

And it came to pass that the ~~King's~~ army of the King returned having searched invain for the People of the Lord

And now behold the forces of the King were small having been reduced & there began ~~& there began~~ to be a division among the remainder of the People

& the lesser part began to breath out threatning against the king & there began to be a great contention among them

And now there was **147** a man among them whose name was Gideon & he being a strong man & an enemy to the king therefore he drew his sword & swore in his wrath that he would slay the king

And ~~now~~ it came to pass that he faught with the king & when the king saw that he was about to over him he fled & ran & got upon the tower which was near the temple

And Gideon persued after him & was about to get upon the tower to slay the King & the King cast his eyes round about towards the land of Shemlon & behold the army of the Lamanites were within the borders of the land

And now the King cried out in the anguish of his Soul saying Gideon spare me for the Lamanites are upon us & they will destroy them yea they will destroy my People

And now the King was not so much concerned about his people as he was about his own life nevertheless Gideon did spare his ~~£~~ life

And the King commanded the people that they should flee ~~in~~<sup>before</sup> the Lamanites & he himself did go before them & they did flee into the wilderness with their women & their children

And it came to pass that the Lamanites did persue them & did overtake them & began to slay them

now it came to pass that the King commanded them that all the men should leave their wives & their children & flee before the Lamanites

**CHAPTER 19**

*Gideon seeks to slay King Noah—The Lamanites invade the land—King Noah suffers death by fire—Limhi rules as a tributary monarch. About 145–121 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass that the **[X]** army of the **king** returned, having searched in **[ ]**vain for the **people** of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup>And now behold, the forces of the **king** were small, having been reduced, **and** there began **[X X X]** to be a division among the remainder of the **people**.

<sup>3</sup>**And** the lesser part began to breathe out threatnings against the king, **and** there began to be a great contention among them.

<sup>4</sup>And now there was a man among them whose name was Gideon, **and** he being a strong man **and** an enemy to the king, therefore he drew his sword, **and** swore in his wrath that he would slay the king.

<sup>5</sup>And **[X]** it came to pass that he fought with the king; **and** when the king saw that he was about to over **[ ]**power him, he fled **and** ran **and** got upon the tower which was near the temple.

<sup>6</sup>And Gideon pursued after him **and** was about to get upon the tower to slay the **king**, **and** the **king** cast his eyes round about towards the land of Shemlon, **and** behold, the army of the Lamanites were within the borders of the land.

<sup>7</sup>And now the **king** cried out in the anguish of his soul, saying: Gideon, spare me, for the Lamanites are upon us, **and** they will destroy us; yea, they will destroy my **people**.

<sup>8</sup>And now the **king** was not so much conce**[ ]**rned about his people as he was about his own life; nevertheless, Gideon did spare his **[ ]** life.

<sup>9</sup>And the **king** commanded the people that they should flee **[ ]**before **[ ]** the Lamanites, **and** he himself did go before them, **and** they did flee into the wilderness, with their women **and** their children.

<sup>10</sup>And it came to pass that the Lamanites did pursue them, **and** did overtake them, **and** began to slay them.

<sup>11</sup>**N**ow it came to pass that the **king** commanded them that all the men should leave their wives **and** their children, **and** flee before the Lamanites.

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now there were many that would not leave them but had rather stay & perish with them & the rest left their wives & their children & fled

& it came to pass thos those that tarried with their wives & their children caused that their fair daughters should stand forth & plead with the Lamanites that they would not slay them

& it came to pass that the Lamanites had compassion on them for they were charmed with the beauty of their women

therefore the Lamanites did spare their lives & took them captives & carried them back to the land of Nephi & granted unto them that they might possess the land under the condition<sup>s</sup> that they would deliver up the King Noah into the hands of the Lamanites & deliver up their property even one half of all they possessed one half of their gold & their silver & all their precious things & thus they should pay tribute to the King of the Lamanites from year to year

& now there was one of the Sons of the King among those that was taken captive whose name was Limhi

& now Limhi was desireous that his father should not be destroid nevertheless Limhi was not ignorant of the iniquities of his father he himself being a just man

& it came to pass that Gideon sent men into the wilderness secretly to search for the king & those that was with him & it came to pass that they met the People in the wilderness all save the king & his Priests

now they had sworn in their hearts that they would return to the land of Nephi & if their wives & their children were slain & also those that had tarried with them that they would seek revenge & also perish with them

& the King commanded them that they should not return & they were angry with the King & caused that he should suffer even unto death by fire

& they were about to take the priests also to put them to death & they fled before them

<sup>12</sup>Now there were many that would not leave them, but had rather stay **and** perish with them. **And** the rest left their wives **and** their children **and** fled.

