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Chapter —

And it came to pass in the eleventh year of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi on the fifth day of the second month there having been much peace in the land of Zarahemla ^{there} having been no wars nor contentions for a certain number of years even until the fifth day of the second month in the eleventh year there was a cry of war heard through ^{out} the land

for behold the armies of the Lamanites had come in on the wilderness side into the borders of the land even into the city of Amonihah & began to slay the people & to destroy the city

& now it came to pass before the Nephites could raise a sufficient army to drive them out of the land they had destroyed the people which were in the city of Amonihah & also some around the borders of Noah & taking others captive into the wilderness

now it came to pass that the Nephites were desirous to obtain those which had been carried away captive into the wilderness

therefore ^{he} that had been appointed chief captain over the armies of the Nephites & his name was Zoram & he had two Sons Lehi & Aha now Zoram & his two Sons knowing that Alma was high priest over the church & having heard that he had the spirit of Prophecy therefore they went unto him & desired of him to know whether ~~they~~ the Lord would that they should go into the wilderness in search of their brethren who had been taken captive by the Lamanites

& it came to pass that Alma enquired of the Lord concerning the matter & Alma returned & said unto them behold the Lamanites will cross the River Sidon in the South wilderness away up beyond the borders of the land of Manti & behold **209** & ^{there} ~~be~~ shall ye meet them on the east of the river Sidon & there the Lord will deliver unto thee thy brethren which have been taken captive by the Lamanites

CHAPTER 16 [X] []

The Lamanites destroy the people of Ammonihah—Zoram leads the Nephites to victory over the Lamanites—Alma and Amulek and many others preach the word—They teach that after His Resurrection Christ will appear to the Nephites. About 81–77 B.C.

¹And it came to pass in the eleventh year of the reign of the **j**udges over the people of Nephi, on the fifth day of the second month, there having been much peace in the land of Zarahemla, **there** having been no wars nor contentions for a certain number of years, even until the fifth day of the second month in the eleventh year, there was a cry of war heard through **[]out** the land.

²For behold, the armies of the Lamanites had come in **upon** the wilderness side, into the borders of the land, even into the city of Ammonihah, **and** began to slay the people **and [X]** destroy the city.

³**And** now it came to pass, before the Nephites could raise a sufficient army to drive them out of the land, they had destroyed the people **who** were in the city of Ammonihah, **and** also some around the borders of Noah, **and** taken **[]** others captive into the wilderness.

⁴Now it came to pass that the Nephites were desir **[]ous** to obtain those **who** had been carried away captive into the wilderness.

⁵Therefore, **he** that had been appointed chief captain over the armies of the Nephites, (**and** his name was Zoram, **and** he had two sons, Lehi **and** Aha)—now Zoram **and** his two sons, knowing that Alma was high priest over the church, **and** having heard that he had the spirit of **prophecy**, therefore they went unto him **and** desired of him to know **whither [X]** the Lord would that they should go into the wilderness in search of their brethren, who had been taken captive by the Lamanites.

⁶**And** it came to pass that Alma **inquired** of the Lord concerning the matter. **And** Alma returned **and** said unto them: **Behold**, the Lamanites will cross the **river** Sidon in the **south** wilderness, away up beyond the borders of the land of Manti. **And** behold **[X]there[_ _]** shall ye meet them, on the east of the river Sidon, **and** there the Lord will deliver unto thee thy brethren **who** have been taken captive by the Lamanites.

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& it came to pass that Zoram & his Sons crossed over the river Sidon with their armies & marched away beyond the borders of Manti into the South wilderness which was on the east side of the river Sidon

& they came upon the armies of the Lamanites & the Lamanites were scattered & driven into the wilderness & they took their brethren which had been taken captive by the Lamanites & there was not one soul of them which had been lost that were taken captive & they were brought by their brethren to possess their own lands

& thus ended the eleventh year of the Judges the Lamanites having been driven out of the land & the people of Amonihah were destroyed yea every living soul of the Amonihahites were destroyed & also their great city which they said God could not destroy because of its greatness^{ss}

but behold in one day it was left desolate & their carcasses were mangled by dogs & by wild beasts of the wilderness

nevertheless after many days their dead bodies were heaped up upon the face of the earth & they were covered with a shallow covering & now so great was the scent thereof that the people did not go in to possess the land of Amonihah for many ~~day~~^{years} & it was called desolation of Nehors for they were of the profession of Nehor which were slain & their lands remained desolate

& it came to pass that the Lamanites did not come again to war against the Nephites until the fourteenth year of the reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi & thus for three years did the people of Nephi have continual peace in all the land

& Alma & Amulek went forth preaching repentance unto the ^{People}in their Temples & in their sanctuaries & also in their Synagogues which was built after the manner of the Jews

& as many as would hear their words unto them they did impart the word of God without any respects of persons continually

⁷**And** it came to pass that Zoram **and** his **sons** crossed over the river Sidon, with their armies, **and** marched away beyond the borders of Manti into the **south wilderness**, which was on the east side of the river Sidon.

