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Chapter ——— ———

**352** And now it came to pass in the seventy & second year of the reign of the Judges that the contentions did increase insomuch that <sup>there</sup> were wars throughout all the land among all the people of Nephi

& it was this secret band of robbers which did carry on this work of destruction & wickedness & thus war did last all that year & in the seventy & third year it did also last

& it came to pass that in this year Nephi did cry unto the Lord saying

O Lord do not suffer that this people shall be destroyed by the sword but O Lord rather let there be a famine in the land to stir them up in remembrance of the Lord their God & perhaps they will repent & turn unto thee

& so it was done according to the words of Nephi & there was a great famine upon the land among all the people of Nephi & thus in the seventy & fourth year the famine did continue & the work of destruction did cease by the sword but became soar by famine

& this work of destruction did also continue in the seventy & fifth for the earth was smitten that it was dry & did not yield forth grain in the season of grain & the whole earth was smitten even among the Lamanites as well as among the Nephites so that they were smitten that they did perish by thousands in the more wicked parts of the land

& it came to pass that the people saw that they were about to perish by famine & they began to remember the Lord their God & they began to remember the words of Nephi

**CHAPTER 11** [X] [ ]

*Nephi persuades the Lord to replace their war with a famine—Many people perish—They repent, and Nephi importunes the Lord for rain—Nephi and Lehi receive many revelations—The Gadianton robbers entrench themselves in the land. About 20–6 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>And now it came to pass in the seventy **and** second year of the reign of the **j**udges that the contentions did increase, insomuch that **there** were wars throughout all the land among all the people of Nephi.

<sup>2</sup>**And** it was this secret band of robbers **who** did carry on this work of destruction **and** wickedness. **And this** war did last all that year; **and** in the seventy **and** third year it did also last.

<sup>3</sup>**And** it came to pass that in this year Nephi did cry unto the Lord, saying:

<sup>4</sup>O Lord, do not suffer that this people shall be destroyed by the sword; but O Lord, rather let there be a famine in the land, to stir them up in rememb[ ]rance of the Lord their God, **and** perhaps they will repent **and** turn unto thee.

<sup>5</sup>**And** so it was done, according to the words of Nephi. **And** there was a great famine upon the land, among all the people of Nephi. **And** thus in the seventy **and** fourth year the famine did continue, **and** the work of destruction did cease by the sword but became sore by famine.

<sup>6</sup>**And** this work of destruction did also continue in the seventy **and** fifth year. **F**or the earth was smitten that it was dry, **and** did not yield forth grain in the season of grain; **and** the whole earth was smitten, even among the Lamanites as well as among the Nephites, so that they were smitten that they did perish by thousands in the more wicked parts of the land.

<sup>7</sup>**And** it came to pass that the people saw that they were about to perish by famine, **and** they began to remember the Lord their God; **and** they began to remember the words of Nephi.

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& the people began to plead with their chief Judges & their leaders that they would say unto Nephi behold we know that thou art a man of God & therefore cry unto the Lord our God that he turn away from us this famine lest all the words which thou hast spoken concerning our destruction be fulfilled

& it came to pass that the Judges did say unto Nephi according to the words which had been desired & it came to pass that when Nephi saw that the people had repented & did humble themselves in sack cloth he cried again unto the Lord saying

O Lord behold this people repenteth & they have swept away the band of Gadianon from amongst them insomuch that they have become extinct & they have concealed their secret plans in the earth

now O Lord because of this their humility wilt thou turn away thine anger & let thine anger be appeased in the destruction of those wicked men whom thou hast already destroyed

O Lord wilt thou turn away thine anger yea thy fierce anger & cause that this famine may cease in this land

O Lord wilt thou hearken unto me & cause that it may be done according to my words & send forth rain upon the face of the earth that she may bring forth her fruit & her grain in the season of grain

O Lord thou didst hearken unto my words when I said let there be a famine that the pestilence of the sword might cease & I know that thou wilt even at this time hearken unto my words for thou saidst that if this people repent I will spare them

yea O Lord & thou seest that they have repented because of the famine & the pestilence & destruction which has come unto them

& now O Lord wilt thou turn away thine anger & try again if they will serve thee & if so O Lord thou <sup>ea<sup>canst</sup>st</sup> bless them according **353** to thy word which thou hast said

<sup>8</sup>**And** the people began to plead with their chief judges **and** their leaders, that they would say unto Nephi: **Behold**, we know that thou art a man of God, **and** therefore cry unto the Lord our God that he turn away from us this famine, lest all the words which thou hast spoken concerning our destruction be fulfilled.

<sup>9</sup>**And** it came to pass that the judges did say unto Nephi, according to the words which had been desired. **And** it came to pass that when Nephi saw that the people had repented **and** did humble themselves in sack[ ]cloth, he cried again unto the Lord, saying:

<sup>10</sup>O Lord, behold this people repenteth; **and** they have swept away the band of Gadianon from amongst them insomuch that they have become extinct, **and** they have concealed their secret plans in the earth.

<sup>11</sup>Now, O Lord, because of this their humility wilt thou turn away thine anger, **and** let thine anger be appeased in the destruction of those wicked men whom thou hast already destroyed.

<sup>12</sup>O Lord, wilt thou turn away thine anger, yea, thy fierce anger, **and** cause that this famine may cease in this land.

<sup>13</sup>O Lord, wilt thou hearken unto me, **and** cause that it may be done according to my words, **and** send forth rain upon the face of the earth, that she may bring forth her fruit, **and** her grain in the season of grain.

<sup>14</sup>O Lord, thou didst hearken unto my words when I said, **Let** there be a famine, that the pestilence of the sword might cease; **and** I know that thou wilt, even at this time, hearken unto my words, for thou saidst that: **If** this people repent I will spare them.

