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& it came to pass that King Mosiah granted that sixteen of their strong men might go up to the land of LehiNephi to enquire concerning their Brethren

& it came to pass that on the morow they started to go up haveing with them one Ammon he being a strong & mighty man & a descendant of Zarahemla & he was also their leader

& now they knew not the cours they should travel in the wilderness to go up to the land of LehiNephi therefore they wandered many days in the wililerness even forty days did they wander

& when they had wandered forty days they came to a hill which is North of the land of Shilom & their they pitched their tents

& Ammon took three of his Brethren & their names were Amaleki Helem & Hem & they went down into the land of Nephi

& behold they met the king of the People which was in the land of Nephi & in the land of Shilom & they were surrounded by the kings guard & was taken & was bound & was committed to prison

& it came to pass when they had been in prison two days they were again brought before the king & their ~~ba~~ bands were loosed & they stood before the king & was permitted or rather commanded that they should answer the questions which he should ask them

CHAPTER 7 [X] []

Ammon finds the land of Lehi-Nephi, where Limhi is king—Limhi's people are in bondage to the Lamanites—Limhi recounts their history—A prophet (Abinadi) had testified that Christ is the God and Father of all things—Those who sow filthiness reap the whirlwind, and those who put their trust in the Lord will be delivered. About 121 B.C.

¹ And now, it came to pass that after king Mosiah had had continual peace for the space of three years, he was desir[]ous to know concerning the people **who** went up to dwell in the land of Lehi-Nephi, or in the city of Lehi-Nephi; for his people had heard nothing from them from the time they left the land of Zarahemla; therefore, they **wearied**[] him with their teasings.

² **And** it came to pass that king Mosiah granted that sixteen of their strong men might go up to the land of Lehi-Nephi, to inquire concerning their **brethren**.

³ **And** it came to pass that on the morrow they started to go up, hav[]ing with them one Ammon, he being a strong **and** mighty man, **and** a descendant of Zarahemla; **and** he was also their leader.

⁴ **And** now, they knew not the course they should travel in the wilderness to go up to the land of Lehi-Nephi; therefore they wandered many days in the wild[]erness, even forty days did they wander.

⁵ **And** when they had wandered forty days they came to a hill, which is north of the land of Shilom, **and** there they pitched their tents.

⁶ **And** Ammon took three of his **brethren**, **and** their names were Amaleki, Helem, **and** Hem, **and** they went down into the land of Nephi.

⁷ **And** behold, they met the king of the people **who** **were** in the land of Nephi, **and** in the land of Shilom; **and** they were surrounded by the king's guard, **and** **were** taken, **and** **were** bound, **and** **were** committed to prison.

⁸ **And** it came to pass when they had been in prison two days they were again brought before the king, **and** their [] bands were loosed; **and** they stood before the king, **and** **were** permitted, or rather commanded, that they should answer the questions which he should ask them.

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& he sayeth unto them behold I am Limhi the Son of Noah which was the Son of Zeniff which came up out of the land of Zarahemla to inherit this land which was the land of their fathers which was made a king by the voice of the People

& now I desire to know the cause whereby ye were so bold as to come near the walls of the city when I myself was with my guards without the gate

& now for this cause have I suffered that ye should be preserved that I might enquire of you or else I should have caused that my guards should have put you to death ye are permitted to speak

& now when Ammon saw that he was permitted to speak he went forth & bowed himself before the king & riseing again he said O king I am verry thankful before God this day that I am yet alive & am permited to speak & I will endeavor to speak with boldness **129**

for I am asured that if ye had known me ye would not have suffered that I should have wore these bands for I am Ammon & am a descendant of Zarahemla & have come up out of the land of Zarahemla to enquire concerning our Brethren whch Zeniff brought up out of that land

& now it came to pass that after Limhi had heard the words of Ammon he was exceeding glad & said now I know of a surety that my Brethren which was in the land of Zaraheemla are yet alive & now I will rejoice & on the morrow I will cause that my People shall rejoice also

for behold we are in bondage to the Lamanites & are taxed with a tax which is grievous to be bourn & now behold our Brethren will deliver us out of our bondage or out of the hands of the Lamanites & we will be their slaves for it is better that we be slaves to the Nephites then to pay tribute to the king of the Lamanites

& now King Limhi commanded his guards that they should no more bind Ammon nor his Brethren but caused that they should go to the hill which was North of the Shilom & bring their Brethren into the city that thereby they might eat & dring & rest themselves from the labours of their journey for they had suffered many things they had suffered hungar thirst & fateague

9And he said unto them: Behold, I am Limhi, the son of Noah, whojou was the son of Zeniff, who came up out of the land of Zarahemla to inherit this land, which was the land of their fathers, who was made a king by the voice of the people.

