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Chapter

And now it came to pass in the forty & third year of the reign of the Judges there was no contention among the People of Nephi save it were a little piide which was in the church which did cause some little dessension among the People which affairs were stttled in the ending of the forty & third year

& there was no contention among the People in the forty~~eth~~ & forth year reither was there much contension in the forty & feifth year

& it came to pass en the forty & sixth yea there were nouch contenteons & many dessensions in the which there were an exceding great many which departed out of the land of Zarahemla & went forth unto the land Northward to inherit the land

& they did travel to an exceding great distance inso much that they came to large boddees of Hater & many Rivers

yea & even they did spread forth into all parts of the land into whatsoever parts it had rot been rendered desolates & without tember because of the many inhabetants which had before inherited the land

& now no part of the land was desolates save it were for timber & .C but because of the greatness of the destruction of the People which had before inhabeted the land it was called desolate

& there being but little tember upon the face of the land nevertheless the people which went forth became excedeng expert in the workeng of cement therefore they did bueld houses of Cement in the which they did dwell

& it came to pass

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that they did multiply & spread & did go forth from the lard sotthward to the land Northward & did spread insomuch that they began to cover the face of the whole earth from the Sea South to the Sea North from thee Sea West to the Sea East

CHAPTER 3 [X]

Many Nephites migrate to the land northward—They build houses of cement and keep many records—Tens of thousands are converted and baptized—The word of God leads men to salvation—Nephi the son of Helaman fills the judgment seat. About 49–39 B.C.

¹And now it came to pass in the forty **and** third year of the reign of the **j**udges, there was no contention among the **p**eople of Nephi save it were a little **p**ride which was in the church, which did cause some little **d**issensions among the **p**eople, which affairs were **s**ettled in the ending of the forty **and** third year.

²**And** there was no contention among the **p**eople in the forty[_ _] **and** fourth year; **n**either was there much cont**e**nion in the forty **and** fifth year.

³**And** it came to pass **i**n the forty **and** sixth, yea, th[_]ere **w**as m[_]uch cont**e**nion[_] **and** many **d**issensions; in the which there were an ex**e**c**e**d**i**ngly great many **w**ho departed out of the land of Zarahemla, **and** went forth unto the land **n**orthward to inherit the land.

⁴**And** they did travel to an ex**e**c**e**d**i**ngly great **d**istance, inso[_]much that they came to large bod[_]ies of **w**ater **and** many **r**ivers.

⁵**Y**ea, **and** even they did spread forth into all parts of the land, into what[_ _]ever parts it had **n**ot been rendered desolate[_] **and** without **t**imber, because of the many in**h**abitants **w**ho had before inherited the land.

⁶**And** now no part of the land was desolate[_], save it were for timber; [**X**_ _] but because of the greatness of the destruction of the **p**eople **w**ho had before in**h**abited the land it was called desolate.

⁷**And** there being but little **t**imber upon the face of the land, nevertheless the people **w**ho went forth became ex**e**c**e**d**i**ngly expert in the work**i**ng of cement; therefore they did **b**uild houses of **c**ement, in the which they did dwell.

⁸**And** it came to pass

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that they did multiply **and** spread, **and** did go forth from the **l**and **s**outhward to the land **n**orthward, **and** did spread insomuch that they began to cover the face of the whole earth, from the **s**ea south to the **s**ea **n**orth, from th[_]e sea west to the sea east.

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& the people which were in the land Northward did dwell in tents & in Houses of Cement & they did suffer whatsoever hee should spreng up upon the face of the land that it should grow up that in time they might have timber to build their Houses yea their cities & their Temples & their Synagogues & their Sanctuaries & all manner of their buildings

& it came to pass as timber was exceeding scarce in the land Northward they did send forth much by the sway of shipping

& thus they did enable the people in the land Northward that they might bueld many Cities both of wood & of Cement

& it came to pass that there were many of th^e People of Ammon which were Lamanites by Bearth ~~as~~ did also go forth into the^s land

& now there are many records kept of the Proceedings of this People by many of this people which are particular & ~~very~~ very large con **335** cerning them

but behold a hundredth part of the proceedings of this people yea the account of the Lamanites & of the Nephites & their wars & contentions & dessionsions & their Preaching & their Propesees & their Shipping & their building of Ships & their building of Temples & of Synagogues & their Sanctuaries & their righteousness & their wickedness & their murders & their robings & their plunderengs & all mameer of abominations & whoardoms cannot be contained in this work

but behold there are many Book^s & many Reckord^s of every kind & they have been kept Cheefly by the Nephites

& they have been handed down from one generation to another by the Nephites even uttill they have faller into transgression & have been murdered plundered & hunted & driven forth & slain & scattered upon the face of the earth & mexed ~~wi~~ with the Lamanites untill they are no more called the Nephites becomeing wicked & wild & ferocious yea even bcomeing Lamanite^s

⁹And the people **who** were in the land **northward** did dwell in tents, **and** in houses of **cement**, **and** they did suffer whatsoever **tree** should **spring** up upon the face of the land that it should grow **up**, that in time they might have timber to build their houses, yea, their cities, **and** their temples, **and** their synagogues, **and** their sanctuaries, **and** all manner of their buildings.

