

& it came to pass that I did go forth among the ~~People~~ Nephites & did repent of the oath which I had made that I would no more assist **them** & they gave me command again of their armies for they looked upon me as though I could deliver them from their afflictions

but behold I was without hopes for I knew the jud^egments of the Lord which should come upon them for they repented not of their iniquities but did struggle for their lives without calling upon that being who had created them

& it came to pass that the Lamanites did come against us as we had fled to the city of Jordan but behold they were driven back that they did not take the city at hat tine

& it came to pass that they came against us again & we did maintain the City & there were also other cities which were maintained by the Nephites which strong holds did cut them off that they could not get into the country which lay before us to destroy the inhabtants of our land

but it came to pass that whatsoever lands we had passed by the inhaitants thereof were not gathered in were destroyed by the Lamanites & their towns & vilages & Cities were berned with fire. & thus the three hundred & seventy & nine years passed away

& it came to pass that in the three **hundred** & eightieth year the Lamanites did come again against us to battle & we did stand against them boldly but it was all in vain for so great were their numbrs that they did tread the People ~~under their feet~~ of the Nephites under their feet

& it cam to pass that we did again take to flight & they whose flight were swifter than the Lamanites did escape & they whose flight did not exceed the Lamanites were swept down & dstroyed

CHAPTER 5

Mormon again leads the Nephite armies in battles of blood and carnage—The Book of Mormon will come forth to convince all Israel that Jesus is the Christ—Because of their unbelief, the Lamanites will be scattered, and the Spirit will cease to strive with them—They will receive the gospel from the Gentiles in the latter days. About A.D. 375–84.

¹**And** it came to pass that I did go forth among the **[X]** Nephites, **and** did repent of the oath which I had made that I would no more assist **them**; **and** they gave me command again of their armies, for they looked upon me as though I could deliver them from their afflictions.

²**But** behold, I was without hope~~[]~~, for I knew the jud~~[]~~gments of the Lord which should come upon them; for they repented not of their iniquities, but did struggle for their lives without calling upon that **Being** who **[X]** created them.

³**And** it came to pass that the Lamanites did come against us as we had fled to the city of Jordan; but behold, they were driven back that they did not take the city at **that time**.

⁴**And** it came to pass that they came against us again, **and** we did maintain the **city**. **And** there were also other cities which were maintained by the Nephites, which strong~~[]~~holds did cut them off that they could not get into the country which lay before us, to destroy the inhabitants of our land.

⁵**But** it came to pass that whatsoever lands we had passed by, **and** the inhab~~it~~ants thereof were not gathered in, were destroyed by the Lamanites, **and** their towns, **and** villages, **and** cities were **burned** with fire; **and** thus **[X]** three hundred **and** seventy **and** nine years passed away.

⁶**And** it came to pass that in the three **hundred and** eightieth year the Lamanites did come again against us to battle, **and** we did stand against them boldly; but it was all in vain, for so great were their numbers that they did tread the **people** **[X_X_X]** of the Nephites under their feet.

⁷**And** it came to pass that we did again take to flight, **and** **those** whose flight **was** swifter than the Lamanites' did escape, **and** **those** whose flight did not exceed the Lamanites' were swept down **and** destroyed.

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& now behold I Mormon do not desire to harrow up the souls of men in casting before them su^hc an awful scene of blood & carnage as was laid before mine eyes but I knowing that these things must **surely** be made known & that all things which are hid must be **420** revealed upon the house topps

& also that a knowledge of theses things must come unto the remnant of these People & also unto the Gentiles which the Lord hath said should scatter this People & this People should be counted as nought among them therefore I w^rite a small abridgement dareing not to give a full account of the things which I have seen because of the commandment which I have received & also that ye might not have to great sorrow because of the wickedness of this People

& now behold this I speak unto their seed & also to the Gentiles which hath care for the House of Israel that realize & know from whence their blessings come

for I know that such will sorrow for the ^{Calamity} of the house of Israel yea they will sorrow fore the destruction of this People they will sorrow that this **people** had not repent^{ed} that they might have been clasped in the arms of Jesus

now these things are written unto the remnant of the house of Jacob & they are written after this manner because it is known of God that wickedness will not bring them forth unto them & they are to be hid up unto the Lord that they may come forth in his own due time

& this is the commandment which I have received & behold they shall come forth according to the comandment of the Lord when he shall see fit in his wⁱsdom

& behold they shall go unto the unbelieving of the jews & for this intent shall they go that they may be perswaded that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God that the Father may bring about through his most beloved his great and eternal purpose in the restoreing the Jews or all the house of Israel to the land of their inheritance which the Lord their God hath given them unto the fulfilling of his covenant

⁸**And** now behold, I, Mormon, do not desire to harrow up the souls of men in casting before them **such** an awful scene of blood **and** carnage as was laid before mine eyes; but I, knowing **that** these things must **surely** be made known, **and** that all things which are hid must be revealed upon the house-top[**]s—**

⁹**And** also that a knowledge of these[**]** things must come unto the remnant of these **people**, **and** also unto the Gentiles, **who** the Lord hath said should scatter this **people**, **and** this **people** should be counted as **naught** among them—therefore I **w**rite a small abridg[**]**ment, dar[**]**ing not to give a full account of the things which I have seen, because of the commandment which I have received, **and** also that ye might not have **to** great sorrow because of the wickedness of this **people**.

