

& it came to pass **that** in that **same** year there began to be a war again between the Nephites & the Lamanites & notwithstanding I being young was large in stature therefore the People of Nephi appointed me that I should be their leader or the leader of their armies

therefore it came to pass that in my sixteenth year I did go forth at the head of an army of the Nephites against the Lamanites therefore three hundred & twenty & six years had passed away

& it came to pass that in the three hundred & twenty & seventh year the Lamanites **415** did come upon us with exceeding great power in somuch that they did frighten my armies therefore they would not fight & they began to retreat towards the North countries

& it came to pass that we did come to the city of Angolah & we did take possession of the city & make preparations to defend ourselves against the Lamanites & it came to pass that we did fortify the city with ~~all~~ our mights but notwithstanding all our fortifications the Lamanites did come upon us & did drive us out of the City

& they did also drive us forth out of the land of David

& we marched forth & came to the land of Joshua which was in the borders west by the Sea shore

& it came to pass that we did gather in our People as fast as it were possible that we might get them together in one body

but behold the land was filled with Robbers & with Lamanites & notwithstanding the great destruction which hung over my People they did not repent of their evil doings^s therefore there was blood & carnage spread throughout all the ^{face of the} **e** land both on the part of the Nephites and also on the part of the Lamanites & it was one complete revolution throughout all the face of the land

CHAPTER 2

Mormon leads the Nephite armies—Blood and carnage sweep the land—The Nephites lament and mourn with the sorrowing of the damned—Their day of grace is passed—Mormon obtains the plates of Nephi—Wars continue. About A.D. 327–50.

¹**And** it came to pass [_ _ _] in that **same** year there began to be a war again between the Nephites **and** the Lamanites. **And** notwithstanding I being young, was large in **stature**; therefore the **p**eople of Nephi appointed me that I should be their leader, or the leader of their armies.

²Therefore it came to pass that in my sixteenth year I did go forth at the head of an army of the Nephit[_]es, against the Lamanites; therefore three hundred **and** twenty **and** six years had passed away.

³**And** it came to pass that in the three hundred **and** twent[_]y **and** seventh year the Lamanites did come upon us with exceeding**ly** great power, in[_]somuch that they did frighten my armies; therefore they would not fight, **and** they began to retreat towards the **n**orth countries.

⁴**And** it came to pass that we did come to the city of Angola[_], **and** we did take possession of the city, **and** make preparations to defend ourselves against the Lamanites. **And** it came to pass that we did fortify the city with [X_ _] our might[_]; but notwithstanding all our fortifications the Lamanites did come upon us **and** did drive us out of the **city**.

⁵**And** they did also drive us forth out of the land of David.

⁶**And** we marched forth **and** came to the land of Joshua, which was in the borders west by the sea[_]shore.

⁷**And** it came to pass that we did gather in our **p**eople as fast as it were possible, that we might get them together in one body.

⁸**But** behold, the land was filled with **r**obbers **and** with Lamanites; **and** notwithstanding the great destruction which hung over my **p**eople, they did not repent of their evil doings; therefore there was blood **and** carnage **s**pread throughout all the **face of the** land, both on the part of the Nephites and also on the part of the Lamanites; **and** it was one complete[_] revolution throughout all the face of the land.

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& now the Lamanites had a King & his name was Aaron & he came against us with an army of forty & ^{four} thousand & behold I withstood him with forty & two thousand & it came to pass that I beat him with my army that he fled before me & behold all this was done & three hundred & thirty years had passed away

& it came to pass that the Nephites began to repent of their iniquities & began to cry even as had been Prophesied by Samuel the Prophet for behold no man could keep that which was his own for the thieves & the Robbers & the murderers & the magic art & the witchcraft which was in the land

thus there began to be a mourning & a lamentation in all the land because of these things & more especially among the People of Nephites

