

Chapter

Behold now it came to pass that after the People of Ammon were established in the land of ~~Jersh~~ Jershon yea & also after the Lamanites were driven out of the land & their dead were buried by the People of the land

now their dead were not numbered because of the greatness of their number neither were the dead of these Nephites numbered but it came to pass that after they had buried their dead & also after the days of

Korihor who is called Anti fasting & mourning & prayer & it was in the sixteenth year of the reign of the Judges over ~~the peop~~ the People of Nephi there began to be continual peace throughout all the land

yea & **245** the people did observe to keep the commandments of the Lord & they were strict in observing the ordinances of God according to the law of Moses for they were taught to keep the law of Moses until it should be fulfilled

& thus the people did have no disturbance in all the sixteenth year of the Reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi

& it came to pass in the commencement of the seventeenth year of the Reign of the Judges there was continual peace

but it came to pass in the latter end of the seventeenth year there came a man into the land of Zarahemla & he was Anti-Christ for he began to preach unto the People against the Prophecies which had been spoken by the prophets concerning the coming of Christ

now there was no law against a man's belief for it was strictly contrary to the commandments of God that there should be a law which should bring men on to unequal grounds

**CHAPTER 30 [X]**

*Korihor, the anti-Christ, ridicules Christ, the Atonement, and the spirit of prophecy—He teaches that there is no God, no fall of man, no penalty for sin, and no Christ—Alma testifies that Christ will come and that all things denote there is a God—Korihor demands a sign and is struck dumb—The devil had appeared to Korihor as an angel and taught him what to say—Korihor is trodden down and dies. About 76–74 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>Behold, now it came to pass that after the people of Ammon were established in the land [X] of [ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] Jershon, yea, **and** also after the Lamanites were driven out of the land, **and** their dead were buried by the **p**eople of the land—

<sup>2</sup>Now their **d**ead were not numbered because of the greatness of their numbers; neither were the dead of the [ \_ ] Nephites numbered—but it came [ \_ ] to pass [X] after they had buried their dead, **and** also after the days of

[X \_ \_ \_ \_ X X X \_ \_ \_ \_ ] fasting, **and** mourning, **and** prayer, (**and** it was in the sixteenth **y**ear of the reign of the **j**udges over [ \_ ] the [X \_ \_ \_ \_ ] **p**eople of Nephi) there began to be continual peace throughout all the land.

<sup>3</sup>Yea, **and** the people did observe to keep the commandments of the Lord; **and** they were strict in observing the ordinances of God, according to the law of Moses; for they were taught to keep the law of Moses until [ \_ ] it should be fulfilled.

<sup>4</sup>**And** thus the people did have no disturbance in all the sixteenth **y**ear of the **r**eign of the **j**udges over the **p**eople of Nephi.

<sup>5</sup>**And** it came to pass **that** in the commencement of the seventeenth year of the **r**eign of the **j**udges, there was continual peace.

<sup>6</sup>But it came to pass in the latter end of the seventeenth year, there came a man into the land of Zarahemla, **and** he was **A**nti-Christ, for he began to preach unto the **p**eople against the **p**rophet**c**ies which had been spoken by the prophets, concerning the coming of Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Now there was no law against a man's belief; for it was strictly contrary to the commandments of God that there should be a law which should bring men on to unequal grounds.



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& many more such things did he say unto them telling them that there could be no atonement made for the sins of men but every man farred in this life according to the management of the creature there

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fore every man prospered according to his genius & that every man conquered according to his strength & whatsoever a man did was no crime

& thus he did preach unto them leading away the hearts of many causing them to lift up their heads in their wickedness yea leading away many **246** women & asoo men to commit whoredoms telling them that when a man was dead that was the end thereof

now thes man went over to the land of Jershon & also preach these things among the People of Ammon which were once the people of the Lamanites

but behold they were more wise than many of the Nephites for they took him & bound him & carreed him before Ammon which was a high priest over that Peopee

& it came to pass that he caused that he should be carried out of the land & it came to pass that he came over into the land of Gideon & began to preach unto them also & here he did not have much success for he was taken & bound & carried before the high Priest & also the chief Judge over the land

& it came to pass that the high priest sayeth unto him why do ye go about perverting the ways of the Lord why do ye teach this people that there shall be mo Christ to interrupt their rejoiceings why do ye speak against all the Propesies of the holy Prophets

now the high priests name was Giddonah & Korihor sayeth unto him because I do not teach the foolish draditions of your fathers & because I do not teach this People to bind themselves ~~down~~ down<sup>n</sup> under the foolish ordinance<sup>s</sup> & Performancees which are laid down by anceent Priests to usurp Power & authority over them to keep them in ignorance that they may not lift up their heads but be brought dow<sup>n</sup> according to thy words

<sup>17</sup>**And** many more such things did he say unto them, telling them that there could be no atonement made for the sins of men, but every man fare[ ]d in this life according to the management of the creature; there

[X\_X\_-----X\_ ]

fore every man prospered according to his genius, **and** that every man conquered according to his strength; **and** whatsoever a man did was no crime.

