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Chapter II^d

And now it came to pass that in the three hundred & sixty & third year the Nephites did go up with their armies to battle against the Lamanites out of the land [of] desolation

& it come to pass that the armies of the Nephites were driven back again to the land of desolation & while they were yet weary a fresh army of the Lamanites did come upon them & they had a sore battle in somuch that the Lamanites did take possession of the city Desolation & did slay many of the Nephites & did take many prisoners

& the remainder did flee & join the inhabitants of the City Teancum now the City Teancum lay in the borders by the sea shore & it was also near the City Desolation

& it was because that the armies of the Nephites went up unto the Lamanites that they began to be smitten for were it not for that the Lamanites could have had no power over them

but behold the Judgements of God will overtake the wicked & it is by the wicked that the wicked are punished for it is the wicked that stir up the hearts of the Children of men unto bloodshed

& it came to pass that the Lamanites did make peperation to come against the city Teancum

& it came to pass in the three hundred & sixty & fourth year the Lamanites did come against the city Teancum that they might take possession of the City Teancum also

& it came to pass that they were repulsed & driven back by the Nephites & when the Nephites saw that they had driven the Lamanites they did again boast of their [own] strength & they went forth in their own might & took possession again of the city desolation

& now all these things had been done & there had been thousands slain on both sides both the Nephites & the Lamanites

CHAPTER 4 [X _ _ _]

War and carnage continue—The wicked punish the wicked—Greater wickedness prevails than ever before in all Israel—Women and children are sacrificed to idols—The Lamanites begin to sweep the Nephites before them. About A.D. 363–75.

¹And now it came to pass that in the three hundred **and** sixty **and** third year the Nephites did go up with their armies to battle against the Lamanites, out of the land [X] Desolation.

²**And** it came to pass that the armies of the Nephites were driven back again to the land of Desolation. **And** while they were yet weary, a fresh army of the Lamanites did come upon them; **and** they had a sore battle, in [] somuch that the Lamanites did take possession of the city Desolation, **and** did slay many of the Nephites, **and** did take many prisoners.

³**And** the remainder did flee **and** join the inhabitants of the city Teancum. **Now** the city Teancum lay in the borders by the sea [] shore; **and** it was also near the city Desolation.

⁴**And** it was because [_ _ _] the armies of the Nephites went up unto the Lamanites that they began to be smitten; for were it not for that, the Lamanites could have had no power over them.

⁵**But**, behold, the judg[]ments of God will overtake the wicked; **and** it is by the wicked that the wicked are punished; for it is the wicked that stir [_ _] up the hearts of the children of men unto bloodshed.

⁶**And** it came to pass that the Lamanites did make **preparations** to come against the city Teancum.

⁷**And** it came to pass in the three hundred **and** sixty **and** fourth year the Lamanites did come against the city Teancum, that they might take possession of the city Teancum also.

⁸**And** it came to pass that they were repulsed **and** driven back by the Nephites. **And** when the Nephites saw that they had driven the Lamanites they did again boast of their own strength; **and** they went forth in their own might, **and** took possession again of the city Desolation.

⁹**And** now all these things had been done, **and** there had been thousands slain on both sides, both the Nephites **and** the Lamanites.

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& it came to pass that ^{the} three hundred & sixty & sixth year had passed away. & the Lamanites came again upon the Nephites to battle & yet the Nephites repented not of the evil which they had done but persisted in their wickedness continually

& it is impossible for the tongue to describe or for man to write a perfect description of the horrible Scene of the blood & carnage which was among the People both of the Nephites & of the Lamanites & every heart was hardened so that they delighted in the seding of Blood continually

& there never had been so great wikedness among all the children of Lehi nor even among all the House of [f] Israel according to the words of the Lord as were among this People

& it came to pass that the Laman^tes did take possession of the city dsolation & this because their numbr did exceed the number of the Nep^hites

