

& it came to pass that he begat Omer & Omer reigned in his stead & Omer begat Jared & Jared begat sons & daughters

& Jared rebelled against his father & came & dwelt in the land of Heth & it came to pass that he did flatter much people because of his cunning words until he had gained the half of the kingdom

& when he had gained the half of the kingdom he gave battle unto his father & he did carry away his father into captivity & did make them serve in captivity

& now in the days of the reign of Omer he was in captivity the half of his days & it came to pass that he begat sons & daughters among whom were Esrom & Coriantumr

& they were exceeding angry because of the doings of Jared their brother insomuch that they did raise an army & gave battle unto Jared & it came to pass that they did give battle unto him by night

& it came to pass that when they had slew the army of Jared they were about to slay him also & he pled with them that they would not slay him & he would give up the kingdom unto his father & it came to pass that they did grant unto him his life

& now Jared became exceeding sorrowful because of the loss of the kingdom for he had set his heart upon the kingdom & upon the glory of the world

now the daughter of Jared being exceeding expert & seeing the sorrow of her father thought to devise a plan whereby she could redeem the kingdom unto her father

CHAPTER 8

There is strife and contention over the kingdom—Akish forms an oath-bound secret combination to slay the king—Secret combinations are of the devil and result in the destruction of nations—Modern Gentiles are warned against the secret combination that will seek to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries.

¹**And** it came to pass that he begat Omer, **and** Omer reigned in his stead. **And** Omer begat Jared; **and** Jared begat sons **and** daughters.

²**And** Jared rebelled against his father, **and** came **and** dwelt in the land of Heth. **And** it came to pass that he did flatter **many** people, because of his cunning words, until he had gained the half of the kingdom.

³**And** when he had gained the half of the kingdom he gave battle unto his father, **and** he did carry away his father into captivity, **and** did make []him serve in captivity;

⁴**And** now, in the days of the reign of Omer he was in captivity the half of his days. **And** it came to pass that he begat sons **and** daughters, among whom were Esrom **and** Coriantumr;

⁵**And** they were exceedingly angry because of the doings of Jared their brother, insomuch that they did raise an army **and** gave battle unto Jared. **And** it came to pass that they did give battle unto him by night.

⁶**And** it came to pass that when they had **slain** the army of Jared they were about to slay him also; **and** he pled with them that they would not slay him, **and** he would give up the kingdom unto his father. **And** it came to pass that they did grant unto him his life.

⁷**And** now Jared became exceedingly sorrowful because of the loss of the kingdom, for he had set his heart upon the kingdom **and** upon the glory of the world.

⁸**Now** the daughter of Jared being exceedingly expert, **and** seeing the sorrows of her father, thought to devise a plan whereby she could redeem the kingdom unto her father.

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now the daughter of Jared was exceeding fair & it came to pass that she did talk with her father & saith unto him Whereby hath my father so much sorrow hath he not read the record which our fathers brought across the great deep behold is there not an account concerning them of old that they by their secret plans did obtain kingdoms & great glory

& now therefore let my father send of Akish the son of Kinnor & behold I am fair & I will dance before^{him} & I will please him that he will desire me to wife wherefore if he shall desire of thee that ye shall give unto him me to wife then shall ye say I will give her if ye will bring unto me the head of my father the King

& now Omer was a friend to Akish wherefore when Jared had sent for Akish the daughter of Jared danced before him that she pleased him insomuch that he desired her to wife & it came to pass that he said unto Jared Give her unto me to wife

& Jared said unto him I will give her unto you if ye will bring unto me the head of my father the king

& it came to pass that Akish gathered in unto the house of Jared all his kindfolds & saith unto them Will ye swear unto me that ye will be faithful unto me in the thing which I shall desire of you

& it came to pass that they all swear unto him by the God of Heaven & also by the Heavens & also by the earth & by their heads that whoso should vary from the assistance which Akish desired should lose his head & whoso should divulge whatsoever thing Akish made known unto them the same should lose his life

& it came to pass that thus they did agree with Akish & Akish did administer unto them the oaths which were given by them of old who also sought power which had been handed down even from Cain who was a murderer from the beginning

& they were kept up by the Power of the Devil to administer these oaths unto the people to keep them in darkness to help such as sought power to gain power & to murder & to plunder & to lie & to commit all manner of wickedness & whoredoms

⁹Now the daughter of Jared was exceedingly fair. **And** it came to pass that she did talk with her father, **and** said[] unto him: Whereby hath my father so much sorrow? **Hath** he not read the record which our fathers brought across the great deep? **Behold**, is there not an account concerning them of old, that they by their secret plans did obtain kingdoms **and** great glory?

¹⁰**And** now, therefore, let my father send **for** Akish, the son of Kinnor; **and** behold, I am fair, **and** I will dance before[]him, **and** I will please him, that he will desire me to wife; wherefore if he shall desire of thee that ye shall give unto him me to wife, then shall ye say: I will give her if ye will bring unto me the head of my father, the **king**.

¹¹**And** now Omer was a friend to Akish; wherefore, when Jared had sent for Akish, the daughter of Jared danced before him that she pleased him, insomuch that he desired her to wife. **And** it came to pass that he said unto Jared: Give her unto me to wife.

