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Chapter —

And now it came to pass that Zeniff conferred the kingdom upon Noah one of his Sons therefore Noah began to reign in his stead & he did not walk in the ways of his father

for behold he did not keep the commandments of God but he did walk after the desires of his own heart & he had many wives & concubines & he did cause his People to commit sin & do that which was abominable in the sight of the Lord yea & they did commit whoredoms & all manner of wickedness

& he laid a tax of one fifth part of all they possessed & fifth part of their gold & of their silver & a fifth part of their Ziff & of their copper & of their brass & their iron & a fifth part of their fatlings & also a fifth part of all their grain

& all this did he take to support himself & his wives & his concubines & also his priests & their wives & their concubines thus he had changed the affairs of the kingdom

for he put down all the priests that had been consecrated by his father & conccrated new ones in their stead such as were lifted up in the pride of their hearts

yea & thus were they supported in their laziness & in their Idolety & in their whoredoms by the taxes which king Noah had put upon his People thus did the People labour exceedingly to support iniquity

yea & they also became idoletrous because they were deceived by the vain & flattering words of the king & priests for they did speak flattering things unto them

& it came to pass that King Noah built many elegant & spacious buildings & he ornamented them with fine work of wood & of all manner of precious things of gold & of silver & of iron & of brass & of Ziff & of copper

CHAPTER 11 [X] []

King Noah rules in wickedness—He revels in riotous living with his wives and concubines—Abinadi prophesies that the people will be taken into bondage—His life is sought by King Noah. About 160–150 B.C.

¹And now it came to pass that Zeniff conferred the kingdom upon Noah, one of his sons; therefore Noah began to reign in his stead; and he did not walk in the ways of his father.

²For behold, he did not keep the commandments of God, but he did walk after the desires of his own heart. And he had many wives and concubines. And he did cause his people to commit sin, and do that which was abominable in the sight of the Lord. Yea, and they did commit whoredoms and all manner of wickedness.

³And he laid a tax of one fifth part of all they possessed, a fifth part of their gold and of their silver, and a fifth part of their ziff, and of their copper, and of their brass and their iron; and a fifth part of their fatlings; and also a fifth part of all their grain.

⁴And all this did he take to support himself, and his wives and his concubines; and also his priests, and their wives and their concubines; thus he had changed the affairs of the kingdom.

⁵For he put down all the priests that had been consecrated by his father, and consecrated new ones in their stead, such as were lifted up in the pride of their hearts.

⁶Yea, and thus they were supported in their laziness, and in their idolatry, and in their whoredoms, by the taxes which king Noah had put upon his people; thus did the people labour exceedingly to support iniquity.

⁷Yea, and they also became idolatrous, because they were deceived by the vain and flattering words of the king and priests; for they did speak flattering things unto them.

⁸And it came to pass that king Noah built many elegant and spacious buildings; and he ornamented them with fine work of wood, and of all manner of precious things, of gold, and of silver, and of iron, and of brass, and of ziff, and of copper;

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& he also built him a spacious palace & a throne in the ~~midst~~ midst thereof all of which was of fine wood & was ornamented with gold & silver & with precious things

& he also caused that his workman should work all manner of fine work within the walls of the temple of fine wood & of copper & of brass

& the seats^{which} was sat apart for the high priests which was above all the other seats he did ornament with fine gold & he caused a breastwork to be built before them that they might rest their bodies & their arms upon while they should speak lying & vain words to his People

& it came to pass that he built a tower near the temple yea a verry high tower even so high that he could stand upon the top thereof & overlook the land of Shilom & also the land of Shemlon which was possessed by the Lamanites & he could even look over all the land round about

& it came to pass that he caused many buildings to be built in the land ~~Shemlon~~^{Shilom} on & he caused a great tower to be built on the hill north of the land Shilom which had been a resort for the chilðren of Nephi at the time they fled out of the land & thus he did do with the riches which he obtained **136** by the taxation of his People

& it came to pass that he placed his heart upon his riches & he spent his time in riotous living with his wives & his concubines & so did also his priests spend their time with harlots

& it came to pass that he planted a vineyards round about in the land & he built wine presses & made wine in abundance & therefore he became a wine biber & also his People

& it came to pass that the Lamanites began to come in upon his People upon small numbers & to slay them in their fields & wile they were tending their flocks

& King Noah sent guards round about the land to keep them off but he did not send a sufficient number & the Lamanites come upon them & killed them & drove many of their flocks out of the land thus the Lamanites began to destroy them & to exercise their hatred upon them

⁹**And** he also built him a spacious palace, **and** a throne in the **[X]** midst thereof, all of which was of fine wood **and** was ornamented with gold **and** silver **and** with precious things.

¹⁰**And** he also caused that his workmen should work all manner of fine work within the walls of the temple, of fine wood, **and** of copper, **and** of brass.

¹¹**And** the seats**[]**which were set apart for the high priests, which were above all the other seats, he did ornament with **pure** gold; **and** he caused a breastwork to be built before them, that they might rest their bodies **and** their arms upon while they should speak lying **and** vain words to his **people**.

¹²**And** it came to pass that he built a tower near the temple; yea, a ver**[]**y high tower, even so high that he could stand upon the top thereof **and** overlook the land of Shilom, **and** also the land of Shemlon, which was possessed by the Lamanites; **and** he could even look over all the land round about.

¹³**And** it came to pass that he caused many buildings to be built in the land **[_ _ _ _]**Shilom**[_ _]**; **and** he caused a great tower to be built on the hill north of the land Shilom, which had been a resort for the children of Nephi at the time they fled out of the land; **and** thus he did do with the riches which he obtained by the taxation of his **people**.

