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~~Now it came to pass~~
Chapter 2nd.

Now it came to pass in the ~~six~~ sixth year of the Reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi there was no contentions nor wars in the land of Zarahemla

& the people being afflicted yea greatly afflicted for the loss of their Brethren & also ~~by~~ for the loss of their flocks & herds & also for the loss of their fields of grain which was troden under foot & destroyd by the Lamanites

& so great was their affliction that every soul had cause to moun & they believed that it was the Judgments of ~~of~~ God sent upon them because of their wickedness & their Abominations therefore they were awakened to a remembrance of their duty.

And they began to establish the Church more fully. yea & many were Baptised in the waters of Sidon & were joined to the Church of God. yea they were Baptised by the hand of Alma who had been Consecrated the High Priest over the People of the Church, by the hand of his Father Alma.

And it came to pass in the seventh year of the Reign of the Judges there was about three Thousand five hundred souls that united themselves to the Church of God & were Baptised. And thus ended the seventh year of the Reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi & there was Continual Peace in all that~~and~~ time.

And it came to pass in the Eighth year of the Reign of the Judges that the People of the Church began to wax Proud **178** because of their exceeding Riches, & their fine silks & their fine twined linnen, & because of their many flocks & herds & their Gold & their Silver & all manner of precious things which they had obtained by their Industry & in all these things were they lifted up in the Pride of their eyes for they began to wear very Costly Apparel.

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CHAPTER 4 [X _ _ _ _]

Alma baptizes thousands of converts—Iniquity enters the Church, and the Church's progress is hindered—Nephihah is appointed chief judge—Alma, as high priest, devotes himself to the ministry. About 86–83 B.C.

¹Now it came to pass in the [_ _] sixth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi, there **were** no contentions nor wars in the land of Zarahemla;

²**But** the people **were** afflicted, yea, greatly afflicted for the loss of their brethren, **and** also [X] for the loss of their flocks **and** herds, **and** also for the loss of their fields of grain, which **were** trodden under foot **and** destroyed by the Lamanites.

³**And** so great **were** their afflictions that every soul had cause to mourn; **and** they believed that it was the judgments of [X] God sent upon them because of their wickedness **and** their abominations; therefore they were awakened to a remembrance of their dut[]y.

⁴And they began to establish the church more fully; yea, **and** many were baptized in the waters of Sidon **and** were joined to the church of God; yea, they were baptized by the hand of Alma, who had been consecrated the high priest over the people of the church, by the hand of his father Alma.

⁵And it came to pass in the seventh year of the reign of the judges there **were** about three thousand five hundred souls that united themselves to the church of God **and** were baptized. And thus ended the seventh year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi; **and** there was continual peace in all that[X] time.

⁶And it came to pass in the eighth year of the reign of the judges, that the people of the church began to wax proud, because of their exceeding riches, **and** their fine silks, **and** their fine-twined lin[]en, **and** because of their many flocks **and** herds, **and** their gold **and** their silver, **and** all manner of precious things, which they had obtained by their industry; **and** in all these things were they lifted up in the pride of their eyes, for they began to wear very costly apparel.

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now this was the cause of much affliction to Alma yea And to many of the People which Alma had consecrated to be teachers & Priests And Elders over the church. yea many of them were sorely grieved for the wickedness which they saw had begun to be among their People

for they saw & beheld with great sorrow that the People of the church began to be lifted up in the pride of their Eyes & to set their hearts upon riches & upon the vain things of the world that they began to be scornful one towards another & they began to persecute those that did not believe according to their own will And pleasure.

& thus in this Eighth Year of the Reign of the Judges there began to be great Contentions among the ^{People of the} church, yea there was envyings & strifes & malice And Persecutions & pride even to exceed the pride of those who did not belong to the Church of God,

and thus ended the Eighth year of the Reign of the Judges, and the wickedness of the church was a great stumbling block to those who did not belong to the church, & thus the church began to fail in its progress,

And it came to pass in the commencement of the Ninth Year Alma seeing the wickedness of the church. & also that the Example of the Church began to lead those who were unbelievers on from one piece of iniquity to another thus bringing on the destruction of the People

yea seeing great inequality among the People, some lifting themselves up with their pride despising others turning their backs upon the needy & th naked & those which were hungry & those which were athirst & those which were sick & afflicted,

now this was a great cause for lamentations among the People while others were abasing themselves succoring those who stood in need of their succor such as imparting their substance to the poor & the needy feeding the hungry & suffering all manner of afflictions for Christs sake which should come according to the spirit of Prophecy

⁷Now this was the cause of much affliction to Alma, yea, and to many of the **people whom** Alma had consecrated to be teachers, **and priests, and elders** over the church; yea, many of them were sorely grieved for the wickedness which they saw had begun to be among their **people**.

