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Chapter IX—
The second epistle of Mormon to his son
Moroni—

My beloved son I write unto you again that ye may know that I am yet alive but I write somewhat that which is grievous

for behold I have had a sore battle with the Lamanites in the which we did not conquer & Archeantus has fallen by the sword & also Luram & Emer yea & we have lost a great number of our choice men

& now behold my son I fear lest the Lamanites shall destroy this people for they do not repent & Satan stirreth them up continually to anger one with another

behold I am laboring with them continually & when I speak the word of God with sharpness they tremble & anger against me & when I use no sharpness they harden their hearts against it wherefore I fear lest the spirit of the Lord hath ~~ce~~s(ceased striving)~~ce~~ed with them

for so exceedingly do they anger that it seemeth me that they have no fear of death & they have lost their love one towards another & they thirst after blood & revenge continually

& now my beloved son notwithstanding their hardness let us labor diligently for if we should cease to labor we should be brought ~~u~~(under)~~n~~ condemnation for we have a labor to perform (whilst in this) ~~whilst~~ tabernacle of clay that we may conquer the enemy of all righteousness & rest our souls in the kingdom of God

& now I write somewhat concerning the sufferings of this people for according to the knowledge(which) I have received from Amoron behold the Lamanites have many prisoners which they took from the tower Sherrizah & there were men women & children

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Comprising chapter 9.

CHAPTER 9
Both the Nephites and the Lamanites are depraved and degenerate—They torture and murder each other—Mormon prays that grace and goodness may rest upon Moroni forever. About A.D. 401.

¹My beloved son, I write unto you again that ye may know that I am yet alive; but I write somewhat of that which is grievous.

²For behold, I have had a sore battle with the Lamanites, in [X] which we did not conquer; and Archeantus has fallen by the sword, and also Luram and Emron; yea, and we have lost a great number of our choice men.

³And now behold, my son, I fear lest the Lamanites shall destroy this people; for they do not repent, and Satan stirreth them up con[-][-]tinually to anger one with another.

⁴Behold, I am laboring with them continually; and when I speak the word of God with sharpness they tremble and anger against me; and when I use no sharpness they harden their hearts against it; wherefore, I fear lest the Spirit of the Lord hath [_ _ _]ceased striving[_ _ _ _] with them.

⁵For so exceedingly do they anger that it seemeth me that they have no fear of death; and they have lost their love, one towards another; and they thirst after blood and revenge continually.

⁶And now, my beloved son, notwithstanding their hardness, let us labor diligently; for if we should cease to labor, we should be brought []under[] condemnation; for we have a labor to perform whilst in this[X] tabernacle of clay, that we may conquer the enemy of all righteousness, and rest our souls in the kingdom of God.

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& the husbands & fathers of those women & children they have slain & they feed the women upon the flesh of their husbands & the children upon the flesh of their fathers & no water save a little do they give unto them

& notwithstanding this great abomination of the Lamanites it doth not exceed that of our people in Moriantum for behold many of the daughters of the Lamanites have they taken prisoners & after depriving them of that which was most dear & precious above all things which is chastity & vertue

& after that they had none this thing they did murder them in a most cruel manner torturing their bodies even unto death & after that they have done this they devour their flesh like unto wild beasts because of the hardness of their hearts & they do it for a token of bravery

O my beloved son how can a people like this that are without civilization

& only a few years have passed away & they were a civil & a delightsome people

but O my son how can a people like this whose delight is in so much abomination

how can we expect that God will stay his hand in judgement against us

behold my heart cries Wo unto this people come out in judgement O God & hide their sins & wickedness & abominations from before thy face

& again my son there are many widows & their daughters which remain in Sherrizah & **461** that part of the provisions which the Lamanites did not carry away behold the army of Zenephi has carried away & left them to wander whithersoever they can for food & many old women do faint by the way & die

& the army which is with me is weak & the armies of the Lamanites are betwixt Sherrizah & me & as many as have fled to the army of Aaron have fallen victims to their awful brutality

O the depravity of my people they are without order & without mercy behold I am but a man & I have but the strength of a man & I cannot any longer enforce my commands

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they repent & return unto him

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