& it came to pass that when I Mormon saw their lamentation[s] & their mourning & their sorrowing before the Lord my heart did begin to rejoice within me knowing the mercies & the long suffering of the Lord therefore supposing that he would be merciful unto them that they would again become a righteous People

but behold this my joy was vain for their sorrowing was not unto repentance because of the goodness of God but it was rather the sorrowing of the damned because the Lord would not always suffer them to take happiness in sin

& they did not come unto Jesus with broken hearts & contrite spirits but they did curse God & wish to die nevertheless they would struggle with the sword for their lives

& it came to pass that my sorrow did return unto me again & I saw that the day of grace was passed with them both temporally & spiritually for I saw thousands of them hewn down in open rebellion against their God & heaped up as dung upon the face of the land & thus three hundred & forty & four years had passed away

& it came to pass that in the three hundred & forty & fifth year ~~the~~ the Nephites did **begin** to flee before the Lamanites & they were persued untill they came even to the land of Jashon before it were possible to stop them in their retreat

⁹**And** now, the Lamanites had a **king, and** his name was Aaron; **and** he came against us with an army of forty **and four** thousand. **And** behold, I withstood him with forty **and** two thousand. **And** it came to pass that I beat him with my army that he fled before me. **And** behold, all this was done, **and** three hundred **and** thirty years had passed away.

¹⁰**And** it came to pass that the Nephites began to repent of their iniquit[_ _]y, **and** began to cry even as had been **prophesied** by Samuel the **prophet**; for behold no man could keep that which was his own, for the thieves, **and** the **robbers, and** the murderers, **and** the magic art, **and** the **witchcraft** which was in the land.

¹¹**Thus** there began to be a mourning **and** a **lamentation** in all the land because of these things, **and** more especially among the **people** of Nephi[_ _].

¹²**And** it came to pass that when I, Mormon, saw their **lamentation**[_] **and** their mourning **and** their sorrow[_ _] before the Lord, my heart did begin to rejoice within me, knowing the mercies **and** the long-suffering of the Lord, therefore supposing that he would be merciful unto them that they would again become a righteous **people**.

¹³**But** behold this my joy was vain, for their sorrowing was not unto repentance, because of the goodness of God; but it was rather the sorrowing of the damned, because the Lord would not always suffer them to take happiness in sin.

¹⁴**And** they did not come unto Jesus with broken hearts **and** contrite spirits, but they did curse God, **and** wish to die. **Nevertheless** they would struggle with the sword for their lives.

¹⁵**And** it came to pass that my sorrow did return unto me again, **and** I saw that the day of grace was passed with them, both temporally **and** spiritually; for I saw thousands of them hewn down in open rebellion against their God, **and** heaped up as dung upon the face of the land. **And** thus three hundred **and** forty **and** four years had passed away.

¹⁶**And** it came to pass that in the three hundred **and** forty **and** fifth year [X] the Nephites did **begin** to flee before the Lamanites; **and** they were **persued** until[_] they came even to the land of Jashon, before it **was** possible to stop them in their retreat.

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& now the City of Jashon was near the land where Ammoron had deposited **416** the Records unto the Lord that they might not be destroyed, & behold I had gone according to the word of Ammoron & taken the plates of Nephi & did make a Record according to the words of Ammoron

& upon the plates of Nephi I did make a full account of all the wickedness & abominati^{ns}o but upon these plates I did forbare to make a full account of their wickedness & abominations for behold a continual scene of wickedness & abominations has been before mine eyes evers since I have been sufficient to behold the ways of man

& woe is me because of their wickedness for my heart has been filled with sorrow because of their wickedness all my days nevertheless I know that I shall be lifted up at the last day

& it came to pass that in this year the People of Nephi again were hunted & driven & it came to pass that we were driven forth untill we had come Northward to the land which was called Shem

& it came to pass that we did fortify the City of Shem & we did gather in our People as much as it were possible that perhaps we might save them from destruction

