

## Helaman 2

<sup>1</sup>& it came to pass in *the forty & second year* of the reign of the Judges  
after *Moronihah* had established again the peace

between the *Nephites* & 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>& it came to pass that *Helaman* which was the Son of *Helaman*  
was appointed *to* fill the *Judgment seat* *by* the voice of the *People*

<sup>3</sup>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

<sup>4</sup>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*

<sup>5</sup>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*

<sup>6</sup>& 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*

<sup>7</sup>& 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

desireing that he would conduct him to the *Judgment seat*

that he might *murder* *Helaman*

<sup>8</sup>& it came to pass *that*

when the servant of *Helaman* had known all the heart of *Kish* *Kishcumen*

& how *that* it was his object *to* *murder*

& *also* *that* it was the object of <sup>1</sup> 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 *Judgment seat*

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<sup>1</sup> OM Header = *Some of the Neph*

<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 Judgmentseat  
did stab Kishcumen even to the heart  
that he fell dead *without* a groan  
& he ran & told Helaman all the things  
which he had seen & heard & ~~o~~ done

<sup>10</sup>& 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*  
<sup>11</sup>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  
<sup>12</sup>& 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

<sup>13</sup>& 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  
<sup>14</sup>behold 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——