

& it came to pass in the forty & second year of the reign of the Judges after Moroni had had established again the peace between the Nephites & the Lamanites behold there was no one to fill the Judgment seat therefore there began to be a contention again among the people concerning who should fill the Judgment seat

& it came to pass that Helaman which was the Son of Helaman was appointed to fill the Judgment seat by the voice of the people

but behold Kishkumen who had murdered Pahoran did lay wait to destroy Helaman also & he was upheld by his band which had entered into a covenant that no one should know his wickedness

for there was one Gadianton who was exceedingly expert in many words & also in his craft to carry on the secret work of murder & of robbery therefore he became the leader of the band of Kishkumen

therefore he did flatter them & also Kishkumen that if they would place him in the Judgment seat he would grant unto those which belonged to his band that they should be placed in power & authority among the People therefore Kishkumen sought to destroy Helaman

& it came to pass as he went forth towards the Judgment seat to destroy Helaman behold one of the servants of Helaman having been out by night & having obtained through disguise a knowledge of those plans which had been laid by this band to destroy Helaman

& it came to pass that he met Kishkumen & he gave unto him a sign therefore Kishkumen made known unto him the object of his desire desiring that he would conduct him to the Judgment seat that he might murder Helaman

CHAPTER 2

Helaman, the son of Helaman, becomes chief judge—Gadianton leads the band of Kishkumen—Helaman's servant slays Kishkumen, and the Gadianton band flees into the wilderness. About 50–49 B.C.

¹And it came to pass in the forty and second year of the reign of the judges, after Moroni had had established again [X] peace between the Nephites and the Lamanites, behold there was no one to fill the judgment-seat; therefore there began to be a contention again among the people concerning who should fill the judgment-seat.

²And it came to pass that Helaman, who was the son of Helaman, was appointed to fill the judgment-seat, by the voice of the people.

³But behold, Kishkumen, who had murdered Pahoran, did lay wait to destroy Helaman also; and he was upheld by his band, who had entered into a covenant that no one should know his wickedness.

⁴For there was one Gadianton, who was exceedingly expert in many words, and also in his craft, to carry on the secret work of murder and of robbery; therefore he became the leader of the band of Kishkumen.

⁵Therefore he did flatter them, and also Kishkumen, that if they would place him in the judgment-seat he would grant unto those who belonged to his band that they should be placed in power and authority among the people; therefore Kishkumen sought to destroy Helaman.

⁶And it came to pass as he went forth towards the judgment-seat to destroy Helaman, behold one of the servants of Helaman, having been out by night, and having obtained, through disguise, a knowledge of those plans which had been laid by this band to destroy Helaman—

⁷And it came to pass that he met Kishkumen, and he gave unto him a sign; therefore Kishkumen made known unto him the object of his desire, desiring that he would conduct him to the judgment-seat that he might murder Helaman.

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& it came to pass that when the servant of Helaman had known all the heart of ~~Kish~~ Kishkumen & how that it was his object of murder & also that it was the object of

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all those which belonged to his band to murder & to rob & to gain power & this was their secret plan & their combination the Servant of Helaman sayeth unto Kishkumen let us go forth unto the Judgmentseat

now this did please Kishkumen exceedingly for he did suppose that he should accomplish his design but behold the servant of Helaman as they were going forth unto the Judgmentseat did stab Kishkumen even to the heart that he fell dead without a groan & he ran & told Helaman all the **334** things which he had seen & heard & ~~æ~~ done

& it came to pass that Helaman did send forth to take this band of secers & secret murderers that they might be executed according to the law

but behold when Gaddeanton had found that Kishkumen did not return he feared lest that ~~the~~ he should be destroyed therefore he caused that his band should follow hem & they took their flight out of the land by a secret way into the wilderness & this when Helaman sent forth to take them they could no where be found

& more of this Gaddianton shall be spoken hereafter & thus ended the forty & second year of the reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi

& behold in the end of this Book ye shall see that this Gadianon did prove the overthrow ~~of~~ yea almost the entire destruction of the people of Nephi

behold I ~~æ~~ do not mean the end of the Book of Helaman but I mean the end of the Book of Nephe from which I have taken all the account which I have written—

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⁸**And** [X_X_X_X_X] when the servant of Helaman had known all the heart of [_ _ _] Kishkumen, **and** how that it was his object **to murder, and** also that it was the object of

[X_X_X_ _ _ _ _]

all those **who** belonged to **his** band to murder, **and** to rob, **and** to gain power, (**and** this was their secret plan, **and** their combination) the servant of Helaman **said** unto Kishkumen: **Let us go forth unto the judgment-seat.**

⁹Now this did please Kishkumen exceedingly, for he did suppose that he should accomplish his design; but behold, the servant of Helaman, as they were going forth unto the judgment-seat, did stab Kishkumen even to the heart, that he fell dead without a groan. **And** he ran **and** told Helaman all the things which he had seen, **and** heard, **and** [_] done.

¹⁰**And** it came to pass that Helaman did send forth to take this band of **robbers and** secret murderers, that they might be executed according to the law.

¹¹**But** behold, when Gad[_]ianton had found that Kishkumen did not return he feared lest that [X] he should be destroyed; therefore he caused that his band should follow him. **And** they took their flight out of the land, by a secret way, into the wilderness; **and** thu[_]s when Helaman sent forth to take them they could no[_]where be found.

¹²**And** more of this Gad[_]ianton shall be spoken hereafter. **And** thus ended the forty **and** second year of the reign of the **judges over the people of Nephi.**

¹³**And** behold, in the end of this **book** ye shall see that this Gadianon did prove the overthrow [X], yea, al[_]most the entire destruction of the people of Nephi.

¹⁴**Behold** I [_ _ _] do not mean the end of the **book** of Helaman, but I mean the end of the **book** of Nephi, from which I have taken all the account which I have written[_].