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Chapter —

And now it came to pass that the people of the Nephites did all return to their own lands in the twenty & sixth year every man with his family his flocks & his herds his horses & his cattle & all things whatsoever did belong unto them

& it came to pass that they had not eaten up all their provisions therefore they did take with them all that they had not devoured<sup>of</sup> all their grain of every kind & their gold & their silver & all their precious things & they did return to their own lands & their possessions both on the north & on the south both on the land northward & on the land southward

& they granted unto those robbers which had entered into a covenant to keep the peace of the land which were desireous to remain Lamanites lands according to their numbers that they might have with their labou<sup>rs</sup> wherewith to subsist upon & thus they did establish peace in all the land

& they **373** began again to prosper & to wax great & the twenty & s<sup>s</sup><sub>ixth</sub>e & seventh years passed away & there was great order in the land & they had formed their laws according to equity & justice

& now there was nothing in all the land to hinder the people from prospering continually except they should fall into transgressions

& now it was Gidgiddoni & the Judge Lachoneus & those which had been appointed leaders which had established this great peace in the land

& it came to pass that there were many cities built a new & there were many old cities repaired

& there were many high ways cast up & many roads made which led from city to city & from land to land & from place to place

**CHAPTER 6 [X\_ \_]**

*The Nephites prosper—Pride, wealth, and class distinctions arise—The Church is rent with dissensions—Satan leads the people in open rebellion—Many prophets cry repentance and are slain—Their murderers conspire to take over the government. About A.D. 26–30.*

<sup>1</sup>And now it came to pass that the people of the Nephites did all return to their own lands in the twenty **and** sixth year, every man, with his family, his flocks **and his** herds, his horses **and** his cattle, **and** all things whatsoever did belong unto them.

<sup>2</sup>**And** it came to pass that they had not eaten up all their provisions; therefore they did take with them all that they had not devoured, **of** all their grain of every kind, **and** their gold, **and** their silver, **and** all their precious things, **and** they did return to their own lands **and** their possessions, both on the north **and** on the south, both on the land northward **and** on the land southward.

<sup>3</sup>**And** they granted unto those robbers **who** had entered into a covenant to keep the peace of the land, **who** were desir[ ]ous to remain Lamanites, lands, according to their numbers, that they might have, with their labo[ ]rs, wherewith to subsist upon; **and** thus they did establish peace in all the land.

<sup>4</sup>**And** they began again to prosper **and** to wax great; **and** the twenty **and** [ ]sixth[ ] **and** seventh years passed away, **and** there was great order in the land; **and** they had formed their laws according to equity **and** justice.

<sup>5</sup>**And** now there was nothing in all the land to hinder the people from prospering continually, except they should fall into transgression[ ].

<sup>6</sup>**And** now it was Gidgiddoni, **and** the judge, Lachoneus, **and** those **who** had been appointed leaders, **who** had established this great peace in the land.

<sup>7</sup>**And** it came to pass that there were many cities built a[ ]new, **and** there were many old cities repaired.

<sup>8</sup>**And** there were many high[ ]ways cast up, **and** many roads made, which led from city to city, **and** from land to land, **and** from place to place.

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& thus passed away the twenty & eighth year  
& the people had continual peace

but it came to pass in the twenty & ninth year  
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& some were lifted up unto pride & boastings  
because of their exceeding great riches yea even  
unto great persecutions

for there were many mearchants in the land &  
also many lawyers & many Officers

& the people began to be distinguished by ranks  
according to their riches & their chances for  
learning yea some were ignorent because of their  
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because of their riches

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exceding humble some did return railing for  
railing while others would receive railing &  
persecution & all manner of afflictions &  
would not turn & revile again but were humble  
& penitant before God

& thus there became <sup>a</sup>an great inequality in all the  
land insomuch that the church began to be  
broken up yea insomuch that in the thirtieth year  
the church was broken up in all the land save it were  
among a few of the Lamanites which were converted  
unto the true faith & they would not depart from  
it for they were firm & steadfast &  
immoveable willing with all diligence to keep the  
commands of the Lord

now because of this iniquity of the people  
was this Satan had great power unto the stirring up  
of the people to do all manner of iniquity & to the  
buffeting them up with pride tempting them to  
seek for power & authority & riches & the  
vain things of the world

& thus Satan did lead away the hearts of the  
people to do all manner of iniquity therefore they  
had not enjoyed peace but a few years

& thus in the commencement of the thirtieth  
year the people having been delivered up for the  
space of a long time to be carried about by the  
temptations of the Devil whithersoever he desired to  
carry them & to do whatsoever iniquity he desired  
they should & thus in the commencement of this  
the thirtieth year they were in a state of awful  
wickedness

<sup>9</sup>**And** thus passed away the twenty **and** eighth year,  
**and** the people had continual peace.

<sup>10</sup>**But** it came to pass in the twenty **and** ninth year  
there began to be some disputings among the people;  
**and** some were lifted up unto pride **and** boastings  
because of their **exceedingly** great riches, yea, even  
unto great persecutions;

<sup>11</sup>**F**or there were many me[ ]rchants in the land, **and**  
also many lawyers, **and** many officers.

<sup>12</sup>**And** the people began to be distinguished by ranks,  
according to their riches **and** their chances for  
learning; yea, some were **ignorant** because of their  
poverty, **and** others did receive great learning  
because of their riches.

<sup>13</sup>**S**ome were lifted up in pride, **and** others were  
**exceedingly** humble; some did return railing for  
railing, while others would receive railing **and**  
persecution **and** all manner of afflictions, **and**  
would not turn **and** revile again, but were humble  
**and** penitent before God.

