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Chapter ——— ———

352 And now it came to pass in the seventy & second year of the reign of the Judges that the contentions did increase insomuch that (there) were wars throughout all the land among all the people of Nephi

& it was this secret band of robbers which did carry on this work of destruction & wickedness & this war did last all that year & in the seventy & third year it did also last

& it came to pass that in this year Nephi did cry unto the Lord saying

O Lord do not suffer that this people shall be destroyed by the sword but O Lord rather let there be a famine in the land to stir them up in remembrance of the Lord their God & per--haps they will repent & turn unto thee

& so it was done according to the words of Nephi & there was a great famine upon the land among all the people of Nephi & thus in the seventy & fourth year the famine did continue & the work of destruction did cease by the sword but became soar by famine

& this work of destruction did also contin--ue in the seventy & fifth for the earth was smitten that it was dry & did not yi--eld forth grain in the season of grain & the whole earth was smitten even among the Lamanites as well as among the Nephites so that they were smitten that they did perish by thousands in the more wicked parts of the land

& it came to pass that the people saw that they were about to perish by famine & they began to remember the Lord their God & they began to remember the words of Nephi

CHAPTER 11 [X] []

Nephi persuades the Lord to replace their war with a famine—Many people perish—They repent, and Nephi importunes the Lord for rain—Nephi and Lehi receive many revelations—The Gadianton robbers entrench themselves in the land. About 20–6 B.C.

¹And now it came to pass in the seventy **and** second year of the reign of the **j**udges that the contentions did increase, insomuch that **there** were wars throughout all the land among all the people of Nephi.

²**And** it was this secret band of robbers **who** did carry on this work of destruction **and** wickedness. **And** this war did last all that year; **and** in the seventy **and** third year it did also last.

³**And** it came to pass that in this year Nephi did cry unto the Lord, saying:

⁴O Lord, do not suffer that this people shall be destroyed by the sword; but O Lord, rather let there be a famine in the land, to stir them up in rememb[]rance of the Lord their God, **and** per[-][-]haps they will repent **and** turn unto thee.

⁵**And** so it was done, according to the words of Nephi. **And** there was a great famine upon the land, among all the people of Nephi. **And** thus in the seventy **and** fourth year the famine did continue, **and** the work of destruction did cease by the sword but became sore by famine.

⁶**And** this work of destruction did also contin[-][-]ue in the seventy **and** fifth year. **F**or the earth was smitten that it was dry, **and** did not yi[-][-]eld forth grain in the season of grain; **and** the whole earth was smitten, even among the Lamanites as well as among the Nephites, so that they were smitten that they did perish by thousands in the more wicked parts of the land.

⁷**And** it came to pass that the people saw that they were about to perish by famine, **and** they began to remember the Lord their God; **and** they began to remember the words of Nephi.

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& the people began to plead with their chief Judges & their leaders that they would say unto Nephi behold we know that thou art a man of God & therefore cry unto the Lord our God that he turn away from us this fa-mine lest all the words which thou hast spoken concerning our destruction be fulfilled

& it came to pass that the Judges did say unto Nephi according to the words which had been desired & it came to pass that when Nephi saw that the people had repented & did humble themselves in sack cloth he cried again unto the Lord say-ing

O Lord behold this people repenteth & they have swept away the band of Gadian--ton from amongst them insomuch that they have become extinct & they have concealed their secret plans in the earth

now O Lord because of this their humility wilt thou turn away thine anger & let thine anger be appeased in the destruction of those wicked men whom thou hast already destroyed

O Lord wilt thou turn away thine anger yea thy fierce anger & cause that this famine may cease in this land

O Lord wilt thou hear-ken unto me & cause that it may be done according to my words & send forth rain up-on the face of the earth that she may bring forth her fruit & her grain in the season of grain

O Lord thou didst hearken unto my words when I said let there be a famine that the pesti--lence of the sword might cease & I know that thou wilt even at this time hearken unto my words for thou saidst that if this people repent I will spare them

yea O Lord & thou seest that they have repented because of the famine & the pestilence & destruc--tion which has come unto them

& now O Lord wilt thou turn away thine anger & try again if they will serve thee & if so O Lord thou ea(canst)st bless them according to **353** to thy word which thou hast said

⁸**And** the people began to plead with their chief judges **and** their leaders, that they would say unto Nephi: **Behold**, we know that thou art a man of God, **and** therefore cry unto the Lord our God that he turn away from us this fa[-]mine, lest all the words which thou hast spoken concerning our destruction be fulfilled.

⁹**And** it came to pass that the judges did say unto Nephi, according to the words which had been desired. **And** it came to pass that when Nephi saw that the people had repented **and** did humble themselves in sack[_]cloth, he cried again unto the Lord, say[-]ing:

¹⁰O Lord, behold this people repenteth; **and** they have swept away the band of Gadian[-][-]ton from amongst them insomuch that they have become extinct, **and** they have concealed their secret plans in the earth.