<sup>18</sup>**And** thus he did preach unto them, leading away the hearts of many, causing them to lift up their heads in their wickedness, yea, leading away many women, **and also** men, to commit whoredoms—telling them that when a man was dead, that was the end thereof.

<sup>19</sup>**Now** this man went over to the land of Jershon [X] also, to preach these things among the people of Ammon, **who** were once the people of the Lamanites.

<sup>20</sup>**But** behold they were more wise than many of the Nephites; for they took him, **and** bound him, **and** carried him before Ammon, **who** was a high priest over that people.

<sup>21</sup>**And** it came to pass that he caused that he should be carried out of the land. **And** [X\_X\_X\_X\_X] he came over into the land of Gideon, **and** began to preach unto them also; **and** here he did not have much success, for he was taken **and** bound **and** carried before the high priest, **and** also the chief judge over the land.

<sup>22</sup>**And** it came to pass that the high priest **said** unto him: **Why** do ye go about perverting the ways of the Lord? **Why** do ye teach this people that there shall be **no** Christ, to interrupt their rejoic[ ]ings? **Why** do ye speak against all the **prophecies** of the holy prophets?

<sup>23</sup>**Now** the high priest's name was Giddonah. **And** Korihor **said** unto him: **Because** I do not teach the foolish traditions of your fathers, **and** because I do not teach this people to bind themselves [ \_ \_ \_ ] down under the foolish ordinance[ ]s **and** performance[ ]s which are laid down by ancient priests, to usurp power **and** authority over them, to keep them in ignorance, that they may not lift up their heads, but be brought down according to thy words.

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ye say that this People is a free People  
behold I say there are in bondage ye say  
that those ancient Propheisss are true behold I  
say that ye do not know that they are true

ye say that this People is a guilty & a fallen  
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behold I say that a child is not guilty because of  
its parents

& ye also say that Christ shall come but  
behold I say that ye do not Know ~~there~~ that there  
shall be a Christ & ye say also that he shall  
be slain for the sins of the world

& thus ye laad away this People after the foolish  
traditions of yours ~~faffers~~ fashers &  
according to your own desires & ye keep them  
down even as it were in beondage that ye may  
glut yousselves with the labours of their hands that  
they ~~deast~~ dearest not look up with boldnes<sup>s</sup>  
& that they dearest not enjoy their rights &  
privileges

yea they dearest not make use of that which is  
there own lest they should offend their Preests which  
do yoke them according to their desires &  
hath brought them to believe by their traditions  
& their dreams & their whims & their vesion<sup>s</sup>  
& their pretended mysterrees that they should if  
they did not ao according to their words offend  
some unknown being which they say is God a  
being which ~~hath~~ never hath been see seen nor  
Korihor before Alm  
known which never was nor vever will be

now when the high priest & the chief & Judge  
saw the hardness of his heart yea when they saw  
that he would revile <sup>e</sup>ven against God they would  
not make any reply to his words but they caused  
that he ~~shoud~~ should be bound & they delivered him  
up into the hands of the officers & sent him to  
the land of Zarahemla that he might be brought  
before Alma & the Chief Judge which was **247**  
governor over all the land

& it came to pass that when he was brought  
before Alma & the Chief Judge that he did go on  
in the same manner ~~that~~ <sup>as</sup> he did in the land of  
Gideon yea he went on to blasphemy

<sup>24</sup>Ye say that this **p**people is a free **p**people.  
**Be**[\_]hold, I say they[\_] are in bondage. **Ye** say  
that those ancient **p**prophecies are true. **Behold**, I  
say that ye do not know that they are true.

<sup>25</sup>Ye say that this **p**people is a guilty **and** a fallen  
**p**people, because of the transgression of a **p**parent.  
**Behold**, I say that a child is not guilty because of  
its parents.