¹⁰**And** now behold, this I speak unto their seed, **and** also to the Gentiles **who have** care for the **house** of Israel, that realize **and** know from whence their blessings come.

¹¹**F**or I know that such will sorrow for the **calamity of the** house of Israel; yea, they will sorrow for[**]** the destruction of this **people**; they will sorrow that this **people** had not repented that they might have been clasped in the arms of Jesus.

¹²**N**ow these things are written unto the remnant of the house of Jacob; **and** they are written after this manner, because it is known of God that wickedness will not bring them forth unto them; **and** they are to be hid up unto the Lord that they may come forth in his own due time.

¹³**A**nd this is the commandment which I have received; **and** behold, they shall come forth according to the **comm**andment of the Lord, when he shall see fit, in his **w**isdom.

¹⁴**A**nd behold, they shall go unto the unbeliev[**]**ing of the **Jews**; **and** for this intent shall they go—that they may be pers^uaded that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God; that the Father may bring about, through his most **B**eloved, his great and eternal purpose, in [**X**] restor[**]**ing the Jews, or all the house of Israel, to the land of their inheritance, which the Lord their God hath given them, unto the fulfilling of his covenant;

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& also that the seed of this People may more fully believe his Gospel which shall go forth unto them from the Gentiles for this People shall be scattered & shall become a dark a filthy & a loathsome People beyond the description of that which ever hath been amongst us yea even that which hath been among the Lamanites & this because of their unbelief & Idolitry

for behold the spirit of the Lord hath already ceased to strive with their Fathers & they are without Christ & God in the world & they ore driven about as chaff before the wind

they were once a delightsome People & they had Christ for their shepherd yea they were lead even by God the Father

but now behold they are lead about by Satan even as Chaff is driven before the wind or as a Vessel is tossed about upon the waves without sail or anchor or without any thing wherewith to steer her & even as she is so ~~ore~~ they

& behold the Lord hath rreserved their blessing which they might have received in the land for the Gentiles which shall fossess the land

but behold it shall come to pass that they shall be driven & scattered by the Gentil^e & after th^ot they have been driven & scattered by the Gentile behold then will the Lord remember the covenant which he made unto Abraham & unto all the house of Israel

& all the Lord will remember the prayers of the righteous which hath been put up unto him for them

& then O ye Gentiles how can ye stand before the power of God except ye shall repent & turn from your evil ways

know ye **421** not that ye are in the hands of God know ye not **that** he hath all power & at his great command the earth shall be rolled together as a scrawl

therefore repent ye & humble yourselves before him lest he shall come out in justice against you lest a remnant of the seed of Jacob shall go forth among you as a lion & tear you in pieces & there is none to deliver.—

¹⁵**And** also that the seed of this **people** may more fully believe his **gospel**, which shall go forth unto them from the Gentiles; for this **people** shall be scattered, **and** shall become a dark, a filthy, **and** a loathsome **people**, beyond the description of that which ever hath been amongst us, yea, even that which hath been among the Lamanites, **and** this because of their unbelief **and** idolatry.

¹⁶**F**or behold, the **Spirit** of the Lord hath already ceased to strive with their **fathers**; **and** they are without Christ **and** God in the world; **and** they **are** driven about as chaff before the wind.

¹⁷**T**hey were once a delightsome **people**, **and** they had Christ for their shepherd; yea, they were le[]d even by God the Father.

¹⁸**B**ut now, behold, they are le[]d about by Satan, even as **chaff** is driven before the wind, or as a **vessel** is tossed about upon the waves, without sail or anchor, or without any[]thing wherewith to steer her; **and** even as she is, so **are** they.

¹⁹**And** behold, the Lord hath **reserved** their blessings, which they might have received in the land, for the Gentiles **who** shall **possess** the land.

²⁰**B**ut behold, it shall come to pass that they shall be driven **and** scattered by the Gentiles; **and** after [_ _ _] they have been driven **and** scattered by the Gentiles, behold, then will the Lord remember the covenant which he made unto Abraham **and** unto all the house of Israel.

²¹**And** also the Lord will remember the prayers of the righteous, which **have** been put up unto him for them.

²²**And** then, O ye Gentiles, how can ye stand before the power of God, except ye shall repent **and** turn from your evil ways?

²³**K**now ye not that ye are in the hands of God? **K**now ye not **that** he hath all power, **and** at his great command the earth shall be rolled together as a **scroll**?

²⁴**T**herefore, repent ye, **and** humble yourselves before him, **lest** he shall come out in justice against you—le[]st a remnant of the seed of Jacob shall go forth among you as a lion, **and** tear you in pieces, **and** there is none to deliver.[]