<sup>14</sup>**And** thus there became **a[X]** great **inequality** in all  
the land, insomuch that the church began to be  
broken up; yea, insomuch that in the thirtieth year  
the church was broken up in all the land save it were  
among a few of the Lamanites **who** were converted  
unto the true faith; **and** they would not depart from  
it, for they were firm, **and** steadfast, **and**  
immov[ ]able, willing with all diligence to keep the  
commandments of the Lord.

<sup>15</sup>**Now** **the [ \_ ]**cause of this iniquity of the people  
was this—Satan had great power, unto the stirring up  
of the people to do all manner of iniquity, **and** to the  
**puff[ \_ ]**ing them up with pride, tempting them to  
seek for power, **and** authority, **and** riches, **and** the  
vain things of the world.

<sup>16</sup>**And** thus Satan did lead away the hearts of the  
people to do all manner of iniquity; therefore they  
had **[X]** enjoyed peace but a few years.

<sup>17</sup>**And** thus, in the commencement of the thirtieth  
year—the people having been delivered up for the  
space of a long time to be carried about by the  
temptations of the **devil** whithersoever he desired to  
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& there began to be men inspired from Heaven & sent forth standing among the people in all the land preaching & testifying boldly of the Sins & iniquities of the people & testifying unto them concerning the redemptions which the Lord would make for his people or in other words the resurrection of Christ & they did testify boldly of his death & sufferings

now there were many of the people which were exceding angry **374** because of those which testified of these things & those which were angry were chiefly the chief Judges & they which had been highpriests & lawyers yea all they which were lawyers were angry ~~w~~<sup>with</sup> those which testified of these things

now there was no lawyer ~~w~~<sup>nor</sup> Judge nor highpriest that could have power to condemn any one to death save their condemnation was signed by the governor of the land

now there were many of those which testified of **the** things pertaining to Christ which testified boldly which were taken & put to death secretly by the Judges that the knowledge of their death come not unto the governor of the land until after their death

now behold this was conterary **to** the laws of the land that any man should be put to death except they had power from the governor of the land

therefore a complaint came up unto the land of Zarahemla to the governor of the land against **these** Judges which had condemned <sup>the prophets of the</sup> Lord unto death not according to the law

now it came to pass that they were taken & brought up before the Judge to be Judged of the **[ir]** crime which they had done according to the law which had been given by the people

<sup>18</sup>Now they did not sin ignorantly, for they knew the will of God concerning them, for it had been taught unto them; therefore they did wil[ ]fully rebel[ ] against God.

<sup>19</sup>And now it was in the days of Lachoneus, the son of Lachoneus, for [ ] [X] Lachoneus did fill the seat of his father and did govern the people that year.

<sup>20</sup>And there began to be men inspired from heaven and sent forth, standing among the people in all the land, preaching and testifying boldly of the sins and iniquities of the people, and testifying unto them concerning the redemption[ ] which the Lord would make for his people, or in other words, the resurrection of Christ; and they did testify boldly of his death and sufferings.

<sup>21</sup>Now there were many of the people who were exceedingly angry because of those who testified of these things; and those who were angry were chiefly the chief judges, and they who had been high[ ]priests and lawyers; yea, all those who were lawyers were angry [ ]with[ ] those who testified of these things.

<sup>22</sup>Now there was no lawyer [ ]nor judge nor high[ ]priest that could have power to condemn any one to death save their condemnation was signed by the governor of the land.

<sup>23</sup>Now there were many of those who testified of the things pertaining to Christ who testified boldly, who were taken and put to death secretly by the judges, that the knowledge of their death came not unto the governor of the land until after their death.

<sup>24</sup>Now behold, this was cont[ ]rary **to** the laws of the land, that any man should be put to death except they had power from the governor of the land—

<sup>25</sup>Therefore a complaint came up unto the land of Zarahemla, to the governor of the land, against **these** judges who had condemned **the prophets of the Lord** unto death, not according to the law.

<sup>26</sup>Now it came to pass that they were taken and brought up before the judge, to be judged of the [ ] crime which they had done, according to the law which had been given by the people.

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& they did enter into a covenant one with another yea even into that covenant which was given by them of old which covenant was given & administered by the Devil to combine against all righteousness

therefore they did combine against the people of the Lord & enter into a covenant to destroy them & to deliver those which were guilty of murder from the grasp of Justice which was about to be administered according to the law

& they did set at defiance the law & the rights of their country & they did covenant one with another to destroy the governor & to establish a king over the land that the land should no more be at liberty but should be subject unto kings

<sup>27</sup>Now it came to pass that those judges had many friends **and** kindreds; [ ] **and the remainder**, yea, even almost all the lawyers **and** the high [ ] priests, did gather themselves together, **and** unite with the kindreds of those judges **who** were to be tried according to the law.

<sup>28</sup>**And** they did enter into a covenant one with another, yea, even into that covenant which was given by them of old, which covenant was given **and** administered by the **devil**, to combine against all righteousness.

<sup>29</sup>Therefore they did combine against the people of the Lord, **and** enter into a covenant to destroy them, **and** to deliver those **who** were guilty of murder from the grasp of **justice**, which was about to be administered according to the law.

<sup>30</sup>**And** they did set at defiance the law **and** the rights of their country; **and** they did covenant one with another to destroy the governor, **and** to establish a king over the land, that the land should no more be at liberty but should be subject unto kings.