10And now, I desire to know the cause whereby ye were so bold as to come near the walls of the city, when I, myself, was with my guards without the gate?

11And now, for this cause have I suffered that ye should be preserved, that I might inquire of you, or else I should have caused that my guards should have put you to death. Ye are permitted to speak.

12And now, when Ammon saw that he was permitted to speak, he went forth **and** bowed himself before the king; **and** risug again he said: O king, I am veruy thankful before God this day that I am yet alive, **and** am permitted to speak; **and** I will endeavor to speak with boldness;

13For I am assured that if ye had known me ye would not have suffered that I should have worn these bands. For I am Ammon, **and** am a descendant of Zarahemla, **and** have come up out of the land of Zarahemla to inquire concerning our brethren, whom Zeniff brought up out of that land.

14And now, it came to pass that after Limhi had heard the words of Ammon, he was exceedingly glad, **and** said: Now, I know of a surety that my brethren who were in the land of Zarahemla are yet alive. **And** now, I will rejoice; **and** on the morrow I will cause that my people shall rejoice also.

15For behold, we are in bondage to the Lamanites, **and** are taxed with a tax which is grievous to be borne. **And** now, behold, our brethren will deliver us out of our bondage, or out of the hands of the Lamanites, **and** we will be their slaves; for it is better that we be slaves to the Nephites than to pay tribute to the king of the Lamanites.

16And now, king Limhi commanded his guards that they should no more bind Ammon nor his brethren, but caused that they should go to the hill which was north of [X] Shilom, **and** bring their brethren into the city, that thereby they might eat, **and** drink, **and** rest themselves from the labours of their journey; for they had suffered many things; they had suffered hunger, thirst, **and** fatigues.

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& now it came to pass on the morrow that king Limhi sent a proclamation among all his People that thereby they might gather themselves together to the temple to hear the words which he should speak unto them

& it came to pass that when they had gathered themselves together that he spake unto them in this wise saying O ^{ye} my People lift up your heads & be comforted for behold the time is at hand or is not far dis-tant when we shall no longer be in subjection to our enemies notwithstanding our many ~~struglings~~ ^{struggles} which have been in vain yet I trust there remaineth an effectual struggle to be made

therefore lift up your heads & rejoice & put your trust in God in that God who was the God of Abraham & Isaac & Jacob & also that God who brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt & caused that they should walk through the red Sea on dry ground & fed them with Manna that they might not perish in the wilderness & many more things did he do for them

& again that same God hath brought our fathers out of the land of Jerusalem & hath kept & preserved his People even until now & behold it is because of our ini^{ui}ties & abominations that he has brought us into bondage

& ye all are witnesses this day that Zenith who was made king over this People he being over zealous to inherit the land of his fathers therefore being deceived by the cunning & craftiness of King Laman who having entered into a treaty with King Zeniff & haveing yielded up into his hands the possessions of a part of the land or even the city of LehiNephi & the city of Shilom & the land round about

& all this he done for the sole purpose of bringing this People into subjection or into bondage & behold we at this time do pay trib^{ute} to the king of the Lamanites to the amount of one half of our corn & our barley & even all our grain of every kind & one half of the increase of our flocks & our herds & even one half of all we have or **130** possess the king of the Lamanites doth exact of us or our lives

¹⁷**And** now, it came to pass on the morrow that king Limhi sent a proclamation among all his **people**, that thereby they might gather themselves together to the temple, to hear the words which he should speak unto them.

¹⁸**And** it came to pass that when they had gathered themselves together that he spake unto them in this wise, saying: **O ye**, my **people**, lift up your heads **and** be comforted; for behold, the time is at hand, or is not far dis[-]tant, when we shall no longer be in subjection to our enemies, notwithstanding our many **[]strugglings[]**, which have been in vain; yet I trust there remaineth an effectual struggle to be made.

¹⁹**Therefore**, lift up your heads, **and** rejoice, **and** put your trust in God, in that God who was the God of Abraham, **and** Isaac, **and** Jacob; **and** also, that God who brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, **and** caused that they should walk through the Red Sea on dry ground, **and** fed them with manna that they might not perish in the wilderness; **and** many more things did he do for them.