¹²**And** Jared said unto him: I will give her unto you, if ye will bring unto me the head of my father, the king.

¹³**And** it came to pass that Akish gathered in unto the house of Jared all his kin[]sfolk[], **and** said[] unto them: Will ye swear unto me that ye will be faithful unto me in the thing which I shall desire of you?

¹⁴**And** it came to pass that they all **sware** unto him, by the God of **heaven**, **and** also by the **heavens**, **and** also by the **earth**, **and** by their heads, that whoso should vary from the assistance which Akish **desired** should lose his head; **and** whoso should **divulge** whatsoever **thing** Akish made known **unto** them, the same should lose his life.

¹⁵**And** it came to pass that **thus** they did agree with Akish. **And** Akish did administer unto them the oaths which **were** given by them of old who also sought power, which had been **handed down even from Cain**, who was a murderer from the beginning.

¹⁶**And** they were **kept up** by the **power** of the **devil** to administer these oaths unto the people, to **keep them in darkness**, to **help such as sought power** to gain power, **and** to murder, **and** to **plunder**, **and** to **lie**, **and** to **commit all manner of wickedness** **and** whoredoms.

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& it was the Daughter of Jared which put it unto him heart to search up these things of old & Jared put it unto his heart of Akish wherefore akish administered it unto his kindreds & friends leading him away by fair promises be do whatsoever thing he desired

& it came to pass that they formed a secret combination ^{even} as they of old which combination is a most abominable ~~ab~~[&] wicked above all in sight sight of God

for the Lord worketh not in secret combinations neither doth he will that man should shed blood but in all things hath forbidden it from the beginning of man

& now I Moroni do not write the manner of their oaths & combinations for it hath been made known unto me that they are had among all people & they are had among the Lamanites

& they have caused the destruction of this people of which I am now speaking & also the destruction of the people of Nephi

& whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations to get power & gain until they shall spread over the nation behold they shall be destroyed for the Lord will not suffer that the blood of his saints which shall be shed by them shall always cry unto him from the ground for vengeance upon them & yet he avengeth them not

Wherefore O ye Gentiles it is wisdom in God that these things should be shewn unto you that thereby ye may repent of your sins & suffer not that these murderous combinations shall get above you which are built up to get power & gain & the work yea even the work of destruction come upon you yea even the sword of the justice of the Eternal God shall fall upon you to your over throw & destruction if ye shall suffer these things to be

Wherefore the Lord commandeth you when ye shall see these things come among you that ye shall awake to a sense of your awful situation because of this secret combination which shall be among you or wo be unto it because of the blood of them which have been slain for they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it & also upon those who build it up

¹⁷And it was the daughter of Jared who put it into his heart to search up these things of old; and Jared put it into the heart of Akish; where[]ore, Akish administered it unto his kindred[] and friends, leading them away by fair promises to do whatsoever thing he desired.

¹⁸And it came to pass that they formed a secret combination, even as they of old; which combination is [X] most abominable []and wicked above all, in the sight of God;

¹⁹For the Lord worketh not in secret combinations, neither doth he will that man should shed blood, but in all things hath forbidden it, from the beginning of man.

²⁰And now I, Moroni, do not write the manner of their oaths and combinations, for it hath been made known unto me that they are had among all people, and they are had among the Lamanites.

²¹And they have caused the destruction of this people of whom I am now speaking, and also the destruction of the people of Nephi.

²²And whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, behold, they shall be destroyed; for the Lord will not suffer that the blood of his saints, which shall be shed by them, shall always cry unto him from the ground for vengeance upon them and yet he avenge[] them not.

²³Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, it is wisdom in God that these things should be shown unto you, that thereby ye may repent of your sins, and suffer not that these murderous combinations shall get above you, which are built up to get power and gain—and the work, yea, even the work of destruction come upon you, yea, even the sword of the justice of the Eternal God shall fall upon you, to your over[]throw and destruction if ye shall suffer these things to be.

²⁴Wherefore, the Lord commandeth you, when ye shall see these things come among you that ye shall awake to a sense of your awful situation, because of this secret combination which shall be among you; or wo be unto it, because of the blood of them who have been slain; for they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it, and also upon those who built it up.

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for it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands Nations & countries & it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people for it is build up by the devil which is the father of all lies even that same liar which beguiled our first parents yea even ~~th~~^{that} same liar which hath caused man to commit murder from the beginning which hath hardened the hearts of men that they have murdered the prophets & stoned them & cast them out from the beginning

wherefore I Moroni am commanded to write these things that evil may be done away & that the time may come that Satan may have no power upon the hearts of the children of men but that they may be persuaded to do good continually that they may come unto the fountain of all righteousness & be saved

²⁵For it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, **nations, and countries; and** it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people, for it is **built** up by the devil, **who** is the father of all lies; even that same liar **who** beguiled our first parents, yea, even **[]that[]** same liar **who** hath caused man to commit murder from the beginning; **who** hath hardened the hearts of men that they have murdered the prophets, **and** stoned them, **and** cast them out from the beginning.

²⁶Wherefore, I, Moroni, am commanded to write these things that evil may be done away, **and** that the time may come that Satan may have no power upon the hearts of the children of men, but that they may be persuaded to do good continually, that they may come unto the fountain of all righteousness **and** be saved.