⁸For they saw **and** beheld with great sorrow that the **people** of the church began to be lifted up in the pride of their **eyes, and** to set their hearts upon riches **and** upon the vain things of the world, that they began to be scornful, one towards another, **and** they began to persecute those that did not believe according to their own will **and** pleasure.

⁹And thus, in this **eighth year** of the **reign** of the **judges**, there began to be great **contentions** among the **people of the church**; yea, there **were** envyings, **and strife[], and malice, and persecutions, and** pride, even to exceed the pride of those who did not belong to the **church** of God.

¹⁰And thus ended the **eighth year** of the **reign** of the **judges**; and the wickedness of the church was a great stumbling-block to those who did not belong to the church; **and** thus the church began to fail in its progress.

¹¹And it came to pass in the commencement of the **ninth year**, Alma **saw** the wickedness of the church, **and he saw** also that the **example** of the church began to lead those who were unbelievers on from one piece of iniquity to another, thus bringing on the destruction of the **people**.

¹²Yea, **he saw** great **inequality** among the **people**, some lifting themselves up with their pride, **and** despising others, turning their backs upon the needy **and the naked and** those **who** were hungry, **and those who** were athirst, **and those who** were sick **and** afflicted.

¹³Now this was a great cause for lamentations among the **people**, while others were abas[]ing themselves, succoring those who stood in need of their succor, such as imparting their substance to the poor **and** the needy, feeding the hungry, **and** suffering all manner of afflictions, for Christ's sake, **who** should come according to the spirit of **prophecy**;

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looking forward to that day thus retain~~ing~~ a remission of their sins being filled with great joy because of the resurrection of the dead according to the will & power and deliverance of Jesus Christ from the pains of death.

And now it come to pass that Alma having seen the afflictions of the humble followers of God. & the persecutions which was heaped upon them by the remainder of his People & seeing all their inequality h~~o~~ began to be very sorrowful Nevertheless the spirit of the Lord did not fail him

and he selected a wise man which was among the Elder of the Church and gave him power according to the voice of the people that he might **179** have power to enact Laws according to the Laws which had been given & to put them in force according to the wickedness & the crimes of the people—

Now this mans name was Nephiah & he was appointed Chief Judge & he sat ~~upon~~ in the Judgment seat to Judge & to govern the people,

now Alma did not grant unto him the Office of High priest over the church but the retained the Office of high Priest unto himself, but he delivered the Judgment Seat unto Nephiah

& this he did that he himself might go forth among his people or among the people of Nephi that he might Preach the word of God unto them to stir them up in remembrance of their duty & that he might pull down by the word of God all the pride & craftiness & all the contentions which was among his people seeing no way that he might reclaim them save it were in bearing down in pure testimony against them.

And thus in the ~~ninth~~ commencement of the ninth year of the Judges over the people of Nephi Alma delivered up the Judgment Seat to Nephiah & confined himself wholly to the High Priesthood of the holy Order of God to the testi
Alma preaches to the
mony of the word according to the spirit of revelation and Prophecy—

¹⁴Looking forward to that day, thus retain[]ing a remission of their sins; being filled with great joy because of the resurrection of the dead, according to the will **and** power and deliverance of Jesus Christ from the **bands** of death.

¹⁵And now it **came** to pass that Alma, having seen the afflictions of the humble followers of God, **and** the persecutions which **were** heaped upon them by the remainder of his **people**, **and** seeing all their **inequality**, [] began to be very sorrowful; **nevertheless** the **Spirit** of the Lord did not fail him.

¹⁶And he selected a wise man **who** was among the **elders** of the **church**, and gave him power according to the voice of the people, that he might have power to enact **laws** according to the **laws** which had been given, **and** to put them in force according to the wickedness **and** the crimes of the people.

¹⁷Now this man's name was Nephiah, **and** he was appointed **chief judge**; **and** he sat **[X]** in the **judgment-seat** to **judge** **and** to govern the people.

¹⁸Now Alma did not grant unto him the **office** of **being high priest** over the church, but []he retained the **office** of high **priest** unto himself; but he delivered the **judgment-seat** unto Nephiah.

¹⁹**And** this he did that he himself might go forth among his people, or among the people of Nephi, that he might **preach** the word of God unto them, to stir them up in remembrance of their duty, **and** that he might pull down, by the word of God, all the pride **and** craftiness **and** all the contentions which **were** among his people, seeing no way that he might reclaim them save it were in bearing down in pure testimony against them.

²⁰And thus in the **[X]** commencement of the ninth year of the **reign of the judges** over the people of Nephi, Alma delivered up the **judgment-seat** to Nephiah, **and** confined himself wholly to the **high priesthood** of the holy **order** of God, to the testi
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mony of the word, according to the spirit of revelation and **prophecy**. []