¹⁰And it came to pass as timber was exceedingl^y scarce in the land **northward**, they did send forth much by the [] way of shipping.

¹¹And thus they did enabl[]e the people in the land **northward** that they might **build** many cities, both of wood **and** of cement.

¹²And it came to pass that there were many of the people of Ammon, **who** were Lamanites by bi[]rth, [_ _] did also go forth into this land.

¹³And now there are many records kept of the **proceedings** of this **people**, by many of this people, which are particular **and** [X] ver[]y large, concerning them.

¹⁴But behold, a hundredth part of the **proceedings** of this people, yea, the account of the Lamanites **and** of the Nephites, **and** their wars, **and** contentions, **and** dissionsions, **and** their preaching, **and** their prophecies, **and** their shipping **and** their building of ships, **and** their building of temples, **and** of synagogues **and** their sanctuaries, **and** their righteousness, **and** their wickedness, **and** their murders, **and** their robbings, **and** their plundering[], **and** all manner of abominations **and** whoredoms, cannot be contained in this work.

¹⁵But behold, there are many **books** **and** many rec[]ords of every kind, **and** they have been kept chiefly by the Nephites.

¹⁶And they have been handed down from one generation to another by the Nephites, even **until**[] they have fallen into transgression **and** have been murdered, plundered, **and** hunted, **and** driven forth, **and** slain, **and** scattered upon the face of the earth, **and** mixed [_ _] with the Lamanites until[] they are no more called the Nephites, becom[]ing wicked, **and** wild, **and** ferocious, yea, even becom[]ing Lamanites.

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& now I return again to mine account therefore what I have spoken had passed after there had been great contentions & disturbances & wars & dissensions among the people of Nephi

the forty & sixth year of the Reign of the Judges ended

& it came to pass that there was still great contentions in the land yea even in the forty & seventh year & also in the forty & eighth year

nevertheless Helaman did fill the Judgment seat with Justice & equity yea he did observe to keep the statutes & the Judgments & the commandments of God & he did do that which was right in the sight of God continually & he did walk after the ways of his Father insomuch that he did prosper in the land

& it came to pass that he had two Sons he gave unto the Eldest the name of Nephe & unto the youngest the name of Lehi & they began to grow up unto the Lord

& it came to pass that the wars & contentions began to cease in a small degree among the people of the Nephites & in the latter end of the forty & eighth year of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi

& it came to pass in the forty & ninth year of the reign of the Judges there was continual peace established in the land all save it were the secret combinations which Gadianton the robber had established in the more settled parts of the land which at that time were not known unto those which were at the head of government therefore they were not destroyed out of the land

& it came to pass that in this same year there was exceeding great prosperity in the church insomuch that there were thousands who did join themselves unto the church & were Baptised unto repentance

& so great was the ~~pro~~ prosperity of the church & so many the blessings which were poured out upon the people that even the high priests & the teachers were themselves astonished beyond measure

¹⁷And now I return again to mine account; therefore, what I have spoken had passed after there had been great contentions, and disturbances, and wars, and dissensions, among the people of Nephi.

¹⁸The forty and sixth year of the reign of the judges ended;

¹⁹And it came to pass that there was still great contention[] in the land, yea, even in the forty and seventh year, and also in the forty and eighth year.

²⁰Nevertheless Helaman did fill the judgment-seat with justice and equity; yea, he did observe to keep the statutes, and the judgments, and the commandments of God; and he did do that which was right in the sight of God continually; and he did walk after the ways of his father, insomuch that he did prosper in the land.

²¹And it came to pass that he had two sons. He gave unto the eldest the name of Nephi, and unto the youngest, the name of Lehi. And they began to grow up unto the Lord.

²²And it came to pass that the wars and contentions began to cease, in a small degree, among the people of the Nephites, [X] in the latter end of the forty and eighth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi.

²³And it came to pass in the forty and ninth year of the reign of the judges, there was continual peace established in the land, all save it were the secret combinations which Gadianton the robber had established in the more settled parts of the land, which at that time were not known unto those who were at the head of government; therefore they were not destroyed out of the land.

²⁴And it came to pass that in this same year there was exceedingly great prosperity in the church, insomuch that there were thousands who did join themselves unto the church and were baptized unto repentance.

