

Chapter IV ==

Behold I Moroni do finish the Record of my Father Mormon behold I have but few things to write which things I have been commanded of my Father

& now it came to pass that after the great & tremend[i]ous battle at Cumorah behold the Nephites which had escaped into the Country southward were hunted by the Lamanites until they were all destroyed

& my Father also was killed by them & I even I remaineth alone to write the sad tale of the destruction of my People but behold they ore gone & I fulfill the commandment of my Father & whether they will slay me I know not

therefore I will write & hide up the records in the earth & whither I go it mattereth not

behold my Father hath made this record & he hath written the intent thereof & behold I would write it also if I had room upon the plates but I have not & Friends I have none for I am alone my Father hath been slain in battle & all my kinsfolks. & I have not friends nor whither to go & how long t∅t the Lord will suffer that I may live I know not

behold four hundred years have passed away since the coming of our Lord & Savior

& behold the Lamanites have hunted my People the Nephites down from City to City & from place to place even until they are no more & great has been their fall yea gra't & marv'lous is the destruction of my People the Nephites

& behold it is the hand of the Lord which hath done it & behold also the Lamanites are at war one with another & the whole face of this land is one continual round of Murders & bloodshed & no one knoweth the end of the war

CHAPTER 8 [X_ _ _ _ _]

*The Lamanites seek out and destroy the Nephites—
The Book of Mormon will come forth by the power of God—Woes pronounced upon those who breathe out wrath and strife against the work of the Lord—
The Nephite record will come forth in a day of wickedness, degeneracy, and apostasy. About A.D. 400–421.*

¹Behold I, Moroni, do finish the record of my father, Mormon. Behold, I have but few things to write, which things I have been commanded by my father.

²And now it came to pass that after the great and tremend[]ous battle at Cumorah, behold, the Nephites who had escaped into the country southward were hunted by the Lamanites, until they were all destroyed.

³And my father also was killed by them, and I even [X] remain[_ _] alone to write the sad tale of the destruction of my people. But behold, they are gone, and I fulfil[] the commandment of my father. And whether they will slay me, I know not.

⁴Therefore I will write and hide up the records in the earth; and whither I go it mattereth not.

⁵Behold, my father hath made this record, and he hath written the intent thereof. And behold, I would write it also if I had room upon the plates, but I have not; and ore I have none, for I am alone. My father hath been slain in battle, and all my kinsfolk[], and I have not friends nor whither to go; and how long [_ _ _] the Lord will suffer that I may live I know not.

⁶Behold, four hundred years have passed away since the com[]ing of our Lord and Savior.

⁷And behold, the Lamanites have hunted my people, the Nephites, down from city to city and from place to place, even until they are no more; and great has been their fall; yea, great and marvelous is the destruction of my people, the Nephites.

⁸And behold, it is the hand of the Lord which hath done it. And behold also, the Lamanites are at war one with another; and the whole face of this land is one continual round of murder[] and bloodshed; and no one knoweth the end of the war.

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& now behold I say no more concerning them
for there are none ~~save~~ save it be
Lamanites & robbers that do exist upon the face
of the land

& there are none that do know the true God save
it be the Disciples of Jesus which did tarry in the
land until the wickedness of the People were so great
that the Lord would not suffe^r them to remain with
the People & whither they be upon the face of the
land no man knoweth

but behold my Father & I have seen them &
they have ministered unto us

& whoso receiveth this record & shall not
condemn it because of the imperfections which are in
it the same shall know of greater things than these.
behold I am Moroni and were it possible, I would
make all thing known unto you

behold I make an end of speaking concerning this
People. I am the son of Mormon & my Father was
a descendant of Nephi

& I am the same which hideth up this Record unto
the Lord the plates thereof are of no worth because
of the commandment of the Lord for he truly
sayeth that **424** **no one** shall have them to get gain
but the record thereof is of great worth & whoso
shall bring it to light him will the Lord bless

for **none** can have power to bring it to light save it
be given him of God for God will that it shall be
done with an eye singled to his Glory or the
welfare of the ancient & long dispersed covenant
People of the Lord

& blessed be him that shall bring this thing to
light for it shall be brought out of darkness unto
light according to the word of God yea it shall be
brought out of the earth & it shall shine forth out
of darkness & come unto the knowledge of the
People & it shall be done by the power of God

& if there be faults they be faults of a man
but behold we know no fault nevertheless God
knoweth all things therefore he that condemneth
let him be aware least he shall be in dnger of
Hell fire

& he that sayeth shew unto me or ye shall be
smitten let him be aware least he
commandeth that which is forbidden of the Lord

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for there are none [_ _ _ _] save it be **the**
Lamanites **and** robbers that do exist upon the face
of the land.

¹⁰**And** there are none that do know the true God save
it be the **disciples** of Jesus, **who** did tarry in the
land until the wickedness of the **people was** so great
that the Lord would not suffer them to remain with
the **people; and whether** they be upon the face of the
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¹⁴**And** I am the same **who** hideth up this **record** unto
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of the commandment of the Lord. **For** he truly
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but the record thereof is of great worth; **and** whoso
shall bring it to light, him will the Lord bless.