⁸**And** they came upon the armies of the Lamanites, **and** the Lamanites were scattered **and** driven into the wilderness; **and** they took their brethren **who** had been taken captive by the Lamanites~~[]~~, **and** there was not one soul of them ~~[X]~~ had been lost that were taken captive. **And** they were brought by their brethren to possess their own lands.

⁹**And** thus ended the eleventh year of the **judges**, the Lamanites having been driven out of the land, **and** the people of **Ammonihah** were destroyed; yea, every living soul of the **Ammonihahites** **was** destroyed, **and** also their great city, which they said God could not destroy, because of its greatness.

¹⁰**But** behold, in one day it was left desolate; **and** the~~[_]~~ carcasses were mang~~[_]~~led by dogs **and** ~~[X]~~ wild beasts of the wilderness.

¹¹**Nevertheless**, after many days their dead bodies were heaped up upon the face of the earth, **and** they were covered with a shallow covering. **And** now so great was the scent thereof that the people did not go in to possess the land of **Ammonihah** for many ~~[_ _]~~years~~[_]~~. **And** it was called **Desolation** of Nehors; for they were of the profession of Nehor, **who** were slain; **and** their lands remained desolate.

¹²**And** ~~[X X X X X]~~ the Lamanites did not come again to war against the Nephites until the fourteenth year of the reign of the **judges** over the **people** of Nephi. **And** thus for three years did the people of Nephi have continual peace in all the land.

¹³**And** Alma **and** Amulek went forth preaching repentance ~~[_]~~to the **people**~~[_]~~in their **temples**, **and** in their sanctuaries, **and** also in their **synagogues**, which **were** built after the manner of the Jews.

¹⁴**And** as many as would hear their words, unto them they did impart the word of God, without any respect~~[_]~~ of persons, continually.

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& thus did Alma & Amulek go forth & also many more which had been chosen for the work to preach the word throughout all the land & the establishment of the church became General throughout the land in all the region round about among all the people of the Nephites

& there was no inequality among them for the Lord did pour out his spirit on all the face of the land for to prepare the minds of the Children of men **210** or to prepare their hearts to receive the word which should be taught among them at the time of his coming

that they might not be hardoned against the ^{word}that they might not be unbeliever & go on to destruction but that they might receive the word with Joy & as a branch be grafted into the true vine that they might enter into the rest of the Lord their God

now those priests which did go forth among the people did preach against all lieings & deceivings & envyings & strifes & malice & revilings & stealing robing plundering murdering committing adutery & all manner of lasiveousness crying that these things ought not so to be

holding forth things which must shortly come yea holding forth the coming of the Son of God his sufferings & death & the resurrection of the dead

& many of the People did enquire conserning the place where the Son of God should come & they were taught that he would appear unto them after his resurrection & this the people did hear with great joy & gladness

& now after the church having been established throughout all the land having got the victory over the Devil & the word of God being preached in its purity in all the land & the Lord pouring out his blessings upon the people & thus ended the fourteenth year of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi —

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¹⁵**And** thus did Alma **and** Amulek go forth, **and** also many more **who** had been chosen for the work, to preach the word throughout all the land. **And** the establishment of the church became **general** throughout the land, in all the region round about, among all the people of the Nephites.

¹⁶**And** there was no **inequality** among them; **[X]** the Lord did pour out his **Spirit** on all the face of the land **[X]** to prepare the minds of the **children** of men, or to prepare their hearts to receive the word which should be taught among them at the time of his coming—

¹⁷**T**hat they might not be **hardened** against the **word**,**[]**that they might not be **unbelieving**, **and** go on to destruction, but that they might receive the word with **joy**, **and** as a branch be grafted into the true vine, that they might enter into the rest of the Lord their God.

¹⁸**N**ow those priests **who** did go forth among the people did preach against all **ly[]ings**, **and** **deceivings**, **and** **envyings**, **and** **strifes**, **and** **malice**, **and** **revilings**, **and** **stealing**, **robbing**, **plundering**, **murdering**, **committing adultery**, **and** all manner of **lasiviousness**, crying that these things ought not so to be—

¹⁹**H**olding forth things which must shortly come; yea, holding forth the coming of the Son of God, his sufferings **and** death, **and** **also** the resurrection of the dead.

²⁰**A**nd many of the **people** did **inquire** concerning the place where the Son of God should come; **and** they were taught that he would appear unto them after his resurrection; **and** this the people did hear with great joy **and** gladness.

²¹**A**nd now after the church **had** been established throughout all the land—having got the victory over the **devil**, **and** the word of God being preached in its purity in all the land, **and** the Lord pouring out his blessings upon the people—**[X]** thus ended the fourteenth year of the reign of the **judges** over the people of Nephi.**[]**