<sup>13</sup>**And** it came to pass **that** those who tarried with their wives **and** their children caused that their fair daughters should stand forth **and** plead with the Lamanites that they would not slay them.

<sup>14</sup>**And** it came to pass that the Lamanites had compassion on them, for they were charmed with the beauty of their women.

<sup>15</sup>**T**herefore the Lamanites did spare their lives, **and** took them captives **and** carried them back to the land of Nephi, **and** granted unto them that they might possess the land, under the conditions that they would deliver up **[X]** king Noah into the hands of the Lamanites, **and** deliver up their property, even one half of all they possessed, one half of their gold, **and** their silver, **and** all their precious things, **and** thus they should pay tribu**[ ]**te to the **king** of the Lamanites from year to year.

<sup>16</sup>**And** now there was one of the **sons** of the **king** among those that **were** taken captive, whose name was Limhi.

<sup>17</sup>**And** now Limhi was desir**[ ]**ous that his father should not be destroyed; nevertheless, Limhi was not ignorant of the iniquities of his father, he himself being a just man.

<sup>18</sup>**And** it came to pass that Gideon sent men into the wilderness secretly, to search for the king **and** those that **were** with him. **And** it came to pass that they met the **people** in the wilderness, all save the king **and** his **p**riests.

<sup>19</sup>Now they had sworn in their hearts that they would return to the land of Nephi, **and** if their wives **and** their children were slain, **and** also those that had tarried with them, that they would seek revenge, **and** also perish with them.

<sup>20</sup>**And** the **king** commanded them that they should not return; **and** they were angry with the **king**, **and** caused that he should suffer, even unto death by fire.

<sup>21</sup>**And** they were about to take the priests also **and** put them to death, **and** they fled before them.

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& it came to pass that they were about to return to the land of Nephi & they met the men **148** of Gideon & the men of Gideon told them of all that had happened to their wives & their children & that the Lamanites had granted unto them that they might possess the land by paying a tribute to the Lamanites of one half of all they possessed

& the People told the men of Gideon that they had slain the King & his priests had fled from them farther into the wilderness

& it came to pass that after they had ended the ceremony that they returned to the land of Nephi rejoicing because their wives & their children were not ~~destroyed~~<sup>slain</sup> & they told Gideon what they had done to the king

& it came to pass that the king of the Lamanites made an oath unto them that his People should not slay them

& also Limhi being the Son of the king having the kingdom conferred upon him by the People made oath unto the king of the Lamanites that his people should pay tribute unto him even one half of all they possessed

& it came to pass that Limhi began to establish the kingdom & to establish peace among his people

& the king of the Lamanites set guards round about the land that he might keep the People of Limhi in the land that they might not depart into the wilderness & he did support his guards out of the tribute which he did receive from the Nephites

& now king Limhi did have continual peace in his kingdom for the space of two years that the Lamanites did not molest them nor seek to destroy them

<sup>22</sup>**And** it came to pass that they were about to return to the land of Nephi, **and** they met the men of Gideon. **And** the men of Gideon told them of all that had happened to their wives **and** their children; **and** that the Lamanites had granted unto them that they might possess the land by paying a tribute to the Lamanites of one half of all they possessed.

<sup>23</sup>**And** the **people** told the men of Gideon that they had slain the **king**, **and** his priests had fled from them farther into the wilderness.

<sup>24</sup>**And** it came to pass that after they had ended the ceremony, that they returned to the land of Nephi, rejoicing, because their wives **and** their children were not [ \_ \_ \_ \_ ]slain[ \_ \_ ]; **and** they told Gideon what they had done to the king.

<sup>25</sup>**And** it came to pass that the king of the Lamanites made an oath unto them, that his **people** should not slay them.

<sup>26</sup>**And** also Limhi, being the **son** of the king, having the kingdom conferred upon him by the **people**, made oath unto the king of the Lamanites that his people should pay tribute unto him, even one half of all they possessed.

<sup>27</sup>**And** it came to pass that Limhi began to establish the kingdom **and** to establish peace among his people.

<sup>28</sup>**And** the king of the Lamanites set guards round about the land, that he might keep the **people** of Limhi in the land, that they might not depart into the wilderness; **and** he did support his guards out of the tribute which he did receive from the Nephites.

<sup>29</sup>**And** now king Limhi did have continual peace in his kingdom for the space of two years, that the Lamanites did not molest them nor seek to destroy them.