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Chapter ——— ———

And now it came to pass that in the sixteenth year from the coming of Christ Lachoneus the governor of the land received an Epistle from the leaders & the governor of this band of robbers & these are the words which were written saying

Lachoneus most noble & chief governor of the land behold I write this Epistle unto you & do give unto you exceeding great praise because of your firmness & also the firmness of your people in maintaining that which ye suppose to be your right & liberty yea ye do stand well as if ye were supported by the hand of a God in the **367** defence of your liberty & your property & your country or that which ye do call so

& it seemeth a pity unto me most noble Lachoneus that ye should be so foolish & vain as to suppose that ye can stand against so many brave men which are at my command which do now at this time stand in their arms & do await with great anxiety for the word go down upon the Nephites & destroy them

& I knowing of their unconquerable spirit having proved them in the field of Battle & knowing of their everlasting hatred towards you because of the many wrongs which ye have done unto them therefore if they should come down against you they would visit you with utter destruction

therefore I have wrote this Epistle Sealing it with mine own hand feeling for your welfare because of your firmness in that which ye believe to be right & your noble spirit in the field of battle

therefore I write unto you desiring that ye would yield up unto this my people your cities your lands & your possessions rather than that they should visit you with the sword & that destruction should come upon you

**CHAPTER 3 [X][ ] [ ]**

*Giddianhi, the Gadianton leader, demands that Lachoneus and the Nephites surrender themselves and their lands—Lachoneus appoints Gidgiddoni as chief captain of the armies—The Nephites assemble in Zarahemla and Bountiful to defend themselves. About A.D. 16–18.*

<sup>1</sup>And now it came to pass that in the sixteenth year from the coming of Christ, Lachoneus, the governor of the land, received an epistle from the leader [ ] and the governor of this band of robbers; and these were the words which were written, saying:

<sup>2</sup>Lachoneus, most noble and chief governor of the land, behold, I write this epistle unto you, and do give unto you exceedingly great praise because of your firmness, and also the firmness of your people, in maintaining that which ye suppose to be your right and liberty; yea, ye do stand well, as if ye were supported by the hand of a god, in the defence of your liberty, and your [ ] property, and your country, or that which ye do call so.

<sup>3</sup>And it seemeth a pity unto me, most noble Lachoneus, that ye should be so foolish and vain as to suppose that ye can stand against so many brave men who are at my command, who do now at this time stand in their arms, and do await with great anxiety for the word—Go down upon the Nephites and destroy them.

<sup>4</sup>And I, knowing of their unconquerable spirit, having proved them in the field of battle, and knowing of their everlasting hatred towards you because of the many wrongs which ye have done unto them, therefore if they should come down against you they would visit you with utter destruction.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore I have written this epistle, sealing it with mine own hand, feeling for your welfare, because of your firmness in that which ye believe to be right, and your noble spirit in the field of battle.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore I write unto you, desiring that ye would yield [X] up unto this my people, your cities, your lands, and your possessions, rather than that they should visit you with the sword and that destruction should come upon you.

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or in other words yield yourselves up unto us & unite with us & become acquainted with our secret works & become <sup>our Breth</sup>ren that ye may be like unto us not our slaves but our brethren & partners of all our substance

& behold I swear unto you if ye will do this with an ~~e~~<sup>oath</sup> that ye shall not be destroyed but if ye will not do this I swear unto you with an oath that on the morrow <sup>month</sup>~~month~~ I will command that my armies shall come down against you & they shall not stay their hand & shall spare not but shall slay you & shall let fall the sword upon you [yea] even until ye shall become extinct

& behold I am Giddianhi & am the governor of this **the** secret society of Gadianton & which ~~see~~<sup>society</sup> ~~see~~<sup>see</sup> & the works thereof I know to be good & they are of ancient date & they have been handed down unto us

& I write this Epistle unto you Lachoneus & I hope that ye will deliver up your lands & your possessions without the shedding of blood that this my people may recover their rights & government which have dissented away from you because of your wickedness in retaining from them their rights of government & except ye do this I will avenge their wrongs I am Giddianhi

And now it came to pass when Lachoneus received this Epistle he was exceedingly astonished because of the boldness of Giddianhi [in] demanding the possession of the land of the ~~Nep~~ Nephites & also of threatening the people & avenging the wrongs of those that had received no wrong save it were they had wronged themselves by desenting away unto those wicked & abominable robbers

[&] now behold this Lachoneus the governor was a ~~Jus~~<sup>just</sup> man & could not be frightened by the demands & the threatnings of a robber therefore he did not hearken to the Epistle of Giddianhi the governor of the robbers but he did cause that his people should cry unto the Lord ~~for strength~~<sup>against</sup> for strength against the time that the robbers should come down against them

yea he sent a proclamation among all the people that they ~~shou~~ should gather to gether **368** their women & their children their flocks & their herds & all their substance save it were their land unto one place

<sup>7</sup>Or in other words, yield yourselves up unto us, **and** unite with us **and** become acquainted with our secret works, **and** become **our brethren** that ye may be like unto us—not our slaves, but our brethren **and** partners of all our substance.