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thus we may see that the Lord is merciful unto all who will in the cincerity of their hearts call upon his holy name

yea thus we see that the gate of Heaven is open unto all ~~ev^{even}en~~ to those who will believe on the name of Jesus Christ which is the Son of God

~~yea~~ yea we see that who soever will lay hold upon the word of God which is quick & powerful which shall divide asunder all the cunning & the snares & the ~~336~~ wiles of the Devil & lead the man of christ in a strait & narrow course across that everlatsting gulf of miseary which is prepared to engulf the wicked

& land their souls yea their immortal souls at the right hand of God in the Kingdom of Heaven to sit down with Abraham & Isaac & with Jacob & with all our Holy fathers to go no more out

& in this year there were continual rejoiceings in the land of Zarahemla & in all the regions round about even in all the land which was possessed by the Nephites

& it came to pass that there was peace & exceding great joy in the remainder of the forty & ninth year yea & also there was continual peace & great joy in the fiftieth year of the reign of the Judges

& in the fifty & first year of the reign of the ~~re^{ign}~~ Judges there was peace also save it were the pride which began to enter into the church not into the church of God but into the hearts of the people who professed to belong to the church of God

& they were lifted up in pride even to the persecution of many of their brethren now this was a great evil which did cause the more humble part of the people to suffer great persecutions & to wade through much affliction

²⁶**And** it came to pass that the work of the Lord did prosper **unto**to the baptiz[]ing **and** **[X]** uniting []to the church of God, many souls, yea, even tens of thousands.

²⁷**T**hus we may see that the Lord is merciful unto all who will, in the **sincerity** of their hearts, call upon his holy name.

²⁸**Yea**, thus we see that the gate of **heaven** is open unto all, []**even**[] to those who will believe on the name of Jesus Christ, **who** is the Son of God.

²⁹**[X]** **Yea**, we see that who []soever will **may** lay hold upon the word of God, which is quick **and** powerful, which shall divide asunder all the cunning **and** the snares **and** the wiles of the **devil**, **and** lead the man of **Christ** in a strait **and** narrow course across that everla[]sting gulf of mise[]ry which is prepared to engulf the wicked—

³⁰**And** land their souls, yea, their immortal souls, at the right hand of God in the **kingdom** of **heaven**, to sit down with Abraham, **and** Isaac, **and** with Jacob, **and** with all our **holy** fathers, to go no more out.

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³²**And** it came to pass that there was peace **and** **exceedingly** great joy in the remainder of the forty **and** ninth year; yea, **and** also there was continual peace **and** great joy in the fiftieth year of the reign of the **judges**.

³³**And** in the fifty **and** first year of the reign of the [_ _ _ _] **judges** there was peace also, save it were the pride which began to enter into the church—not into the church of God, but into the hearts of the people who professed to belong to the church of God—

³⁴**And** they were lifted up in pride, even to the persecution of many of their brethren. **N**ow this was a great evil, which did cause the more humble part of the people to suffer great persecutions, **and** to wade through much affliction.

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nevertheless they did fast & pray oft & did wax stronger & strongerⁱⁿ & their humility & firmer & firmer in the faith of Christ unto the filling their souls with joy & consolation yea even to the purifying & the sanctification of their hearts which sanctification cometh because of their yielding their hearts unto God

& it came to pass that the fifty & second year ended in peace also save it were the exceding great pride which had got into the hearts of the people & it was because of their exceding great riches & their prosperity in the land & it did grow upon them from day to day

& it came to pass in the fifty & third year of the reign of the Judges Helaman died & his eldest Son Nephi began to reign in his stead & it came to pass that he did fill the Judgment--seat with justice & equity yea he did keep the commandments of God & did walk in the ways of his father

³⁵Nevertheless they did fast **and** pray oft, **and** did wax stronger **and** stronger **in[X]** their humility, **and** firmer **and** firmer in the faith of Christ, unto the filling their souls with joy **and** consolation, yea, even to the purifying **and** the sanctification of their hearts, which sanctification cometh because of their yielding their hearts unto God.

³⁶**And** it came to pass that the fifty **and** second year ended in peace also, save it were the **exceedingly** great pride which had **gotten** into the hearts of the people; **and** it was because of their **exceedingly** great riches **and** their prosperity in the land; **and** it did grow upon them from day to day.

³⁷**And** it came to pass in the fifty **and** third year of the reign of the **judges**, Helaman died, **and** his eldest **son** Nephi began to reign in his stead. **And** it came to pass that he did fill the **judgment-[]**seat with justice **and** equity; yea, he did keep the commandments of **God**, **and** did walk in the ways of his father.