<sup>15</sup>Yea, O Lord, **and** thou seest that they have repented, because of the famine **and** the pestilence **and** destruction which has come unto them.

<sup>16</sup>**And** now, O Lord, wilt thou turn away thine anger, **and** try again if they will serve thee? **And** if so, O Lord, thou [ ]**canst**[ ] bless them according to thy words which thou hast said.



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& it came to pass that in the ~~eighteenth~~ eightieth year of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi there were a certain number of the dissenters from the people of Nephi which had some years before gone over unto the Lamanites & took upon themselves the name of Lamanites & also a certain number which were real descendants of the Lamanites being stired up to anger by them or by those dissenters therefore they commenced a war with their brethren

& they did commit murder & plunder & then they would retreat back into the mountains & into the wilderness & secret places hiding themselves that they could not be discovered receiving daily an addition to their numbers in as much as there were dissenters that went forth unto them

& thus in time yea even in the space of not many years they became an exceding great band<sup>of</sup> robbers & they did scearch out all the secret plans of Gadianton & thus they became robbers of Gadianton

now behold these robbers did make great havock yea even great destruction among the people of Nephi & also among the people of the Lamanites

& it came to pass that it was expediant that there should be a stop put to this work of destruction therefore they sent an army of strong men into the wilderness & upon the mountains to search out this band of robbers & to destroy them

but behold it came to pass that in that same **354** year they were driven back even into their own lands & thus ended the eightieth ~~yea~~ year of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi

& it came to pass in the commencement of of the eighty & first year they did go forth again against this band of robbers & did destroy many & they were also visited with much destruction

they were again oblided to return out of the wilderness & out of the mountains unto their own lands because of the exceding greatness of the numbers of those robbers which infested the mountains & the wilderness

<sup>24</sup>**And** it came to pass that in the [-----] eightieth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi, there were a certain number of the dissenters from the people of Nephi, **who** had some years before gone over unto the Lamanites, **and taken** upon themselves the name of Lamanites, **and** also a certain number **who** were real descendants of the Lamanites, being stirred up to anger by them, or by those dissenters, therefore they commenced a war with their brethren.

<sup>25</sup>**And** they did commit murder **and** plunder; **and** then they would retreat back into the mountains, **and** into the wilderness **and** secret places, hiding themselves that they could not be discovered, receiving daily an addition to their numbers, in [ ] as [ ] much as there were dissenters that went forth unto them.

<sup>26</sup>**And** thus in time, yea, even in the space of not many years, they became an **exceedingly** great band [ ] of robbers; **and** they did s [ ] earch out all the secret plans of Gadianton; **and** thus they became robbers of Gadianton.

<sup>27</sup>**Now** behold, these robbers did make great havoc [ ], yea, even great destruction among the people of Nephi, **and** also among the people of the Lamanites.

<sup>28</sup>**And** it came to pass that it was **expedient** that there should be a stop put to this work of destruction; therefore they sent an army of strong men into the wilderness **and** upon the mountains to search out this band of robbers, **and** to destroy them.

<sup>29</sup>**But** behold, it came to pass that in that same year they were driven back even into their own lands. **And** thus ended the eightieth [X] year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi.

<sup>30</sup>**And** it came to pass in the commencement of [X] the eighty **and** first year they did go forth again against this band of robbers, **and** did destroy many; **and** they were also visited with much destruction.

<sup>31</sup>**And** they were again obli [ ] ged to return out of the wilderness **and** out of the mountains unto their own lands, because of the **exceeding** greatness of the numbers of those robbers **who** infested the mountains **and** the wilderness.

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& it came to pass that thus ended this year & the robbers did still increase & wax strong insomuch that they did defy the whole armies of the Nephites & also of the Lamanites & they did cause great fear to come unto the people upon all the face of the land

yea for they did visit many parts of the land & did do great destruction unto them yea did kill many & did carry away others captive into the wilderness yea & more especially their women & their children

& now this great evil which come unto the people because of their iniquity did stir them up again in remembrance of the Lord their God

& thus ended the eighty & fist year of the reign of the Judges

& in the eighty & second year they began again to forget the Lord their God & in the eighty & third year they began to wax strong in iniquity & in the eighty & fourth year they did not mend their ways

& it came to pass in the eighty & fifth year they did wax stronger & stronger in their pride & in their wickedness & thus they were ripening again for destruction

& thus ended the eighty & fifth year

<sup>32</sup>**And** it came to pass that thus ended this year. **And** the robbers did still increase **and** wax strong, insomuch that they did defy the whole armies of the Nephites, **and** also of the Lamanites; **and** they did cause great fear to come unto the people upon all the face of the land.

<sup>33</sup>**Yea**, for they did visit many parts of the land, **and** did do great destruction unto them; yea, did kill many, **and** did carry away others captive into the wilderness, yea, **and** more especially their women **and** their children.

<sup>34</sup>**[X]** Now this great evil, which came unto the people because of their iniquity, did stir them up again in rememb[ ]rance of the Lord their God.

<sup>35</sup>**And** thus ended the eighty **and** first year of the reign of the judges.

<sup>36</sup>**And** in the eighty **and** second year they began again to forget the Lord their God. **And** in the eighty **and** third year they began to wax strong in iniquity. **And** in the eighty **and** fourth year they did not mend their ways.

<sup>37</sup>**And** it came to pass in the eighty **and** fifth year they did wax stronger **and** stronger in their pride, **and** in their wickedness; **and** thus they were ripening again for destruction.

<sup>38</sup>**And** thus ended the eighty **and** fifth year.