& it came to pass in the three hundred & forty & sixth year they began to come upon us again

& it came to pass that I did speak unto my People & did urge them with great energy that they would stand boldly before the Lamanites & fight for their wives & their children & their houses & their homes

& my words did arouse them somewhat to vigor in somuch that they did not flee from before the Lamanites but did stand with boldness against them

& it came to pass that we did contend with an army of thirty thousand against an army of fifty thousand & it came to pass that we did stand before them with such firmness that they did flee from before us

¹⁷**And** now, the city of Jashon was near the land where Ammaron had deposited the records unto the Lord, that they might not be destroyed. **And** behold I had gone according to the word [] of Ammaron, **and** taken the plates of Nephi, **and** did make a record according to the words of Ammaron.

¹⁸**And** upon the plates of Nephi I did make a full account of all the wickedness **and** abominations; but upon these plates I did forbear to make a full account of their wickedness **and** abominations, for behold, a continual scene of wickedness **and** abominations has been before mine eyes ever [] since I have been sufficient to behold the ways of man.

¹⁹**And** wo [] is me because of their wickedness; for my heart has been filled with sorrow because of their wickedness, all my days; nevertheless, I know that I shall be lifted up at the last day.

²⁰**And** it came to pass that in this year the people of Nephi again were hunted **and** driven. **And** it came to pass that we were driven forth until [] we had come northward to the land which was called Shem.

²¹**And** it came to pass that we did fortify the city of Shem, **and** we did gather in our people as much as it were possible, that perhaps we might save them from destruction.

²²**And** it came to pass in the three hundred **and** forty **and** sixth year they began to come upon us again.

²³**And** it came to pass that I did speak unto my people, **and** did urge them with great energy, that they would stand boldly before the Lamanites **and** fight for their wives, **and** their children, **and** their houses, **and** their homes.

²⁴**And** my words did arouse them somewhat to vigor, in [] somuch that they did not flee from before the Lamanites, but did stand with boldness against them.

²⁵**And** it came to pass that we did contend with an army of thirty thousand against an army of fifty thousand. **And** it came to pass that we did stand before them with such firmness that they did flee from before us.

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& it came to pass that when they had fled we did persue them with our armies & did meet them again & did beat them nevertheless the strength of the Lord was not with us yea we were left to ourselves that the spirit of the Lord did not abide in us therefore we had become weak like unto our brethren

& my heart did sorrow because of this the great calamity of my People because of their wickedness & their abominations but behold we did go forth against the Lamanites & the Robbers of Gaddianton untill we had again taken possession of the lands of our inheritance

& the three hundred & forty & ninth year had passed away & in the three hundred & fiftieth year we made a treaty with the Lamanites & the Robbers of Gaddianton inthewhich we did get the lands of our inheritance divided

& the Lamanites did give unto us the land Northward yea even to the narrow passage which lead into the land Southward & we did give unto the Lamanites all the land Southward

²⁶**And** it came to pass that when they had fled we did pursue them with our armies, **and** did meet them again, **and** did beat them; nevertheless the strength of the Lord was not with us; yea, we were left to ourselves, that the **S**pirit of the Lord did not abide in us; therefore we had become weak like unto our brethren.

²⁷**And** my heart did sorrow because of this the great calamity of my **p**ople, because of their wickedness **and** their abominations. **But** behold, we did go forth against the Lamanites **and** the **r**obbers of Gad[]ianton, until[] we had again taken possession of the lands of our inheritance.

²⁸**And** the three hundred **and** forty **and** ninth year had passed away. **And** in the three hundred **and** fiftieth year we made a treaty with the Lamanites **and** the **r**obbers of Gad[]ianton, in[**X**]which we did get the lands of our inheritance divided.

²⁹**And** the Lamanites did give unto us the land **n**orthward, yea, even to the narrow passage which le[]d into the land **s**outhward. **And** we did give unto the Lamanites all the land **s**outhward.