¹¹Now, O Lord, because of this their humility wilt thou turn away thine anger, **and** let thine anger be appeased in the destruction of those wicked men whom thou hast already destroyed.

¹²O Lord, wilt thou turn away thine anger, yea, thy fierce anger, **and** cause that this famine may cease in this land.

¹³O Lord, wilt thou hear[-]ken unto me, **and** cause that it may be done according to my words, **and** send forth rain up[-]on the face of the earth, that she may bring forth her fruit, **and** her grain in the season of grain.

¹⁴O Lord, thou didst hearken unto my words when I said, **Let** there be a famine, that the pesti[-][-]lence of the sword might cease; **and** I know that thou wilt, even at this time, hearken unto my words, for thou saidst that: **If** this people repent I will spare them.

¹⁵Yea, O Lord, **and** thou seest that they have repented, because of the famine **and** the pestilence **and** destruc[-][-]tion which has come unto them.

¹⁶**And** now, O Lord, wilt thou turn away thine anger, **and** try again if they will serve thee? **And** if so, O Lord, thou [_ _]canst[_ _] bless them according to thy words which thou hast said.

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& it came to pass that in the seventy & sixth year the Lord did turn away his anger from the people & caused that ~~re~~(rain)~~ign~~ should fall upon the earth insomuch that it did bring forth her fruit in the season of her fru--it & it came to pass that it did bring forth her grain (in) ~~&--it~~ (the) season of her grain

& behold the people did rejoice & glorify God & the whole face of the land was filled with rejoicing & they did no more seek to destroy Nephi but they did esteem him as a great prophet & man of God having great power & authority given unto him from God

& behold Lehi his brother was not a whit behind him as to things perta--ining to righteousness

& thus it did come to pass that the people of Nephi began to pr--osper again in the land & began to build up their waste places & began to multiply & spread even until they did cover the whole face of the land both on the Northward & on the Southward from the Sea west to the Sea east

& it came to pass that the se--venty & sixth year did end in peace & the seventy & seventh year began in peace & the church did spread throughout the face of all the land & the more part of the peo--ple both the Nephites & the Lamanites did belong to the church & they did have exceeding great peace in the land & thus ended the seventy & seventh year

& also they had peace in the seventy & eighth year save it were a few contentions (concerning)the points of doctrine which had been laid down by the prophets

& in the sev--enty & ninth year there began to be much strife but it came to pass that Nephi & Lehi & many of their brethren which knew concerning the true points of doctri--ne having many revelations daily therefore they did preach unto the people insomuch that they did put an end (to) their strife in that same year

¹⁷**And** it came to pass that in the seventy **and** sixth year the Lord did turn away his anger from the people, **and** caused that [_]rain[_ _] should fall upon the earth, insomuch that it did bring forth her fruit in the season of her fru[-]-it. **And** it came to pass that it did bring forth her grain **in [X_X] the** season of her grain.

¹⁸**And** behold, the people did rejoice **and** glorify God, **and** the whole face of the land was filled with rejoic[_]ing; **and** they did no more seek to destroy Nephi, but they did esteem him as a great prophet, **and a** man of God, having great power **and** authority given unto him from God.

¹⁹**And** behold, Lehi, his brother, was not a whit behind him as to things perta[-]ining to righteousness.

²⁰**And** thus it did come to pass that the people of Nephi began to pr[-]-osper again in the land, **and** began to build up their waste places, **and** began to multiply **and** spread, even until they did cover the whole face of the land, both on the **northward and** on the **southward**, from the **sea** west to the **sea** east.

²¹**And** it came to pass that the se[-]-venty **and** sixth year did end in peace. **And** the seventy **and** seventh year began in peace; **and** the church did spread throughout the face of all the land; **and** the more part of the peo[-]-ple, both the Nephites **and** the Lamanites, did belong to the church; **and** they did have exce**edingly** great peace in the land; **and** thus ended the seventy **and** seventh year.

²²**And** also they had peace in the seventy **and** eighth year, save it were a few contentions **concerning[_]**the points of doctrine which had been laid down by the prophets.

²³**And** in the sev[-]-enty **and** ninth year there began to be much strife. **But** it came to pass that Nephi **and** Lehi, **and** many of their brethren **who** knew concerning the true points of doctri[-]-ne, having many revelations daily, therefore they did preach unto the people, insomuch that they did put an end **to** their strife in that same year.