¹⁵**For none** can have power to bring it to light save it
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welfare of the ancient **and** long dispersed covenant
people of the Lord.

¹⁶**And** blessed be **he** that shall bring this thing to
light; for it shall be brought out of darkness unto
light, according to the word of God; yea, it shall be
brought out of the earth, **and** it shall shine forth out
of darkness, **and** come unto the knowledge of the
people; and it shall be done by the power of God.

¹⁷**And** if there be faults they be **the** faults of a man.
But behold, we know no fault; nevertheless God
knoweth all things; therefore, he that condemneth,
let him be aware le[]st he shall be in **danger** of
hell fire.

¹⁸**And** he that sai[]**th: Show** unto me, or ye shall be
smitten—let him be [] [] ware le[]st he
commandeth that which is forbidden of the Lord.

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for behold the same that judges rashly shall be judged rashly again for according to his works shall his wages be therefore he that smite[e]th shall be smitten again of the Lord

behold what the scriptures saith man shall not smite neithe shall he judge for judgement is mine saith the Lord & vengeance is mine also & I will repay

& he that shall breath out wrath & strifes against the work of the Lord & against the covenant People of the Lord which is the house of Israel & shall say we will destroy the work of the Lord & the Lord will not remember his covenant^t which he hath made unto the house of Israel the same is in danger to be hewn down & cast into the fire

for thes eternal purposes of the **Lord** shall roll on untill all his promises shall be fulfilled

search the ~~scriptures~~ Prophecies of Isaiah behold I cannot write them yea behold I say unto you that those saints which have gone before me which have poss^{ses}ed this land shall cry yea even from the dust will they cry unto the Lord & as the Lord live[e]th he will remember the covenant which he hath made with them

& he knoweth their prayers that they were in **the** behalf of their Brethren & he knoweth their faith for in his name could [could] they remove mountains & in his name could they cause the earth to shake & by the power of his word did they cause Prisons to tumble to the earth yea even the fir^ey furnace could not harm them neither wild beasts nor poison^{ous} serpents because of the power of his word

& behold their prayers were also in behalf of him that the Lord should suffer to bring these things forth

& no one need not say they shall not come for they surely shall for the Lord hath spoken it for out of the earth shall they come by the hand of the Lord & none can stay it & it shall come in a day when it shall be said that miracles are done away & it shall come even as if one should speak from the dead

& it shall come in a day when the blood of saints shall cry unto the Lord because of secret combinations & the works of darkness

¹⁹For behold, the same that judg**eth** rashly shall be judged rashly again; for according to his works shall his wages be; therefore, he that smite[]th shall be smitten again, of the Lord.

²⁰Behold what the scripture[] **says**—man shall not smite, neither shall he judge; for judg[]ment is mine, saith the Lord, **and** vengeance is mine also, **and** I will repay.

²¹**And** he that shall breathe out wrath **and** strifes against the work of the Lord, **and** against the covenant **people** of the Lord **who are** the house of Israel, **and** shall say: **We** will destroy the work of the Lord, **and** the Lord will not remember his covenant^t which he hath made unto the house of Israel—the same is in danger to be hewn down **and** cast into the fire;

²²For the[] eternal purposes of the **Lord** shall roll on, until[] all his promises shall be ful[]filled.

²³Search the [**X**] prophecies of Isaiah. Behold, I cannot write them. Yea, behold I say unto you, that those saints **who** have gone before me, **who** have possessed this land, shall cry, yea, even from the dust will they cry unto the Lord; **and** as the Lord live[]th he will remember the covenant which he hath made with them.

²⁴**And** he knoweth their prayers, that they were in [**X**] behalf of their **brethren**. **And** he knoweth their faith, for in his name could [**X**] they remove mountains; **and** in his name could they cause the earth to shake; **and** by the power of his word did they cause **prisons** to tumble to the earth; yea, even the **fiery** furnace could not harm them, neither wild beasts nor poison^{ous} serpents, because of the power of his word.

²⁵**And** behold, their prayers were also in behalf of him that the Lord should suffer to bring these things forth.

²⁶**And** no one need [**X**] say they shall not come[], for they surely shall, for the Lord hath spoken it; for out of the earth shall they come, by the hand of the Lord, **and** none can stay it; **and** it shall come in a day when it shall be said that miracles are done away; **and** it shall come even as if one should speak from the dead.

²⁷**And** it shall come in a day when the blood of saints shall cry unto the Lord, because of secret combinations **and** the works of darkness.

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yea it shall come in a day when the power of God shall be denied & churches become defiled & shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts yea even in a day when leaders of churches & teachers in the pride of their hearts even to the envying of them who belong to their churches

yea it shall come in a day when there shall be heard of fires & tempests & vapours of smoke in foreign lands

& there shall also be heard of **425** wars & rumors of wars & earthquakes in divers places

yea it shall come in a day when there shall be great pollutions upon the face of the earth there shall be murders & robbing & lying & deceivings & whoredoms & all manner of abominations when there shall be many which will say do this or do that & it mattereth not for the Lord will uphold such at the last day but woe unto such for they are in the gall of bitterness & in the bonds of iniquity

yea it shall come in a day when there shall be churches built up that shall **say** come unto me & for your money you shall be forgiven of your Sins.