²⁰**And** again, that same God has^[] brought our fathers out of the land of Jerusalem, **and** has^[] kept **and** preserved his **people** even until^[] now; **and** behold, it is because of our **iniq**uities **and** abominations that he has brought us into bondage^[].

²¹**And** ye all are witnesses this day, that Zeniff, who was made king over this **people**, he being over^[]zealous to inherit the land of his fathers, therefore being deceived by the cunning **and** craftiness of **king** Laman, who having entered into a treaty with **king** Zeniff, **and** hav^[]ing yielded up into his hands the possessions of a part of the land, or even the city of Lehi-Nephi, **and** the city of Shilom; **and** the land round about—

²²**And** all this he **did**, for the sole purpose of bringing this **people** into subjection or into bondage. **And** behold, we at this time do pay **tribute** to the king of the Lamanites, to the amount of one half of our corn, **and** our barley, **and** even all our grain of every kind, **and** one half of the increase of our flocks **and** our herds; **and** even one half of all we have or possess the king of the Lamanites doth exact of us, or our lives.

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& now is not this grievous to be bourn
is not this our afflictions great now behold how
great reason have we to Mourn

yea I say unto you great are the reasons which
we have to mourn for behold how mang of our
Brethren have been slain & their blood hath
been spilt in vain & all all because of iniquity

for if this People had not fallen into transgression
the Lord would not have suffered that this great evil
should come upon them but behold they would
not hearken unto his words but there arose
contentions among them even so much that they
did shed blood among themselves

& a Prophet of the Lord have they slain yea a
chosen man of God who told them of their
wickedneess & abominations & prophesied
of many things which os to come yea even the
coming of Christ

& because he sayeth unto them that Christ was
the God the Father of all things & sayeth that he
should take upon him the image of man & it
should be the image after which man was created in
the beginning or in other words he said that man
was created after the image of God & that God
should come down among the children of men &
take upon him flesh & blood & go forth upon
the face of the earth

& now because he said this they did put him
to death & many more things did they do which
brought down the wrath of God upon them
therefore who wondereth that they are in bondage
& that they are smitten with sore afflictions

for behold the Lord hath said I will not succor
my People in the day of their transgression but I will
hedge up their ways that they prosper not & their
doings shall be as a stumbleing block before them

& again he sayeth if my People shall sow
filthiness they shall reap the chaff thereof in the
whirlwind & the effects thereof is poison

& again he sayeth if my People shall sow
filthiness they shall reap the east wind which
bringeth immediate destruction

& now behold the promise of the Lord is
fulfilled & ye are smitten & afflicted

²³**And** now, is not this grievous to be borne? **And**
is not this, our affliction, great? Now behold, how
great reason we have [X] to mourn.

²⁴**Yea**, I say unto you, great are the reasons which
we have to mourn; for behold how many of our
brethren have been slain, **and** their blood has[
been spilt in vain, **and** [X] all because of iniquity.

²⁵For if this people had not fallen into transgression
the Lord would not have suffered that this great evil
should come upon them. **But** behold, they would
not hearken unto his words; but there arose
contentions among them, even so much that they
did shed blood among themselves.

²⁶**And** a prophet of the Lord have they slain; yea, a
chosen man of God, who told them of their
wickedness **and** abominations, **and** prophesied
of many things which **are** to come, yea, even the
coming of Christ.

²⁷**And** because he **said** unto them that Christ was
the God, the Father of all things, **and said** that he
should take upon him the image of man, **and** it
should be the image after which man was created in
the beginning; or in other words, he said that man
was created after the image of God, **and** that God
should come down among the children of men, **and**
take upon him flesh **and** blood, **and** go forth upon
the face of the earth—

²⁸**And** now, because he said this, they did put him
to death; **and** many more things did they do which
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doings shall be as a stumbling block before them.

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filthiness they shall reap the chaff thereof in the
whirlwind; **and** the effect thereof is poison.

³¹**And** again he saith: If my people shall sow
filthiness they shall reap the east wind, which
bringeth immediate destruction.

³²**And** now, behold, the promise of the Lord is
fulfilled, **and** ye are smitten **and** afflicted.

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but if ye will turn to the Lord with full purpose of heart & put your trust in him & serve him with all diligence of mind & ^{if} ye do this he will according to his own ^{will}~~word~~ & pleasure deliver you out of bondage

³³**B**ut if ye will turn to the Lord with full purpose of heart, **and** put your trust in him, **and** serve him with all diligence of mind, **[X]** **i**f ye do this, he will, according to his own **will****[X]** **a**nd pleasure, deliver you out of bondage.