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& it came to pass that in the ~~eighteenth~~ eightieth year of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi there were a certain number of the dissenters from the people of Nephi which had some years before gone over unto the Lamanites & took upon themselves the name of Lamanites & also a certain number which were real descendants of the Lamanites being stirred up to anger by them or by those dissenters therefore they commenced a war with their brethren

& they did commit murder & plunder & then they would retreat back into the mountains & into the wilderness & secret places hiding themselves that they could not be discovered receiving daily an addition to their numbers in as much as there were dissenters that went forth unto them

& thus in time yea even in the space of not many years they became an exceeding great band(of) robbers & they did search out all the secret plans of Gadianton & thus they became robbers of Gadianton

now behold these robbers did make great havoc yea even great destruction among the people of Nephi & also among the people of the Lamanites

& it came to pass that it was expedient that there should be a stop put to this work of destruction therefore they sent an army of strong men into the wilderness & upon the mountains to search out this band of robbers & to destroy them

but behold it came to pass that in that same **354** year they were driven back even into their own lands & thus ended the eightieth yea year of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi

& it came to pass in the commencement of of the eighty & first year they did go forth again against this band of robbers & did destroy many & they were also visited with much destruction

they were again obliged to return out of the wilderness & out of the mountains unto their own lands because of the exceeding greatness of the numbers of those robbers which infested the mountains & the wilderness

²⁴**And** it came to pass that in the [-----] eightieth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi, there were a certain number of the dissenters from the people of Nephi, **who** had some years before gone over unto the Lamanites, **and taken** upon themselves the name of Lamanites, **and** also a certain number **who** were real descendants of the Lamanites, being stirred up to anger by them, or by those dissenters, therefore they commenced a war with their brethren.

²⁵**And** they did commit murder **and** plunder; **and** then they would retreat back into the mountains, **and** into the wilderness **and** secret places, hiding themselves that they could not be discovered, receiving daily an addition to their numbers, in [] as [] much as there were dissenters that went forth unto them.

²⁶**And** thus in time, yea, even in the space of not many years, they became an exceedingly great band [] of robbers; **and** they did search out all the secret plans of Gadianton; **and** thus they became robbers of Gadianton.

²⁷**Now** behold, these robbers did make great havoc [], yea, even great destruction among the people of Nephi, **and** also among the people of the Lamanites.

²⁸**And** it came to pass that it was expedient that there should be a stop put to this work of destruction; therefore they sent an army of strong men into the wilderness **and** upon the mountains to search out this band of robbers, **and** to destroy them.

²⁹**But** behold, it came to pass that in that same year they were driven back even into their own lands. **And** thus ended the eightieth [X] year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi.

³⁰**And** it came to pass in the commencement of [X] the eighty **and** first year they did go forth again against this band of robbers, **and** did destroy many; **and** they were also visited with much destruction.

³¹**And** they were again obliged to return out of the wilderness **and** out of the mountains unto their own lands, because of the exceeding greatness of the numbers of those robbers **who** infested the mountains **and** the wilderness.

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& it came to pass that thus ended this year & the robbers did still increase & wax strong insomuch that they did defy the whole armies of the Nephites & also of the Lamanites & they did cause great fear to come unto the people upon all the face of the land

yea for they did visit many parts of the land & did do great destruction unto them yea did kill many & did carry away others captive into the wilderness yea & more especially their women & their children

& now this great evil which come unto the people because of their iniquity did stir them up again in remembrance of the Lord their God

& thus ended the eighty & fist year of the reign of the Judges

& in the eighty & second year they began again to forget the Lord their God & in the eighty & third year they began to wax strong in iniquity & in the eighty & fourth year they did not mend their ways

& it came to pass in the eighty & fifth year they did wax stronger & stronger in their pride & in their wickedness & thus they were ripening again for destruction

& thus ended the eighty & fifth year

³²**And** it came to pass that thus ended this year. **And** the robbers did still increase **and** wax strong, insomuch that they did defy the whole armies of the Nephites, **and** also of the Lamanites; **and** they did cause great fear to come unto the people upon all the face of the land.

³³**Yea**, for they did visit many parts of the land, **and** did do great destruction unto them; yea, did kill many, **and** did carry away others captive into the wilderness, yea, **and** more especially their women **and** their children.

³⁴**[X]** Now this great evil, which came unto the people because of their iniquity, did stir them up again in rememb[]rance of the Lord their God.

³⁵**And** thus ended the eighty **and** first year of the reign of the judges.

³⁶**And** in the eighty **and** second year they began again to forget the Lord their God. **And** in the eighty **and** third year they began to wax strong in iniquity. **And** in the eighty **and** fourth year they did not mend their ways.

³⁷**And** it came to pass in the eighty **and** fifth year they did wax stronger **and** stronger in their pride, **and** in their wickedness; **and** thus they were ripening again for destruction.

³⁸**And** thus ended the eighty **and** fifth year.