O ye wicked & perverse ~~Generation~~ & stiffnecked People why have ye built up churches unto yourselves to get gain why have ye transfigured the Holy word of God that ye might bring damnation upon your souls behold look ye unto the revelations of God for behold the time cometh at that day when all these things must be fulfilled

behold the Lord hath shewn unto me great & marvelous things concerning that which must shortly come at that day when these things shall come forth among you

behold I speak unto you as if ye were present & yet ye are not but behold Jesus Christ hath shewn you unto me & I know your doing

& I know that ye do walk in the pride of your hearts & there are none save a few only which do not lift themselves up in the pride of their hearts unto the wearing of ve'y fine apparel unto envying & strifes & malice & persecutions & all manner of iniquity & your churches yea even every one have become polluted because of the pride of your hearts

²⁸Yea, it shall come in a day when the power of God shall be denied, **and** churches become defiled **and** **[X]** be lifted up in the pride of their hearts; yea, even in a day when leaders of churches **and** teachers **shall rise** in the pride of their hearts, even to the envying of them who belong to their churches.

²⁹Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be heard of fires, **and** tempests, **and** vapo[]rs of smoke in foreign lands;

³⁰**And** there shall also be heard of wars, **[X]** rumors of wars, **and** earthquakes in divers places.

³¹Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be great pollutions upon the face of the earth; there shall be murders, **and** robbing, **and** lying, **and** deceiv[]ings, **and** whoredoms, **and** all manner of abominations; when there shall be many **who** will say, **Do this**, or do that, **and** it mattereth not, for the Lord will uphold such at the last day. **But wo[]** unto such, for they are in the gall of bitterness **and** in the bonds of iniquity.

³²Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be churches built up that shall **say: Come unto me, and** for your money you shall be forgiven of your **sins**.

³³O ye wicked **and** perverse **[X] and** stiffnecked people, why have ye built up churches unto yourselves to get gain? **Why** have ye transfigured the **holy** word of God, that ye might bring damnation upon your souls? **Behold**, look ye unto the revelations of God; for behold, the time cometh at that day when all these things must be fulfilled.

³⁴**Behold**, the Lord hath **shown** unto me great **and** marvelous things concerning that which must shortly come, at that day when these things shall come forth among you.

³⁵**Behold**, I speak unto you as if ye were **present, and** yet ye are not. **But** behold, Jesus Christ hath **shown** you unto me, **and** I know your doing.

³⁶**And** I know that ye do walk in the pride of your hearts; **and** there are none save a few only **who** do not lift themselves up[] in the pride of their hearts, unto the wearing of **very** fine apparel, unto envying, **and** strifes, **and** malice, **and** persecutions, **and** all manner of iniquities; **and** your churches, yea, even every one, have become polluted because of the pride of your hearts.

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for behold ye do love money & your substances & your fine apparel & the adorning of your churches more than ye love the poor & **the** needy the sick & the afflicted.

O ye pollutions ye hypocrites ye teachers which sell yourselves for that which will canker why have ye polluted the Holy Church of God why are ye ashamed to take upon you the name of Christ why do you not think that greater is the value of an endless happiness than that misery which never dies because of the praise of the world

why do ye adorn yourselves with that which hath no life & yet suffer the hungry & the needy & the naked & the sick & the afflicted to pass by you & notice them not

yea why do ye build up your secret abominations to get gain & cause that widows should mourn before the Lord & also orphans to mourn before the Lord & also the blood of their Fathers & their husbands to cry unto the Lord from the ground for vengeance upon your heads

behold the sword of vengeance hangeth over you & the time soon cometh that he avengeth the blood of the saints upon you for he will not suffer their Cries any longer.

³⁷For behold, ye do love money, **and** your substance[], **and** your fine apparel, **and** the adorning of your churches, more than ye love the poor **and the** needy, the sick **and** the afflicted.

³⁸O ye pollutions, ye hypocrites, ye teachers, **who** sell yourselves for that which will canker, why have ye polluted the **holy church** of God? **Why** are ye ashamed to take upon you the name of Christ? **Why** do ye[] not think that greater is the value of an endless happiness than that misery which never dies—because of the praise of the world?

³⁹Why do ye adorn yourselves with that which hath no life, **and** yet suffer the hungry, **and** the needy, **and** the naked, **and** the sick **and** the afflicted to pass by you, **and** notice them not?

⁴⁰Yea, why do ye build up your secret abominations to get gain, **and** cause that widows should mourn before the Lord, **and** also orphans to mourn before the Lord, **and** also the blood of their **fathers and** their husbands to cry unto the Lord from the ground, for vengeance upon your heads?

⁴¹Behold, the sword of vengeance hangeth over you; **and** the time soon cometh that he avengeth the blood of the saints upon you, for he will not suffer their **cries** any longer.