

& now it came to pass that I received an epistle from Ammoron the ~~K~~ King stating that if I would deliver up those Prisoners of war which we had taken that he would deliver up the city of Antiparah unto us

but I sent an Epistle unto the King that we were Sure that our forces were sufficient to take the City of Antiparah by our forces by delivering up the Prisoners for that city we should suppose ourselves unwise & that we would only deliver up our Prisoners an exchange

& as Ammoron refused tene epistle for he would not exchange Prisoners therefore we began to make preparations to go against the city of Antiparah

but the People of Antiparah did leave the City & feed to their other cities which they had possession of to fortify them & thus the City of Antiparah fell in to our hands

& thus ended the twenty & eighth year of the Reign of the judges

& it came to pass that in the commencement of the twenty & ninth year we received a supply of provisions & also an addition to our army from the land of Zarahemla & from the land round about to the number of six thousands men besides sixty of the Sons of the ^{Ammonites}
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who had come to join their brethren my little band of two thousand & now behold we were strong yea & we had also as plenty of Provisions brought ~~to~~ ^{unto} us

& it came to pass that it was our desire to wedge a Battle with the army which was placed to protect the city ^{Cumoni}

CHAPTER 57

Helaman recounts the taking of Antiparah and the surrender and later the defense of Cumeni—His Ammonite striplings fight valiantly; all are wounded, but none are slain—Gid reports the slaying and the escape of the Lamanite prisoners. About 63 B.C.

¹And now it came to pass that I received an epistle from Ammoron, the [] king, stating that if I would deliver up those prisoners of war whom we had taken that he would deliver up the city of Antiparah unto us.

²But I sent an epistle unto the king, that we were sure [X] our forces were sufficient to take the city of Antiparah by our force[]; and by delivering up the prisoners for that city we should suppose ourselves unwise, and that we would only deliver up our prisoners on exchange.

³And [X] Ammoron [] refused mine epistle, for he would not exchange prisoners; therefore we began to make preparations to go against the city of Antiparah.

⁴But the people of Antiparah did leave the city, and fled to their other cities, which they had possession of, to fortify them; and thus the city of Antiparah fell in [] to our hands.

⁵And thus ended the twenty and eighth year of the reign of the judges.

⁶And it came to pass that in the commencement of the twenty and ninth [] year, we received a supply of provisions, and also an addition to our army, from the land of Zarahemla, and from the land round about, to the number of six thousand [] men, besides sixty of the sons of the Ammonites [X]

who had come to join their brethren, my little band of two thousand. And now behold, we were strong, yea, and we had also [] plenty of provisions brought [X] unto us.

⁷And it came to pass that it was our desire [] to wage a battle with the army which was placed to protect the city [] Cumeni.

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& now behold I will shew unto you that we soon accomplished our desire yea with our strong forces or with a Part our strong force we^{he} did surnourd by right the City Cumeni a little before they were to receive a supply of **314** provisions

& it came to pass that we ~~d~~ did camp round about the city for many da ights but we did sleep upon our Swords & keep guards that the Lamanites could not come upon os by many & slay us which they attempted many times but as many times as they attempted this their ~~b~~^lood was spilt

at length their proviseons did arive & they were about to enter the city by night & we insted of beeng Lamanites were Nephites therefore we did take them & their provisions

& notwithstanding hee Lamanites being cut off from their support after thes manren they were stell determined to maintain the City therefore it became expetant that we should take these provisions & send then to Judeah & our Prisoners to the city of Zarranemla

& it came to pass that not many days had pased away before the Lamanites began to loose all hopes of sc^{cer} therefore they yelded upp the city into our hands & thus we had accomplished our designs in oftaining the city Cumeni

&but it came to pass that our Plson^{rs} were so numerous that notwithstanding the enormity of our number we wer^e obleged to employ all our forces t keep them or tout them to death

for be hold they ^would brake out in great numbert & would fight with stones & with clubs or whatsoever theng they could get into their hands insomuch that we did slay upwards of two thousands of them after they had surrendered themselves Prisoners of ware

therefrre it became expediant for us that we should put an end to their leves or guart them ^sword en hand down to the land of Zarahemla & also our Provisions were not any more that officiett for our own People notwithsaandeng that which we had taken from the Lamanites

⁸**And** now behold, I will **show** unto you that we soon accomplished our desire; yea, with our strong force^[_], or with a **part of** our strong force, ^[_]**we**^[_] did **surround**, by **night**, the city Cumeni, a little before they were to receive a supply of provisions.

⁹**And** it came to pass that we ^[_] did camp round about the city for many ^[_] **nights**; but we did sleep upon our **swords**, **and** keep guards, that the Lamanites could not come upon **us** by **night and** slay us, which they attempted many times; but as many times as they attempted this their **blood** was spilt.

¹⁰**At** length their **provisions** did **arrive**, **and** they were about to enter the city by night. **And** we, **instead of being** Lamanites, were Nephites; therefore, we did take them **and** their provisions.

¹¹**And** notwithstanding **the** Lamanites being cut off from their support after **this manner**, they were **still** determined to maintain the city; therefore it became **expedient** that we should take those provisions **and** send them to Judea^[_], **and** our **prisoners** to the **land** of Zar^[_]**ahemla**.

