

& it came to pass in the forty & second year of the reign of the Judges after Moronihah had established again the peace between the Neph(ites) & the Lamanites behold there was no one to fill the Judgment seat therefore there began to be a contention again among the people concerning who should fill the Judgmentseat

& it came to pass that Helaman which was the Son of Helaman was appointed to fill the Judgmentseat by the voice of the People

but behold Kishcumen who had murdered Pahoron did lay wait to destroy Helaman also & he was upheld by his band which had entered into a covenant that no one should know his wickedness

for there was one Gadianton who was exceeding expert in many words & also in his craft to carry on the secret work of murder & of robbery therefore he became the leader of the band of Kishcumen

therefore he did flatter them & also Kishcumen that if they would place him in the Judgment seat he would grant unto those which belonged to his band that they should be placed in power & authority among the People therefore Kishcumen sought to destroy Helaman

& it came to pass as he went forth towards the Judgment seat to destroy Helaman behold one of the servants of Helaman having been out by night & having obtained through disguise a knowledge of those plans which had been laid by this band to destroy Helaman

& it came to pass that he met Kishcumen & he gave unto him a sign therefore Kishcumen made known unto him the object of his desire desiring that he would conduct him to the Judgment seat that he might murder Helaman

**CHAPTER 2**

*Helaman, the son of Helaman, becomes chief judge—Gadianton leads the band of Kishkumen—Helaman's servant slays Kishkumen, and the Gadianton band flees into the wilderness. About 50–49 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass in the forty and second year of the reign of the judges, after Moronihah had established again [X] peace between the Neph(ites) and the Lamanites, behold there was no one to fill the judgment-seat; therefore there began to be a contention again among the people concerning who should fill the judgment-seat.

<sup>2</sup>And it came to pass that Helaman, who was the son of Helaman, was appointed to fill the judgment-seat, by the voice of the people.

<sup>3</sup>But behold, Kishkumen, who had murdered Pahoran, did lay wait to destroy Helaman also; and he was upheld by his band, who had entered into a covenant that no one should know his wickedness.

<sup>4</sup>For there was one Gadianton, who was exceedingly expert in many words, and also in his craft, to carry on the secret work of murder and of robbery; therefore he became the leader of the band of Kishkumen.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore he did flatter them, and also Kishkumen, that if they would place him in the judgment-seat he would grant unto those who belonged to his band that they should be placed in power and authority among the people; therefore Kishkumen sought to destroy Helaman.

<sup>6</sup>And it came to pass as he went forth towards the judgment-seat to destroy Helaman, behold one of the servants of Helaman, having been out by night, and having obtained, through disguise, a knowledge of those plans which had been laid by this band to destroy Helaman—

<sup>7</sup>And it came to pass that he met Kishkumen, and he gave unto him a sign; therefore Kishkumen made known unto him the object of his desire, desiring that he would conduct him to the judgment-seat that he might murder Helaman.

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& it came to pass *that when the servant of Helaman had known all the heart of ~~Kish~~ Kishkumen & how that it was his object to murder & also that it was the object of Some of the Neph all those which belonged to his band to murder & to rob & to gain power & this was their secret plan & their combination the Servant of Helaman sayeth unto Kishcumen let us go forth unto the Judgmentseat*

*now this did please Kishkumen exceedingly for he did suppose that he should accomplish his design but behold the servant of Helaman as they were going forth unto the Judgmentseat did stab Ki-shcumen even to the heart that he fell dead without a groan & he ran & told Helaman all the **334** things which he had seen & heard & ~~æ~~ done*

*& it came to pass that Helaman did send forth to take this band of robbers & secret murderers that they might be executed according to the law*

*but behold when Gaddianton had found that Kishkumen did not return he feared lest that ~~the~~ he should be destroyed therefore he caused that his band should follow him & they took their flight out of the land by a secret way into the wilderness & thus when Helaman sent forth to take them they could no where be found*

*& more of this Gaddianton shall be spoken hereafter & thus ended the forty & second year of the reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi*

*& behold in the end of this Book ye shall see that this Gadianon did prove the overthrow of yea almost the entire destruction of the people of Nephi*

*beh-old I ~~do~~ do not mean the end of the Book of Helaman but I mean the end of the Book of Nephi from which I have taken all the account which I have written—*

<sup>8</sup>**And** [X\_X\_X\_X\_X] when the servant of Helaman had known all the heart of [ \_ \_ \_ ] Kishkumen, **and** how that it was his object to murder, **and** also that it was the object of [X\_X\_X\_ \_ \_ \_ ] all those **who** belonged to his band to murder, **and** to rob, **and** to gain power, (**and** this was their secret plan, **and** their combination) the servant of Helaman **said** unto Kishkumen: **Let us go forth unto the judgment-seat.**

<sup>9</sup>**Now** this did please Kishkumen exceedingly, for he did suppose that he should accomplish his design; but behold, the servant of Helaman, as they were going forth unto the judgment-seat, did stab Ki[-]shkumen even to the heart, that he fell dead without a groan. **And** he ran **and** told Helaman all the things which he had seen, **and** heard, **and** [ \_ ] done.

<sup>10</sup>**And** it came to pass that Helaman did send forth to take this band of robbers **and** secret murderers, that they might be executed according to the law.

<sup>11</sup>**But** behold, when Gad[ \_ ]ianton had found that Kishkumen did not return he feared lest that [X] he should be destroyed; therefore he caused that his band should follow him. **And** they took their flight out of the land, by a secret way, into the wilderness; **and** thus when Helaman sent forth to take them they could no [ \_ ] where be found.

<sup>12</sup>**And** more of this Gad[ \_ ]ianton shall be spoken hereafter. **And** thus ended the forty **and** second year of the reign of the judges over the **people** of Nephi.

<sup>13</sup>**And** behold, in the end of this **book** ye shall see that this Gadianon did prove the overthrow [X], yea, al[ \_ ]most the entire destruction of the people of Nephi.

<sup>14</sup>**Beh**[-]old I [X\_ \_ ] do not mean the end of the **book** of Helaman, but I mean the end of the **book** of Nephi, from which I have taken all the account which I have written[ \_ ].