

& it came to pass that in the latter end of the eighteenth year those armies of robbers had prepared for battle & began to come down & to sally forth from the hills & out of the mountains & the wilderness & their strong hold & their ^esecret ~~ere~~ places & began to take possession of the lands both which was in the land south & which was in the land north & began to take possession of all the lands which had been deserted by the Nephites & the cities [of] which ~~had~~ been left desolates

but behold there was no wild beasts nor game in those lands which had been deserted by the Nephites & there was no game for the robbers save it were in the wilderness

& the robbers could not exist save it were in the wilderness for the want of food for the Nephites had left their lands desolate & had gathered their flocks & their herds & all their substance & they were in one body

therefore there were no chance for the robbers to plunder & to obtain food save it were to come up in open battle against the Nephites & the Nephites being in one body & having so great a number & having reserved for themselves provisions & horses & cattle & flocks of every kind that they might subsist for the space of seven years in the which time they did hope to destroy the robbers from off the face of the land & thus the eighteenth year did pass away

& it came to pass that in the nineteenth year Giddianhi found that it was expedient that he should go up to battle against the Nephites for there was no way that they could subsist save it were to plunder & rob & murder

& they durst not spread themselves upon the face of the land insomuch that they could raise grain lest the Nephites should come upon them & slay them therefore Giddianhi gave commandment unto his armies that in this year they should go up to battle against the Nephites

CHAPTER 4

The Nephite armies defeat the Gadianton robbers—Giddianhi is slain, and his successor, Zemnarihah, is hanged—The Nephites praise the Lord for their victories. About A.D. 19–22.

¹And it came to pass that in the latter end of the eighteenth year those armies of robbers had prepared for battle, and began to come down and to sally forth from the hills, and out of the mountains, and the wilderness, and their strongholds, and their secret places, and began to take possession of the lands, both which were in the land south and which were in the land north, and began to take possession of all the lands which had been deserted by the Nephites, and the cities [X] which [] had [] been left desolate [].

²But behold, there were no wild beasts nor game in those lands which had been deserted by the Nephites, and there was no game for the robbers save it were in the wilderness.

³And the robbers could not exist save it were in the wilderness, for the want of food; for the Nephites had left their lands desolate, and had gathered their flocks and their herds and all their substance, and they were in one body.

⁴Therefore, there was no chance for the robbers to plunder and to obtain food, save it were to come up in open battle against the Nephites; and the Nephites being in one body, and having so great a number, and having reserved for themselves provisions, and horses and cattle, and flocks of every kind, that they might subsist for the space of seven years, in [] the [] which time they did hope to destroy the robbers from off the face of the land; and thus the eighteenth year did pass away.

⁵And it came to pass that in the nineteenth year Giddianhi found that it was expedient that he should go up to battle against the Nephites, for there was no way that they could subsist save it were to plunder and rob and murder.

⁶And they durst not spread themselves upon the face of the land insomuch that they could raise grain, lest the Nephites should come upon them and slay them; therefore Giddianhi gave commandment unto his armies that in this year they should go up to battle against the Nephites.

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& it came to pass that they did come up to battle & it was in the sixth month & behold great & terrible ~~was~~ was the day that they did come up to battle & they were girded about after the manner of robbers & they had a lamb ~~sh~~^{skin}~~im~~ about their loins & they were dyed in blood & their heads were shorn & they had headplates upon them & great & terrible was the appearance of the armies of Giddianhi because of their armour & because ~~of~~ of their being dyed in blood

& it came to pass that the armies of the Nephites when they saw the appearance of the army of Giddianhi had all fallen to the earth & did lift their cries to the Lord their God that he would spare them & deliver them out of the hand^s of their enemies

& it came to pass that when the armies of Giddianhi saw this they began to shout with a loud voice because of their joy for they had supposed that the Nephites had fallen with fear because of the terror of their armies

but in this thing they were disappointed for the Nephites did not fear them but they did fear their God & did supplicate him for protection therefore when the armies of Giddianhi did rush upon them they were prepared to meet them yea in the strength of the Lord they did receive them

& the battle commenced in this the sixth month & great & terrible was the battle **370** thereof yea great & terrible was the slaughter thereof insomuch that there never was known so great a slaughter among all the people of Lehi since he left Jerusalem

& notwithstanding the threatenings & the oaths which Giddianhi had made beho^{ld} the Nephites did beat them insomuch that they did fall back ^{from} before them

& it came to pass that Gidgiddoni commanded that his armies should pursue them as far as to the borders of the wilderness & that they should not spare any that should fall into their hands by the way & thus they did pursue them & did slay them to the borders of the wilderness even until they had fulfilled the commandment of Gidgiddoni

⁷**And** it came to pass that they did come up to battle; **and** it was in the sixth month; **and** behold, great **and** terrible [_ _] was the day that they did come up to battle; **and** they were girded about after the manner of robbers; **and** they had a lamb-[_]skin[_] about their loins, **and** they were dyed in blood, **and** their heads were shorn, **and** they had head-plates upon them; **and** great **and** terrible was the appearance of the armies of Giddianhi, because of their armo[_]r, **and** because [_] of their being dyed in blood.

