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Chapter

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among all the Prisoners of the Nephites Moroni or
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were possible

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by the servant of Ammoron~~i~~ the same who had
brought an epistle to Moroni now these are the
words which he wrote unto Ammoron saying

Behohold Ammoron I have wrote unto you
some what concerning this war which ye have
waged against my People or rather which thy
Brother hath waged againt them & which ye are
still determened to carry on after his death

behold I would tell you sometheng concerning the
justece of God & the sword of his Almighty wrath
whech doath hang over you except ye repent &
withdraw your armies into your own lands
of your possesseons which is the land of Nephi

yea I would tell you these thengs if ye were
capible of hearkeⁿeng unto them yea I would tell
you coneerneng that awful Hell that awaits to receive
such murderers as thou & thy Brother hath been
except yea repent & withdraw **306** yout merderous
purposes & return with your armees to your
own lands

CHAPTER 54 [X]

*Ammoron and Moroni negotiate for the exchange
of prisoners—Moroni demands that the Lamanites
withdraw and cease their murderous attacks—
Ammoron demands that the Nephites lay down
their arms and become subject to the Lamanites.
About 63 B.C.*

¹ And now it came to pass in the commencement of
the twenty and ninth []year~~ear~~ of the judges,
that Am[]moron sent unto Moroni desir[]ing that
he would exchange prisoners.

² And it came to pass that Moroni felt to rejoice
exceedingly at this request, for he desired the
provisions which were imparted for the support of
the Lamanite[] prisoners for the supp[]ort of his
own people; and he also desired [] his
own people for the strengthening of []his army.

³ Now the Lamanites had taken many women and
children, and there was not a woman nor **[X]** a child
among all the prisoners of **[X_X]** Moroni, or
the prisoners whom Moroni had taken; therefore
Moroni resolved upon a stratagem to obtain as many
prisoners of the Nephites from the Lamanites as it
were possible.

⁴ Therefore he wrote[] an epistle, and sent it **[X_]**
by the servant of Ammoron[], the same who had
brought an epistle to Moroni. Now these are the
words which he wrote unto Ammoron, saying:

⁵ Beho[]ld, Ammoron, I have written unto you
some[]what concerning this war which ye have
waged against my people, or rather which thy
brother hath waged againt them, and which ye are
still determined to carry on after his death.

⁶ Behold, I would tell you some**what** concerning the
justice of God, and the sword of his almighty wrath,
which do[]th hang over you except ye repent and
withdraw your armies into your own lands, or the
land of your possessions, which is the land of Nephi.

⁷ Yea, I would tell you these things if ye were
capable of hearkeⁿing unto them; yea, I would tell
you concerning that awful hell that awaits to receive
such murderers as thou and thy brother have been,
except ye[] repent and withdraw your murderous
purposes[], and return with your armes to your
own lands.

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but as ye have once rejected these thengs & have faught against the People of the Lord evenso I may expect you will do it again

& now behold we are prepared to receive you yea & except you withdraw your purposes behold ye will pull down the whath of thett God whom yeu have rejected upon yea even to your utter destruction

but as the Lord levesth our armies shall come upon you excep~~t~~ ye with draw t ye shall soon be vesited with death for we will retain our cities & our lands yea & we will taintain our relegion & the cause of our God

but behodd it supposeth me that I talk to you concerning these thengs invaen ir it supposeth me that thou art a child of Hell therefore I will close my epistle by telling you that I will not exchange
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save it be on conditions that ye **will deliver up a man & his wife & his children** for one prisoner if this be the case that **ye will do it** I **will exchange**

& behold if ye do not **thes I will come against you with my armies** yea even I will arm my **women & my children & I will com^e agaenst you** & I will follow you even unto **your own land which is the land of our first inheritance** yea & it shall be **blood for blood yea life for fife** & I will give you battle even untill you are **destroid from off the face of the earth**

behold I am in my anger & also my People ye have saught to murder us & we have only sought to defend our lives but behold if ye seek to destroy us more we will seek to destroy you yea & we wile seek our lands the lands of our first inherita~~ce~~

now I close my epilte I am Moroni I am a leader of the People of the Nephites

Now it **came to pass that Ammoron when he had received this Epistle he was angry & he wrote another epistle unto Moroni & these** are the wo~~oo~~ which he wrote saying

⁸**But as ye have once rejected these things, and have fought against the people of the Lord, even[]so I may expect you will do it again.**

⁹**And now behold, we are prepared to receive you; yea, and except you withdraw your purposes, behold, ye will pull down the wrath of that God whom you have rejected upon you, [X] even to your utter destruction.**

¹⁰**But, as the Lord live[]th, our armies shall come upon you except ye withdraw, and ye shall soon be visited with death, for we will retain our cities and our lands; yea, and we will maintain our religion and the cause of our God.**

¹¹**But behold, it supposeth me that I talk to you concerning these things in[]vain; or it supposeth me that thou art a child of hell; therefore I will close my epistle by telling you that I **will not exchange** prisoners,**

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save it be on conditions that ye **will deliver up a man and his wife and his children**, for one prisoner; if this be the case that **ye will do it**, I **will exchange**.

