital city [X] which was the city of Zarahemla, and were mar[-][-]ching through the most capital parts of the land, slaying the people with a great sla[-][-]u[-]ghter, both men, women, and children, tak[]ing possession of many cities and of many [_ _ X] strong[]holds.

²⁸But when Moronihah had discovered this, he immediately sent forth Lehi with an army round about to head them before they should come to the land Bountiful.

²⁹And thus he did; and he did head them before they came to the land Bountiful, and gave unto them battle, insomuch that they began to retreat back towards the land of Zarahemla.

³⁰And it came to pass that Moronihah did head them in their retreat, and did give unto them battle, insomuch that it became an exceedingly bloody battle; yea, many were slain, and among the number who were slain Coriantumr was also found.

³¹And now, behold, the Lamanites could not retreat []either way, neith()er on the nor[-][-]th, nor on the south, nor on the east, nor on the west, for they were sur()rounded on every hand by the Nephites.

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& thus had Coriantumr plunged the Lamanites into the midst of the Nephites insomuch that they were in the power of the Nephites & he himself was slain & the Lamanites did yield themselves up into the hands of the Nephites

& it came to pass that Moroni-hah took possession of the city of Zarahemla again & caused that the ~~L~~ Lamanites which had been taken prisoners should depart out of the land in peace

& thus ended the forty & first year of the reign of the Judges

³²And thus had Coriantumr plunged the Lamanites into the midst of the Nephites, insomuch that they were in the power of the Nephites, and he himself was slain, and the Lamanites did yield themselves [X] into the hands of the Nephites.

³³And it came to pass that Moroni[-]hah took possession of the city of Zarahemla again, and caused that the [_] Lamanites who had been taken prisoners should depart out of the land in peace.

³⁴And thus ended the forty and first year of the reign of the judges.