⁸**And** it came to pass that the armies of the Nephites, when they saw the appearance of the army of Giddianhi[_], had all fallen to the earth, **and** did lift their cries to the Lord their God, that he would spare them **and** deliver them out of the hands of their enemies.

⁹**And** it came to pass that when the armies of Giddianhi saw this they began to shout with a loud voice, because of their joy, for they had supposed that the Nephites had fallen with fear because of the terror of their armies.

¹⁰**But** in this thing they were disappointed, for the Nephites did not fear them; but they did fear their God **and** did supplicate him for protection; therefore, when the armies of Giddianhi did rush upon them they were prepared to meet them; yea, in the strength of the Lord they did receive them.

¹¹**And** the battle commenced in this the sixth month; **and** great **and** terrible was the battle thereof, yea, great **and** terrible was the slaughter thereof, insomuch that there never was known so great a slaughter among all the people of Lehi since he left Jerusalem.

¹²**And** notwithstanding the threatenings **and** the oaths which Giddianhi had made, beho[_]ld[_], the Nephites did beat them, insomuch that they did fall back **from** before them.

¹³**And** it came to pass that Gidgiddoni commanded that his armies should pursue them as far as [X] the borders of the wilderness, **and** that they should not spare any that should fall into their hands by the way; **and** thus they did pursue them **and** did slay them, to the borders of the wilderness, even until they had fulfilled the commandment of Gidgiddoni.

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& it came to pass that Giddianhi who had stood & fought with boldness was pursued as he fled & being weary because of his much fighting^{he} was overtaken & slain & thus was the end of Giddianhi the robber

& it came to pass that the armies of the Nephites did return again to their place of security & it came to pass that this nineteenth year did pass away & the robbers did not come again to battle neither did they come in the twentieth year

but in the twenty & first year they did not come up to battle but they^{am} came up on all sides to lay siege round about the people of Nephi for they did suppose that if they should cut off the people of Nephi from their lands & should hem them in on every side & if they should cut them off from all their outward privileges that they could cause them to yield themselves **up** according to their wishes

now they had appointed unto themselves an other leader whose name was Zemnariyah therefore it was Zemnariyah that did cause that this siege should take place

but behold this was an advantage unto the Nephites for it was impossible^{for the robbers} to lay siege sufficiently long to have any affect upon the Nephites because of their much provision which they had laid up in store

[&] because of the scantiness of provisions among the robbers for behold they had nothing save it were meat for their subsistance which meat they did obtain in the wilderness

& it came to pass that the wild game became scarce in the wilderness insomuch that the robbers were about to perish with hanger

& the Nephites were continually marching out by day & by night & falling upon their armies & cutting them off by thousands & by tens of thousands

& thus it became the desire of the people of Zemnariyah to withdraw from their design because of the great destruction which come upon them by night & by day

& it came to pass that Zemnariyah did give command unto his people that they should withdraw themselves from the siege & to march into the fartharmost parts of the land northward

¹⁴**And** it came to pass that Giddianhi, who had stood **and** fought with boldness, was **pursued** as he fled; **and** being weary because of his much **fighting he** was overtaken **and** slain. **And** thus was the end of Giddianhi the robber.

¹⁵**And** it came to pass that the armies of the Nephites did return again to their place of security. **And** it came to pass that this nineteenth year did pass away, **and** the robbers did not come again to battle; neither did they come **again** in the twentieth year.

¹⁶**And** in the twenty **and** first year they did not come up to battle, but they **[X]** came up on all sides to lay **siege** round about the people of Nephi; for they did suppose that if they should cut off the people of Nephi from their lands, **and** should hem them in on every side, **and** if they should cut them off from all their outward privileges, that they could cause them to yield themselves **up** according to their wishes.

¹⁷**Now** they had appointed unto themselves an **[_]** other leader, whose name was Zemnariyah; therefore it was Zemnariyah that did cause that this siege should take place.

