

Helaman 1

The Book of Helaman——

Chapter——I——

An Account of the Nephites
their Wars & Contentions & their dissensions—
& also the *Prophecies* of many Holy Propets before the coming of Christ
according to the Reckord of Helaman which was the Son of Helaman
& also according to the Records of his Sons
even down to the coming of Christ

& also many of the Lamanites are converted—
An accoœunt of their conversion

an account of the *righteousness of the Lamanites*
& the *wickedness & abominations of the Nephites*
according to the Reckord of *Helaman* & his Sons
even down to the coming of Christ
which is called the Book of Helaman & C^{et.}

¹And 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

²for 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
³now these are their names which did contend for the Judgment seat
which did also cause the People to contend
Pahoron Paaⁿchi & Pacumeni

⁴now 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

⁵nevertheless it came to pass that
Pahoron was appointed by the voice of the People
to be chiefe Judge & a governor ¹ over the people of Nephi

⁶& it came to pass *that Pacumeni*
when he saw that he could not obtain the Judgmentseat
he did unite with the *voice of the people*

¹ OM Header = with *the Nephites*

⁷but behold Paanchi & that part of the *People* that were *desireous* that he *should* be their Governor was exceeding wrath therefore he was about to flatter away those people to rise up in rebellion against *their Brethren*
⁸& 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

⁹now when those *People* which were *desireous* that he should be their Governor saw that he was *condemned unto Death* therefore they were angry & behold they sent forth *one Kishcumen* even to the Judgment seat of Pahoron & murdered Pahoron as he sat upon the Judgment seat
¹⁰& he was persued by the servants of Pahoron but behold so speedy was the flight of Kishcumen that no man could overtake him
¹¹& he went unto those that sent him & they all entered into a covenant yea swearing by their everlasting maker that they would tell no man that Kishcumen had murdered Pahoron
¹²therefore 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 mingle 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& now behold Pacumeni was appointed according to the voice of the People to be a chief Judge & a Governor over the people to Reign in the stead of his Brother Pahoron & it was according to his right & all this was done in the fortyeth year of the Reign of the Judges & it had an end

¹⁴& it came to pass in the forty & first year of the Reign of the Judges 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

¹⁵ & 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 deserter from among the Nephites
& he was a large & a mighty man
¹⁶ therefore the King of the Lamanites
whose name was Tubaloth who was the son of Ammoron
now Tubaloth supposeing that Coriantumr
he being a mighty 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
¹⁷ therefore he did stir them up to angar
& he did gather together his armies
& he did appoint Coriantumr to be their leader
& did cause that they ² should march down to the land of Zarahemla
to battle against the Nephites

¹⁸ & it came to pass that
because of so much contention & so much difficulty in the goverment
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
¹⁹ but it came to pass that Coriantumr did march forth
at the head of ~~thei~~ his numerous host & came upon the inhabitants of the city
& their march was with such exceding great speed
that there was no time for the Nephites to gather together their armies
²⁰ 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
insomuch that they did take possession of the whole city
²¹ & 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

²² & 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

² OM Header = the Lamanites take City of Zarahem

²³ & 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 through with the sword
that he might obtain the North parts of the land

²⁴ & supposing 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 small boddies
& ~~in~~ in this manner they did *fall upon them & cut them down to the earth*

²⁵ but behold this march of *Coriantumrs* through the *centre of the land*
gave Moronihah great advantage over them
notwithstanding the greatness of the *number of the Nephites* which were slain

²⁶ 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

²⁷ but behold the *Lamanites* were not frightened according 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 marching through *the most capital parts of the land*
slaying the People with a great slaughter
both *men women & children*
taking possession of many *Cities & ^{of} many ³ strong holds*

²⁸ but when *Moronihah* had discovered this
he immediately sent fort Lehi with an army round about to *head them*
before they should come to the land *Bountiful*

²⁹ & thus he did & he did *head them* before they came to the *land Bountiful*
& gave unto them battle
insomuch that *they began to retreat back towards* the land of *Zarahemla*

³⁰ & 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

³¹ & now behold the *Lamanites* could not retreat *neither way*
neither on the north nor on the south *nor on the East nor on the West*
for they were surrounded on every hand by *the Nephites*

³² & 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*

³ OM Header = *es & C*

³³ & it came to pass that Moronihah *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

³⁴ & thus *ende^d* the forty & first year of the reign of the Judges