& they did also march forward against the city Teancum & did drive the inhabitants forth out of her & did take many prisoners of women & of children & did offer them up as sacrifices unto their Idol Gods **19**

and it came to pass that in the three hundred & sixty & seventh year the Nephites being angry because the Lamanites had sacrific^ed their women & their children that they did go against the Lamanites with exceeding great anger insomuch that they did b^eat again the Lamanites & drive them out of their lands

& the Lamanites did not come again aganst the Nephites untill the three hundred & seventy & fifth year

& in this year they did come down against the Nephites with all their powers & they were not numbered because of the greatness of their number

& from this time forth did the Nephites gain no power over the Lamanites but began ^{to}be swept off by them even as a dew before the Sun

& it came to pass that the Lamanites did come down against the City Desolation & there was an exceeding sore battle faught in the land Desolation in the which they did beat the Nephites

¹⁰And it came to pass that **the** three hundred **and** sixty **and** sixth year had passed away, **and** the Lamanites came again upon the Nephites to battle; **and** yet the Nephites repented not of the evil **[X]** they had done, but persisted in their wickedness continually.

¹¹And it is impossible for the tongue to describe, or for man to write a perfect description of the horrible scene of the blood **and** carnage which was among the **people**, both of the Nephites **and** of the Lamanites; **and** every heart was hardened, so that they delighted in the **shedding** of **blood** continually.

¹²And there never had been so great w**ickedness** among all the children of Lehi, nor even among all the **house** of **[]** Israel, according to the words of the Lord, as **was** among this **people**.

¹³And it came to pass that the Lamanites did take possession of the city **Desolation**, **and** this because their number **er** did exceed the number of the Neph**ites**.

¹⁴And they did also march forward against the city Teancum, **and** did drive the inhabitants forth out of her, **and** did take many prisoners **both** women **and** **[X]** children, **and** did offer them up as sacrifices unto their **idol gods**.

¹⁵And it came to pass that in the three hundred **and** sixty **and** seventh year, the Nephites being angry because the Lamanites had sacrific^ed their women **and** their children, that they did go against the Lamanites with exceeding**ly** great anger, insomuch that they did **beat** again the Lamanites, **and** drive them out of their lands.

¹⁶And the Lamanites did not come again ag**ainst** the Nephites until **[]** the three hundred **and** seventy **and** fifth year.

¹⁷And in this year they did come down against the Nephites with all their powers; **and** they were not numbered because of the greatness of their number.

¹⁸And from this time forth did the Nephites **gain** no power over the Lamanites, but began **to****[]**be swept off by them even as a dew before the **sun**.

¹⁹And it came to pass that the Lamanites did come down against the **city** Desolation; **and** there was an exceeding**ly** sore battle **fought** in the land Desolation, in the which they did beat the Nephites.

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& they fled again from before them & they came to the city Boaz & there they did stand against the Lamnites with exceeding boldness in somuch that the Lamanites did not beat them untill they had come again ^athe second time

& when they had come the seond time the Nephites were driven & slaughtered with an exceeding great slaughter their women & their Children were again sacrificed unto Idols

& it came to pass that the Nephites did again flee from before them takeing all the inhabitants with them both in towns & villages

& now I mormon seeing that **the** Lamanites were about to overthrow the land therefore I did go to the hill Shim & did take up all the records which Ammoron had hid up unto the Lord

²⁰**And** they fled again from before them, **and** they came to the city Boaz; **and** there they did stand against the Lamanites with exceeding boldness, in[]somuch that the Lamanites did not beat them until[] they had come again []the second time.

²¹**And** when they had come the **second** time, the Nephites were driven **and** slaughtered with an exceedingly great slaughter; their women **and** their children were again sacrificed unto **idols**.

²²**And** it came to pass that the Nephites did again flee from before them, tak[]ing all the inhabitants with them, both in towns **and** villages.

²³**And** now I, **Mormon**, seeing that **the** Lamanites were about to overthrow the land, therefore I did go to the hill Shim, **and** did take up all the records which Amm^aron had hid up unto the Lord.