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¹⁵**And** it came to pass that he planted **[X]** vineyards round about in the land; **and** he built wine-presses, **and** made wine in abundance; **and** therefore he became a wine-bibber, **and** also his **people**.

¹⁶**And** it came to pass that the Lamanites began to come in upon his **people**, upon small numbers, **and** to slay them in their fields, **and** while they were tending their flocks.

¹⁷**And** king Noah sent guards round about the land to keep them off; but he did not send a sufficient number, **and** the Lamanites came upon them **and** killed them, **and** drove many of their flocks out of the land; thus the Lamanites began to destroy them, **and** to exercise their hatred upon them.

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& it came to pass that king Noah sent his armies against them & they were driven back or they drive them back for a time therefore they returned rejoicing in their spoil

& now because of this great victory they were lifted up in the pride of their hearts they did boast in their own strength saying that their fifty could stand against thousands of the Lamanites & thus they did boast & did delight in blood & the shedding of the blood of their brethren & this because of the wickedness of their king & priests

& it came to pass that there was a man among them whose name was Abinadi & he went forth among them & began to prophesy saying behold thus saith the Lord & thus hath he commanded me saying go forth & say unto this People thus saith the Lord wo be unto this People for I have seen their abominations & their wickedness & their whoredoms & except they repent I will visit them in mine anger

& except they repent & turn to the Lord their God behold I will deliver them in the hands of their enemies yea & they shall be brought into bondage & they shall be afflicted by the hand of their enemies

& it shall come to pass that they shall know that I am the Lord their God & am a jealous God visiting the iniquities of my People

& it shall come to pass that except this People repent & turn the Lord their God they shall be brought into bondage & none shall deliver them except it be the Lord the Almighty God

yea & it shall come to pass that when they shall cry unto me I will be slow to hear their cries yea & I will suffer them that they be smitten by their enemies

& except they repent in sackcloth & ashes & cry mightily to the Lord their God I will not hear their prayers neither will I deliver them out of their afflictions & thus saith the Lord & thus hath he commanded me

now it came to pass that when Abinadi had spoke these words unto them they were wroth with him & sought to take away his life but the Lord delivered him out of their hands

¹⁸**And** it came to pass that king Noah sent his armies against them, **and** they were driven back, or they **drove** them back for a time; therefore, they returned rejoicing in their spoil.

¹⁹**And** now, because of this great victory they were lifted up in the pride of their hearts; they did boast in their own strength, saying that their fifty could stand against thousands of the Lamanites; **and** thus they did boast, **and** did delight in blood, **and** the shedding of the blood of their brethren, **and** this because of the wickedness of their king **and** priests.

²⁰**And** it came to pass that there was a man among them whose name was Abinadi; **and** he went forth among them, **and** began to prophesy, saying: **Behold**, thus saith the Lord, **and** thus hath he commanded me, saying, **Go** forth, **and** say unto this **people**, thus saith the Lord—**Wo** be unto this **people**, for I have seen their abominations, **and** their wickedness, **and** their whoredoms; **and** except they repent I will visit them in mine anger.

²¹**And** except they repent **and** turn to the Lord their God, behold, I will deliver them **into** the hands of their enemies; yea, **and** they shall be brought into bondage; **and** they shall be afflicted by the hand of their enemies.

²²**And** it shall come to pass that they shall know that I am the Lord their God, **and** am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of my **people**.

²³**And** it shall come to pass that except this **people** repent **and** turn **unto** the Lord their God, they shall be brought into bondage; **and** none shall deliver them, except it be the Lord the Almighty God.

²⁴**Yea**, **and** it shall come to pass that when they shall cry unto me I will be slow to hear their cries; yea, **and** I will suffer them that they be smitten by their enemies.

²⁵**And** except they repent in sackcloth **and** ashes, **and** cry mightily to the Lord their God, I will not hear their prayers, neither will I deliver them out of their afflictions; **and** thus saith the Lord, **and** thus hath he commanded me.

²⁶**Now** it came to pass that when Abinadi had spoken these words unto them they were wroth with him, **and** sought to take away his life; but the Lord delivered him out of their hands.

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now when king Noah had heard of the words which Abinadi had spake unto the People he was also wroth & saith who is Abinadi that I & my People should be Judged of him or who is the Lord that shall bring upon my People such great affliction

I command you to bring Abinadi hither that I may slay him for he hath said these things that he might stir up my People to anger one with another & to raise contentions among my People therefore I will slay ~~he~~ him

now the eyes of the People were blinded therefore they hardoned their hearts against the words of Abinadi & they sought from that time forward to take him & king Noah hardoned his heart against the word of the Lord & he did not repent of his evil doings

²⁷Now when king Noah had heard of the words which Abinadi had **spoken** unto the **people**, he was also wroth; **and he** said[]: Who is Abinadi, that I **and** my **people** should be **j**udged of him, or who is the Lord, that shall bring upon my **people** such great affliction?

²⁸I command you to bring Abinadi hither, that I may slay him, for he has[] said these things that he might stir up my **people** to anger one with another, **and** to raise contentions among my **people**; therefore I will slay [_ _] him.

²⁹Now the eyes of the **people** were blinded; therefore they **hardened** their hearts against the words of Abinadi, **and** they sought from that time forward to take him. **And** king Noah **hardened** his heart against the word of the Lord, **and** he did not repent of his evil doings.