<sup>8</sup>**And** behold, I swear unto you, if ye will do this, with an [ ]oath[ ], ye shall not be destroyed; but if ye will not do this, I swear unto you with an oath, that on the morrow **month[X]** I will command that my armies shall come down against you, **and** they shall not stay their hand **and** shall spare not, but shall slay you, **and** shall let fall the sword upon you [X] even until ye shall become extinct.

<sup>9</sup>**And** behold, I am Giddianhi; **and I** am the governor of this **the** secret society of Gadianton; [X] which [ ]society[ ] **and** the works thereof I know to be good; **and** they are of ancient date **and** they have been handed down unto us.

<sup>10</sup>**And** I write this **epistle** unto you, Lachoneus, **and I** hope that ye will deliver up your lands **and** your possessions, without the shedding of blood, that this my people may recover their rights **and** government, **who** have dissented away from you because of your wickedness in retaining from them their rights of government, **and** except ye do this, I will avenge their wrongs. I am Giddianhi.

<sup>11</sup>And now it came to pass when Lachoneus received this **epistle** he was exceedingly astonished, because of the boldness of Giddianhi [X] demanding the possession of the land of the [ ] Nephites, **and** also of threatening the people **and** avenging the wrongs of those that had received no wrong, save it were they had wronged themselves by **dissenting** away unto those wicked **and** abominable robbers.

<sup>12</sup>[X] Now behold, this Lachoneus, the governor, was a [ ]just[ ] man, **and** could not be frightened by the demands **and** the threatenings of a robber; therefore he did not hearken to the **epistle** of Giddianhi, the governor of the robbers, but he did cause that his people should cry unto the Lord [X\_X] [X] for strength against the time that the robbers should come down against them.

<sup>13</sup>Yea, he sent a proclamation among all the people, that they [ ] should gather to [ ] gether their women, **and** their children, their flocks **and** their herds, **and** all their substance, save it were their land, unto one place.

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& he caused that fortifications should be built round about them & the strength thereof should be exceeding great & he caused that there should be armies both of the Nephites & of the Lamanites or of all them which were numbered among the Nephites should be placed as guards round ~~ab~~ about to watch them & to guard them from the robbers day & night

yea he said unto them as the Lord liveth except ye repent of all your iniquities & cry unto the Lord that they **would** in no wise be delivered out of the hands of those Gadianton robbers

& so great & marvelous were the words & prophecies of Lachoneus that they did cause fear to come upon all the people & they did exert themselves in their might to do according to the words of Lachoneus

& it came to pass that Lachoneus did appoint chief captains over all the armies of the Nephites to command them at **the** time that the robbers should come down out of the wilderness against them

**now the chiefest** among all the **[chief]** captains & the great commander of all the armies of **the Nephites was** appointed & his name was Gidgiddoni

now it was the custom among all the Nephites to appoint for their chief captains save it were in their times of wickedness some one that had the spirit of revelation & also of prophecy therefore this Gidgiddoni was a great prophet among them & also was the chief Judge

now the people said unto Gidgiddoni ~~pay~~<sup>pray</sup> unto the Lord & let us go up upon the Mountains & into the wilderness that we may fall upon the robbers & destroy them in their own lands

but Gidgiddoni saith unto them the Lord forbid for if we should go up against them the Lord would deliver us into their hands therefore we will prepare ourselves in the centre of ~~our~~<sup>our</sup> lands & we will gather all our armies together & we will not go against them but we will wait till they shall come against us therefore as the Lord liveth if we do this he will deliver them into our hands

<sup>14</sup>**And** he caused that fortifications should be built round about them, **and** the strength thereof should be **exceedingly** great. **And** he caused that **[X\_X\_X]** armies, both of the Nephites **and** of the Lamanites, or of all them **who** were numbered among the Nephites, should be placed as guards round **[ \_ ]** about to watch them, **and** to guard them from the robbers day **and** night.