¹²**And** it came to pass that not **many** days had **passed** away before the Lamanites began to lo^[_]se all hopes of **succor**; therefore they **yielded u**^[_]**p** the city **unto** our hands; **and** thus we had accomplished our designs in **obtaining** the city Cumeni.

¹³**[X]**But it came to pass that our **prisoners** were so numerous that, notwithstanding the enormity of our numbers, we wer^e **obliged** to employ all our force^[_] to keep them, or to^[_] **put** them to death.

¹⁴For be^[_]hold, they ^[_] would **break** out in great numbers, **and** would fight with stones, **and** with clubs, or whatsoever **thing** they could get into their hands, insomuch that we did slay upwards of two thousand^[_] of them after they had surrendered themselves **prisoners** of war^[_].

¹⁵**Therefore** it became **expedient** for us, that we should put an end to their **lives**, or **guard** them, **sword in hand**, down to the land of Zarahemla; **and** also our **provisions** were not any more than **sufficient** for our own **people**, notwithstanding that which we had taken from the Lamanites.

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th it came to pass that there were two hundred out of my two thousand & sextey which had faintet because of the ^{ef} loss of bloot thevertheless according to the goodmess of God & to grr great astonishment & also the joy of our whole army there was not one soul of them which did perish yea & neither was there one soul among them which had not received many wounds

& now their precervation was astonishing to our whole army yea that they should be tpared while there was a thousand of our Brethren which were slain & we do justly ascribe it to the merrackulous power of God because of their exceding faith in that which they had been taught to believe that there was a just God & whosoer did not doubt that they shoould be preserved by his marvelous power

now this was the faith of these of which I have spoken they are yong & their minds are firm & they do put their trust^{ts} in God continually

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now Gid was the Cheef Captain over the bard which was appointed to guard them down to that land

& now these are the words which Gid said unto me behold we did start to go down to the land of Zarahemla with our Presoners & it came to pass pistle that we did meet the spies of our armies which had been sent out to watch the camp of the Lamanites

& they cried unto us saying behold arm armies of the Lamanites are ^a marching towards the city of Cumeni & behold they will fall upon them ^{yea} & will destroy our People

& it came to pass that our Presoners did hear their cries which caused them to take couaage & they did raese up in rebellion against us

& it came to pass because of their rebelleon we ded cause that our swords should come upon them & it came to pass that they did in a body run upon our swords **316** in the which the greater number of them were slain & the remainder of them brake through & fled from us

²⁵**And** it came to pass that there were two hundred, out of my two [] thousand **and** sixt [] y, **who** had faintet because of the [X] loss of blood; [] nevertheless, according to the goodnes of God, **and** to our great astonishment, **and** also the joy of our whole army, there was not one soul of them **who** did perish; yea, **and** neither was there one soul among them **who** had not received many wounds.

²⁶**And** now, their preservation was astonishing to our whole army, yea, that they should be spared while there was a thousand of our brethren **who** were slain. **And** we do justly ascribe it to the mi [] rac [] ulous power of God, because of their exceeding faith in that which they had been taught to believe—that there was a just God, **and** whosoever did not doubt, that they sho [] uld be preserved by his marvelous power.

²⁷Now this was the faith of these of **whom** I have spoken; they are young, **and** their minds are firm, **and** they do put their trust [] in God continually.

²⁸**And** now it came to pass that after we had thus taken care of our wounded men, **and** had buried our dead **and** also the dead of the Lamanites, **who** were many, behold, we did inquire of Gid concerning the prisoners whom [] they had started to go down to the land of Zarahemla with.

²⁹Now Gid was the chief captain over the band **who** was appointed to guard them down to the [] land.

³⁰**And** now, these are the words which Gid said unto me: Behold, we did start to go down to the land of Zarahemla with our prisoners. **And** it came to pass [_ _ _ _] that we did meet the spies of our armies, **who** had been sent out to watch the camp of the Lamanites.

³¹**And** they cried unto us, saying—Behold, the armies of the Lamanites are [] marching towards the city of Cumeni; **and** behold, they will fall upon them, **yea**, **and** will destroy our people.

³²**And** it came to pass that our prisoners did hear their cries, which caused them to take courage; **and** they did r [] ise up in rebellion against us.

³³**And** it came to pass because of their rebellion we did cause that our swords should come upon them. **And** it came to pass that they did in a body run upon our swords, in the which, the greater number of them were slain; **and** the remainder of them broke through **and** fled from us.

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& behold when they had fled & we could not overtake them we took our march with speed spwards the city Cumeni & behold we did areve in time that we might ~~p~~ assist our brethren in preserveing the cety

& behold we are agaen delivered out of the hands of our enemies & blessed is the name of our God for befold tt is he that hath delivered us yea that hath done this great thing for us

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³⁴**And** behold, when they had fled **and** we could not overtake them, we took our march with speed **towards** the city Cumeni; **and** behold, we did **arrive** in time that we might [_ _] assist our brethren in preserv[]ing the city.

³⁵**And** behold, we are **again** delivered out of the hands of our enemies. **And** blessed is the name of our God; for **behold**, it is he that has[] delivered us; yea, that has[] done this great thing for us.

³⁶**Now** it came to pass that when I, Helaman, had heard these words of Gid, I was filled with **exceeding** joy because of the goodness of God in preser[]ving us, that we might not all perish; yea, **and** I trust that the [_ _ _ _] souls of them **who have** been slain have entered into the rest of their God.