<sup>26</sup>**And** ye also say that Christ shall come. **But**  
behold, I say that ye do not **k**know [**X**] that there  
shall be a Christ. **And** ye say also that he shall  
be slain for the sins of the world—

<sup>27</sup>**And** thus ye **l**ead away this **p**people after the foolish  
traditions of your[\_] [ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] fathers, **and**  
according to your own desires; **and** ye keep them  
down, even as it were in b[\_]ondage, that ye may  
glut your**s**elves with the labo[\_]rs of their hands, that  
they [ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] du[\_]rst not look up with boldness,  
**and** that they du[\_]rst not enjoy their rights **and**  
privileges.

<sup>28</sup>**Y**ea, they du[\_]rst not make use of that which is  
their own lest they should offend their **p**priests, **who**  
do yoke them according to their desires, **and**  
have brought them to believe, by their traditions  
**and** their dreams **and** their whims **and** their **v**isions  
**and** their pretended myster**i**es, that they should, if  
they did not **do** according to their words, offend  
some unknown being, **who** they say is God—a  
being **who** [**X**] never has[\_] been [**X**] seen [ \_ ]or  
[**X**\_ **X**\_ \_ \_ \_ ]  
known, **who** never was nor [ \_ ]ever will be.

<sup>29</sup>**N**ow when the high priest **and** the chief [**X**] judge  
saw the hardness of his heart, yea, when they saw  
that he would revile **e**ven against God, they would  
not make any reply to his words; but they caused  
that he [**X**] should be bound; **and** they delivered him  
up into the hands of the officers, **and** sent him to  
the land of Zarahemla, that he might be brought  
before Alma, **and** the chief judge **who** was  
governor over all the land.

<sup>30</sup>**A**nd it came to pass that when he was brought  
before Alma **and** the chief judge, [**X**] he did go on  
in the same manner [**X**] **a**s he did in the land of  
Gideon; yea, he went on to blasphem**e**.

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& he did rise up in great swelling words before Alma & did revile against the Priests & teachers accureing them of laading away the people after the silly traditions of their farhers for the sake of glutting by<sup>in</sup> the labours of the people

now Alma sayeth unto him thou knowest that we do not glut ourselves upon the labours of this People for behold I have laboured even from ~~the~~ the commencement of the reign of the Judges untill now with mine own hands for my support notwithstanding my many travels round about the land to declare the word of God unto my People

& not withstanding the many labours which I have performed in the Church I have never recieved so much as even one Senine for my labour neither hath any of my Brethren save it were in the Judgmentseat & then we have received only according to law for our time

& now if we do not receive any thing for our labours in the Church what doth it profit us to labour in the Church save it were to declare the truth that we may have rejoiceings in the joy of ~~our~~ our Brethren

then why sayest thou that we preach unto this People to get gain when thou know<sup>of</sup>est thyself knowest that we receive no gain & now believest thou that we deceive this People thatt causesh jsuch joy in their hearts

& Korihor answered him yea

then Alma sayest unto him believest thou that there is a God

& he answered nay

now ~~if~~ Alma sayeth unto him if ye deny again that there is a God & also deny the Christ for behold I say unto you I know there is a God & also that Christ shall come

& now what evidence have ye that there is no God or that Christ cometh not I say unto you that ye have none ~~save~~ save it be your word only

but behold I have all things as a testimony that these things are true & ye <sup>also</sup> have all things as a testimony unto you that they are true & will ye deny them believest thou that these things are true

<sup>31</sup>And he did rise up in great swelling words before Alma, and did revile against the priests and teachers, accus[ ]ing them of leading away the people after the silly traditions of their fathers, for the sake of glutting [X]on the labo[ ]rs of the people.

<sup>32</sup>Now Alma said unto him: Thou knowest that we do not glut ourselves upon the labo[ ]rs of this people; for behold I have labo[ ]red even from [X] the commencement of the reign of the judges until[ ] now, with mine own hands for my support, notwithstanding my many travels round about the land to declare the word of God unto my people.

<sup>33</sup>And not[ ]withstanding the many labo[ ]rs which I have performed in the church, I have never received so much as even one senine for my labo[ ]r; neither has[ ] any of my brethren, save it were in the judgment-seat; and then we have received only according to law for our time.

<sup>34</sup>And now, if we do not receive any[ ]thing for our labo[ ]rs in the church, what doth it profit us to labo[ ]r in the church save it were to declare the truth, that we may have rejoic[ ]ings in the joy of [ ] our brethren?

