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#### **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.

<sup>1</sup>And 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.

<sup>2</sup>For 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.

<sup>3</sup>Now these are their names **who** did **con**[-]tend for the **j**udgment-seat, **who** did also cause the **p**eople to contend: Pahoran, Paanchi, and Pacumeni.

<sup>4</sup>Now 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[-]horan was appointed by the voice of the people to be chief[\_] judge and a governor [X\_X\_X] over the people of Nephi.

<sup>6</sup>And 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, 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.

<sup>8</sup>And 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.

And now behold it came to pass in the commencement of the (forth 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

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

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

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

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& 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

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now when those People which were desireous 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 Kishkumen 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 & Kishkumen & his band which had covenanted with him did mi()ngle themselves among the People in am 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()nor 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 Coriantummer 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 supposeing 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

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Now 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.

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

all enter()ed into a covenant, yea, swearing by their everlasting Maker, that they would tell no man that Kishkumen had murdered Pahoran.

12Therefore, 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()ngle themselves among the people, in a [] manner that they all could not be found; but as many as were found were condemned unto death.

<sup>13</sup>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 accord()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.

<sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>And they came down again that they might pitch battle against the Nephites. And they were le[\_]d by a man whose name was [\_\_\_\_\_] Coriantum; and he was a descendant of Zarahemla; and he was a dissenter from among the Nephites; and he was a large and a mig()hty man.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore, 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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there(f)or(e)-e he did stir them up to angar & he did gather together his ar()mies & he did appoint Coriantumr to be their leader & did cause that they the Lamanites take City of Zarahem should march down to the land of Zarahemla to battle against the Nephites

& it came to pass that because of so much contention & so much difficulty in the government 332 that they had not kept sufficient guards in the land of Zarahemla for they had supposed that the Lamanites dearst not come into the heart of their lands & attact that great City Zarahemla

but it came to pass that Coriantumr did march forth at the head of thei his numerous host & came upon the inhabita-nts of the city & their march was with such exceding great speed that there was no time for the Nephites to gather together their armies

therefore Coriantumr did cut down the watch by the enterance of the City & did march forth with his whole army into the city & they did slay every one who did oppose them insomu-ch that they did take possession of the whole city

- & it came to pass that Pacumeni which was the chief Judges did flee before Coriantumr even to the walls of the city & it came to pass that Coriantumr did smite him against the wall insomuch that he died & thus ended the days of Pacumeni
- & now when Coriantumr saw that he was in possession of the City of Zarahemla & saw that the Nephites had fled before them & were slain & were taken & were cast into prison & that he had obtained the possession of the strongest holds in all the land his heart took courage insomuch that he was about to go forth against all the land
- & now he did not tarry in the land of Zarahemla but he did march forth with a large army even towards the City of Bountiful for it was his determination to go forth & cut his way th-rough with the sword that he might obtain the North parts of the land

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<sup>17</sup>Therefore[\_\_] he did stir them up to anger, and he did gather together his ar()mies, and he did appoint Coriantumr to be their leader, and did cause that they

[X\_X\_X\_X\_]

should march down to the land of Zarahemla to

battle against the Nephites.

- <sup>18</sup>And it came to pass that because of so much contention and so much difficulty in the government, that they had not kept sufficient guards in the land of Zarahemla; for they had supposed that the Lamanites du\_lrst not come into the heart of their lands to attack that great city Zarahemla.
- <sup>19</sup>But it came to pass that Coriantumr did march forth at the head of [\_\_\_\_] his numerous host, and came upon the inhabita[-]nts of the city, and their march was with such exceedingly great speed that there was no time for the Nephites to gather together their armies.
- <sup>20</sup>Therefore Coriantumr did cut down the watch by the ent[\_]rance of the city, and did march forth with his whole army into the city, and they did slay every one who did oppose them, insomu[-]ch that they did take possession of the whole city.
- <sup>21</sup>And it came to pass that Pacumeni, who was the chief judge[\_], did flee before Coriantumr, even to the walls of the city. And it came to pass that Coriantumr did smite him against the wall, insomuch that he died. And thus ended the days of Pacumeni.
- <sup>22</sup>And now when Coriantumr saw that he was in possession of the city of Zarahemla, and saw that the Nephites had fled before them, and were slain, and were taken, and were cast into prison, and that he had obtained the possession of the strongest hold[\_] in all the land, his heart took courage insomuch that he was about to go forth against all the land.
- <sup>23</sup>And now he did not tarry in the land of Zarahemla, but he did march forth with a large army, even towards the city of Bountiful; for it was his determination to go forth and cut his way th[-]rough with the sword, that he might obtain the north parts of the land.

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& suppos-ing that their greatest strength was in the centre of the land therefore he did march forth giveing 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 sentre 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 takeing possession of many Cities & (of) many es & C strong holds

but when Moronihah had discovered this he immediately sent fortt 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 & 333 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 *La*manites 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

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- <sup>24</sup>And, 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.
- <sup>25</sup>But 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.
- <sup>26</sup>For 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.
- <sup>27</sup>But 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.
- <sup>28</sup>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.
- <sup>29</sup>And 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.
- <sup>30</sup>And 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 Coriantum was also found.
- <sup>31</sup>And 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 Laman()ites 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 La Lamanites which had been taken prisoners should depart out of the land in peace
- & thus ende(d) the forty & first year of the reign of the Judges
- <sup>32</sup>And thus had Coriantum plunged the Laman()ites 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.
- <sup>33</sup>And 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.
- <sup>34</sup>And thus ended the forty and first year of the reign of the judges.