<sup>15</sup>**Yea**, he said unto them: **As** the Lord liveth, except ye repent of all your iniquities, **and** cry unto the Lord, **[X] ye will** in no **[ ]**wise be delivered out of the hands of those Gadianton robbers.

<sup>16</sup>**And** so great **and** marvelous were the words **and** prophecies of Lachoneus that they did cause fear to come upon all the people; **and** they did exert themselves in their might to do according to the words of Lachoneus.

<sup>17</sup>**And** it came to pass that Lachoneus did appoint chief captains over all the armies of the Nephites, to command them at **the** time that the robbers should come down out of the wilderness against them.

<sup>18</sup>**Now the chiefest** among all the chief captains **and** the great commander of all the armies of **the Nephites was** appointed, **and** his name was Gidgiddoni.

<sup>19</sup>**Now** it was the custom among all the Nephites to appoint for their chief captains, (save it were in their times of wickedness) some one that had the spirit of revelation **and** also **[X]** prophecy; therefore, this Gidgiddoni was a great prophet among them, **as** also was the chief **j**udge.

<sup>20</sup>**Now** the people said unto Gidgiddoni: **[X]Pray** unto the Lord, **and** let us go up upon the **mountains and** into the wilderness, that we may fall upon the robbers **and** destroy them in their own lands.

<sup>21</sup>**But** Gidgiddoni saith unto them: **The** Lord forbid; for if we should go up against them the Lord would deliver us into their hands; therefore we will prepare ourselves in the center of **[ \_ ]our[ ]** lands, **and** we will gather all our armies together, **and** we will not go against them, but we will wait till they shall come against us; therefore as the Lord liveth, if we do this he will deliver them into our hands.

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& it came to pass in the ~~seven~~<sup>seventeenth</sup> year in the latter end of the year the proclamation of Lachoneus had gone forth throughout all the face of the land & they had taken their horses & their charriots & their cattle & all their flocks & their ~~hea~~<sup>herds</sup> & their grain & all their substance & did march forth by thousands & by tens of thousands until they had all gone forth to the place which had been appointed that they should gather themselves together to defend themselves against their enemies

~~in~~<sup>&</sup> the land which was appointed was the land of Zarahemla & the land which was between the land of Zarahemla & the land Bountiful yea **to** the line which was betwixt the land Bountiful & the land Desolation

& there were a great many thousand people which were called Nephites which did gather themselves together in this land now Lachoneus did cause that they should gather themselves together in the land southward because of the great curse which was upon the land northward

& they did fortify themselves against their enemies & they did dwell in one land & in one body & they did fear the words which had been spoken by Lachoneus insomuch that they did repent of all their sins & they did put up their prayers unto the Lord their God that he would deliver them in the time that their enemies should come down against them to **369** battle

& they were exceeding sorrowful because of their enemies & Gidgiddoni<sup>did</sup> caused that they should make weapons of war of every kind that they should be strong with armour & with shields & with bucklers after the manner of his instruction[s]

**22** **And** it came to pass in the [ \_ \_ \_ ] **seventeenth**[ \_ \_ ] year, in the latter end of the year, the proclamation[ \_ \_ \_ ] of Lachoneus had gone forth throughout all the face of the land, **and** they had taken their horses, **and** their char[ \_ ]iots, **and** their cattle, **and** all their flocks, **and** their [ \_ \_ ]herds[ \_ \_ ], **and** their grain, **and** all their substance, **and** did march forth by thousands **and** by tens of thousands, until they had all gone forth to the place which had been appointed that they should gather themselves together, to defend themselves against their enemies.

**23** **[X]And** the land which was appointed was the land of Zarahemla, **and** the land which was between the land **[X]** Zarahemla **and** the land Bountiful, yea, **to** the line which was betwe**en** the land Bountiful **and** the land Desolation.

**24** **And** there were a great many thousand people **who** were called Nephites, **who** did gather themselves together in this land. **Now** Lachoneus did cause that they should gather themselves together in the land southward, because of the great curse which was upon the land northward.

**25** **And** they did fortify themselves against their enemies; **and** they did dwell in one land, **and** in one body, **and** they did fear the words which had been spoken by Lachoneus, insomuch that they did repent of all their sins; **and** they did put up their prayers unto the Lord their God, that he would deliver them in the time that their enemies should come down against them to battle.

**26** **And** they were exceeding<sup>ly</sup> sorrowful because of their enemies. **And** Gidgiddoni **did** cause[ \_ ] that they should make weapons of war of every kind, **and** **[X]** they should be strong with armo[ \_ ]r, **and** with shields, **and** with bucklers, after the manner of his instruction[ \_ ].