<sup>35</sup>Then why sayest thou that we preach unto this people to get gain, when thou, [X]of[ ] thyself, knowest that we receive no gain? And now, believest thou that we deceive this people, that[ ] causes[ ] [ ]such joy in their hearts?

<sup>36</sup>And Korihor answered him, Yea.

<sup>37</sup>And then Alma said unto him: Believest thou that there is a God?

<sup>38</sup>And he answered, Nay.

<sup>39</sup>Now [X\_X] Alma said unto him: Will ye deny again that there is a God, and also deny the Christ? For behold, I say unto you, I know there is a God, and also that Christ shall come.

<sup>40</sup>And now what evidence have ye that there is no God, or that Christ cometh not? I say unto you that ye have none, [ ] save it be your word only.

<sup>41</sup>But, behold, I have all things as a testimony that these things are true; and ye also have all things as a testimony unto you that they are true; and will ye deny them? Believest thou that these things are true?

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behold I know that thou believest bet thou art possessed with a ~~ly~~ lying spirit & ye have put off the spirit of God that it may have no place in you but the

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devil hath power over you & he doth carry you about working devises that he may destroy the ~~pe~~<sup>children</sup> ~~op~~len of God

& now Korihor sayeth unto Alma if thou wilt shew me a sign that I may be convinced that there is a God yea shew unto me that he hath power & then will I be convinced of the truth of thy words

but Alma saye~~o~~h unto him thou hast had signs enough will ye tempt your God will ye say shew unto me a ~~sig~~ sign when ye have the testimony of all these thy brethren & also all the holy Prophets the scriptures are laid before thee yea & all things denote ~~243~~ there is a God yea even the earth & all things that is upon the face of it yea & its motion yea & also & all the ~~plnnets~~ planets which move in their regular form doth witness that there is a supreme Creator

& yet do ye go about leading away the hearts of the People testifying unto them there is no God & yet will ye deny ~~of-g~~ against all these witnessess & he said yea I will deny except ye shall shew me a sign

& now it came to pass that Alma said unto him behold I am grieved because of the hardness yea that ye will still resist the spirit of these truths that thy soul may be ~~de~~stroyed

itut behold it is leetter that they<sup>thy</sup> souls should be lost then that thou shouldst be the means of bringing many souls down to destruction by thy lying & by thy flattering words therefore if thou shalt deyy again behold God shall smites thee that thou shalt become domb that thou shalt never open thy mouth any more that thou shalt not deceive this People any more

now Korihor sayeth unto him I do not deny the existance of a God but I do not believe that there is a God & I say also that ye do not know that there is a God & except ye shew me a sign I will not believe

<sup>42</sup>Behold, I know that thou believest, but thou art possessed with a [ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] ly[ ]ing spirit, **and** ye have put off the **S**pirit of God that it may have no place in you; but the

[ \_ ]

devil has[ ] power over you, **and** he doth carry you about, working devices that he may destroy the [ \_ ]**childre**[ \_ \_ \_ \_ ]n of God.

<sup>43</sup>**And** now Korihor **said** unto Alma: **I**f thou wilt show me a sign, that I may be convinced that there is a God, yea, show unto me that he hath power, **and** then will I be convinced of the truth of thy words.

<sup>44</sup>But Alma **said** unto him: **T**hou hast had signs enough; will ye tempt your God? **W**ill ye say, **S**how unto me a [ \_ \_ ] sign, when ye have the testimony of all these thy brethren, **and** also all the holy **prophets**? **T**he scriptures are laid before thee, yea, **and** all things denote there is a God; yea, even the earth, **and** all things that **are** upon the face of it, yea, **and** its motion, yea, **and** also [X] all the **planets** which move in their regular form do[ \_ \_ ] witness that there is a **S**upreme Creator.

<sup>45</sup>**And** yet do ye go about, leading away the hearts of **this** people, testifying unto them there is no God? **And** yet will ye deny [X\_ ] against all these witnessess[ ]? **And** he said: **Y**ea, I will deny, except ye shall show me a sign.

<sup>46</sup>**And** now it came to pass that Alma said unto him: **B**ehold, I am grieved because of the hardness **of your heart**, yea, that ye will still resist the spirit of the[ \_ ] truth[ ], that thy soul may be [ ] destroyed.