¹⁸**But** behold, this was an advantage **[_ _]** to the Nephites; for it was impossible **for the robbers** to lay siege sufficiently long to have any **effect** upon the Nephites, because of their much provision which they had laid up in store,

¹⁹**And** because of the scantiness of provisions among the robbers; for behold, they had nothing save it were meat for their subsistence, which meat they did obtain in the wilderness;

²⁰**And** it came to pass that the wild game became **scarce** in the wilderness insomuch that the robbers were about to perish with **hunger**.

²¹**And** the Nephites were continually marching out by day **and** by night, **and** falling upon their armies, **and** cutting them off by thousands **and** by tens of thousands.

²²**And** thus it became the desire of the people of Zemnariyah to withdraw from their design, because of the great destruction which **came** upon them by night **and** by day.

²³**And** it came to pass that Zemnariyah did give command unto his people that they should withdraw themselves from the siege, **and** **[X]** march into the **furthermost** parts of the land northward.

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& now Gidgiddoni being aware of their design & knowing of their weakness because of the want of food & the great slaughter which had been made among them therefore he did send out his armies in the night time & did cut off the way of their retreat & did place ~~th^{his}eir~~ armies in the way of their retreat

& ^{this} did they do in the night time & got on their march beyond the robbers so that on the morrow ^{when} the robbers began their march they were met by the armies of the Nephites both in their front & in their rear

& the robbers which were on the south were also cut off in their places of retreat & all these things were done by command of Gidgiddoni

& there were many thousands which did yield themselves up prisoners unto the Nephites & the remainder of them were slain

& their leader Zemnariyah **371** was taken & hanged upon a tree yea even upon the top thereof until he was dead & when they had handed him until he was dead they did fall the tree to the earth & did cry with a loud voice saying

may the Lord preserve his people in righteousness & in holiness of heart that they may cause to be fell to the earth all who shall seek to slay them because of power & secret combinations even as this man hath been fell to the earth

& they did rejoice & cry again with one voice saying may the God of Abraham & the God of Isaac & the God of Jacob protect this people in righteousness so long as they shall call on the name of their God for protection

& it came to pass that they did break forth as as one in singing praising their God for the great thing which he had done for them in preserving them from falling into the hands of their enemies

yea they did cry Hozannah to the most high God & they did cry Blessed be the name of the Lord God Almighty the most high God

²⁴**And** now, Gidgiddoni being aware of their design, **and** knowing of their weakness because of the want of food, **and** the great slaughter which had been made among them, therefore he did send out his armies in the night-time, **and** did cut off the way of their retreat, **and** did place [_]his[_ _] armies in the way of their retreat.

²⁵**And this** did they do in the night-time, **and** got on their march beyond the robbers, so that on the morrow, **when** the robbers began their march, they were met by the armies of the Nephites both in their front **and** in their rear.

²⁶**And** the robbers **who** were on the south were also cut off in their places of retreat. **And** all these things were done by command of Gidgiddoni.

²⁷**And** there were many thousands **who** did yield themselves up prisoners unto the Nephites, **and** the remainder of them were slain.

²⁸**And** their leader, Zemnariyah, was taken **and** hanged upon a tree, yea, even upon the top thereof until he was dead. **And** when they had handed him until he was dead they did **fell** the tree to the earth, **and** did cry with a loud voice, saying:

²⁹**May** the Lord preserve his people in righteousness **and** in holiness of heart, that they may cause to be **felled** to the earth all who shall seek to slay them because of power **and** secret combinations, even as this man hath been **felled** to the earth.

³⁰**And** they did rejoice **and** cry again with one voice, saying: **May** the God of Abraham, **and** the God of Isaac, **and** the God of Jacob, protect this people in righteousness, so long as they shall call on the name of their God for protection.

³¹**And** it came to pass that they did break forth, **all** as one, in singing, **and** praising their God for the great thing which he had done for them, in preserving them from falling into the hands of their enemies.

³²**Yea**, they did cry: Hosanna[] to the **Most High** God. **And** they did cry: Blessed be the name of the Lord God Almighty, the **Most High** God.

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& their hearts were swollen with joy unto the **gushing** ~~u^{out}p^{pp}~~ of many ~~tee^{tears}rs~~ because of the great goodness of God in delivering them out of the hands of their enemies & they knew it was because of their repentance & their humility that they had been delivered from an everlasting destruction

³³**And** their hearts were swollen with joy, unto the **gushing** ~~[]out[]~~**[X]** of many ~~[_ _]tears[_ _]~~, because of the great goodness of God in delivering them out of the hands of their enemies; **and** they knew it was because of their repentance **and** their humility that they had been delivered from an everlasting destruction.