¹²**And behold, if ye do not this, I will come against you with my armies; yea, even I will arm my women and my children, and I will come against you, and I will follow you even into your own land, which is the land of our first inheritance; yea, and it shall be blood for blood, yea, life for life; and I will give you battle even until[] you are destroyed from off the face of the earth.**

¹³**Behold, I am in my anger, and also my people; ye have sought to murder us, and we have only sought to defend our[]selves. But behold, if ye seek to destroy us more we will seek to destroy you; yea, and we will seek our land[], the land[] of our first inheritance.**

¹⁴**Now I close my epistle. I am Moroni; I am a leader of the people of the Nephites.**

¹⁵**Now it came to pass that Ammoron, when he had received this epistle, [X] was angry; and he wrote another epistle unto Moroni, and these are the words which he wrote, saying:**

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I am Ammoron the King of the Lamanites I am the brother of Amelickiah whom ye have murdered behold I will avenge his blood upon you yea & I will come upon you with my armies fore I fear mot your threatnings

for behold your Fathers did wrong their Brethren insomuch that they did rob them of their rite to the goverment when it rightfully belonged unto them

& now behold it ye will lay down your arms & be ubject yourselves to be governed wy those to whom the goverment doth rightly belong them will I cause that my People shall lay down their weapons & shall be at war no more

behold ye have breathed out many threatnings & against me & my my People but behold we fear not your threatnings

nevertheless I will grant to exchange Prisoners according to your request gladly that I may preserve my food for my men of war & we will wedge an ar which shall be eternal either to the subjecting the Nephites to our authority or to their eterral extinction

& as concerning that God whom ye say we have rejected behold we know not such a being neither do ye but if it so be that there is suck a being we know not but that he hath made us as well as you

& if it so be that there is a Devil & a Hell behold will he not send **307**you there to dwell with my Brother which ye have murdered which ye have hinted that he hath gone to such a place but behold these things matter not

I am **Me** Ammoron & a desendant of Zoram whom your fathers presed & brought out of Jerusalem

& behold I am now a bold Lamanite behold this war hath been wadged to avenge their wrongs & to main^{tain}
Moroni sends Laman to de
& to obtain their rightes to the **govem** goverment & I close my Epistle to Moroni

¹⁶I am Ammoron, the **king** of the Lamanites; I am the brother of **Amalickiah** whom ye have murdered. **Behold**, I will avenge his blood upon you, yea, **and** I will come upon you with my armies for^[] I fear not your threatenings.

¹⁷For behold, your **fathers** did **wrong** their **brethren**, insomuch that they did rob them of their **right** to the **governm** when it right^[]ly belonged unto ^[]them.

¹⁸**And** now behold, **if** ye will ^[] lay down your arms, **and** **[X]** subject yourselves to be governed **by** those to whom the **governm** doth rightly belong, **then** will I cause that my **people** shall lay down their weapons **and** shall be at war no more.

¹⁹**Behold**, ye have breathed out many **threatenings** **[X]** against me **and** **[X]** my **people**; but behold, we fear not your **threatenings**.

²⁰Nevertheless, I will grant to exchange **prisoners** according to your request, **gladly**, that I may preserve my food for my men of war; **and** we will wa^[]ge a^[] war which shall be eternal, either to the subjecting the Nephites to our authority or to their **eternal extinction**.

²¹**And** as concerning that God whom ye say we have rejected, behold, we know not such a **being**; neither do ye; but if it so be that there is **such** a being, we know not but that he hath made us as well as you.

²²**And** if it so be that there is a **devil** **and** a **hell**, behold will he not send you there to dwell with my **brother** **whom** ye have murdered, **whom** ye have hinted that he hath gone to such a place? **But** behold these things matter not.

²³I am ^[] Ammoron, **and** a desendant of Zoram, whom your fathers pressed **and** brought out of Jerusalem.

²⁴**And** behold **now**, I am **[X]** a bold Lamanite; behold, this war hath been wa^[]ged to avenge their wrongs, **and** to **maintain** **[X_X_X_X_ _]**
and to obtain their rights^[] to the ^[] **govem** government; **and** I close my epistle to Moroni.