<sup>47</sup>**B**[ ]ut behold, it is **b**[ ]etter that [X] **thy** soul[ ] should be lost **than** that thou shouldst be the means of bringing many souls down to destruction, by thy ly[ ]ing **and** by thy flattering words; therefore if thou shalt **deny** again, behold God shall smite[ ] thee, that thou shalt become **dumb**, that thou shalt never open thy mouth any more, that thou shalt not deceive this **people** any more.

<sup>48</sup>**N**ow Korihor **said** unto him: **I** do not deny the **e**xistence of a God, but I do not believe that there is a God; **and** I say also, that ye do not know that there is a God; **and** except ye **show** me a sign, I will not believe.

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now Alma sayeth unto him this will I give unto thee for a sign that thou shalt be struck dumb according to my words & I say that in the name of God that ye shall be struck dumb that ye shall no more have utterance

now when Alma had said these words Korihor was struck dumb that he could not have utterance according to the words of Alma

& now when the chief Judge saw this he put forth his hand & wrote unto Korihor saying art thou convinced of the Power of ~~gd~~ God in <sup>w</sup>home did ye desire that Alma should shew forth his sign would ye that he should afflict others to shew unto thee a sign now behold he hath shewed unto you a sign & now will ye dispute more

& Korihor put forth his hand & wrote saying I Know that I am dumb for I cannot speak & I Know that nothing save it were the Power of God could bring this upon me yea & I always knew that there was a God

but behold the Devil hath deceived me for he appeared unto me in the form of an Angel & said unto me go & reclaim this People Korihor is trodden to Dea  
~~for~~ for they have all wone astray after an unknown God & he sayeth unto me there was no God yea & he taught me that which I should say & I have taught his words & I taught them because they were pleasing unto the carnal mind & I taught them even until I had much success insomuch that I verily believed that they were true & for this cause I withstood the truth even until I have brought this great curse upon me

now when he had said this he besought that Alma should pray <sup>u</sup>nto<sup>n</sup> God that the curse might be taken from him

but Alma said unto him if this curse should be taken from thee thou wouldst again lead away the hearts of this people therefore it shall be unto thee even as the Lord wilt

& it came to pass that the curse was not taken off of Korihor but he was **249** cast out & went about from house to house a begging for his food

<sup>49</sup>Now Alma **said** unto him: This will I gi[ ]ve unto thee for a sign, that thou shalt be struck **dumb**, according to my words; **and** I say, that in the name of God, **[X]** ye shall be struck **dumb**, that ye shall no more have utterance.

<sup>50</sup>Now when Alma had said these words, Korihor was struck **dumb**, that he could not have utterance, according to the words of Alma.

<sup>51</sup>**And** now when the chief **j**udge saw this, he put forth his hand **and** wrote unto Korihor, saying: **Art** thou convinced of the **p**ower of [ ] God? **In** whom[ ] did ye desire that Alma should **show** forth his sign? **Would** ye that he should afflict others, to **show** unto thee a sign? **[X]** **Behold**, he has[ ] **showed** unto you a sign; **and** now will ye dispute more?

<sup>52</sup>**And** Korihor put forth his hand **and** wrote, saying: **I** know that I am **dumb**, for I cannot speak; **and** **I** know that nothing save it were the **p**ower of God could bring this upon me; yea, **and** I always knew that there was a God.

<sup>53</sup>**But** behold, the **d**evil hath deceived me; for he appeared unto me in the form of an **angel**, **and** said unto me: **Go** **and** reclaim this **people**, **[X\_X\_X\_X\_ \_ \_ \_]**  
[ \_ \_ \_ ] for they have all **gone** astray after an unknown God. **And** he **said** unto me: **There is** no God; yea, **and** he taught me that which I should say. **And** I have taught his words; **and** I taught them because they were pleasing unto the carnal mind; **and** I taught them, even until[ ] I had much success, insomuch that I verily believed that they were true; **and** for this cause I withstood the truth, even until[ ] I have brought this great curse upon me.

<sup>54</sup>Now when he had said this, he **besought** that Alma should pray [ ]unto[ ] God, that the curse might be taken from him.

<sup>55</sup>**But** Alma said unto him: **If** this curse should be taken from thee thou wouldst again lead away the hearts of this people; therefore, it shall be unto thee even as the Lord will.

<sup>56</sup>**And** it came to pass that the curse was not taken off of Korihor; but he was cast out, **and** went about from house to house [ ] **begging** for his food.

