

now there was a place in Shemlon where the daughters of the Lamanites did gather themselves together for to sing & to dance & to make themselves merry

& it came to pass that there was one day a small number of them gathered together to sing & to dance

& now the priests of king ~~Noah~~ Noah being ashamed to return to the City of Nephi yea & also fearing that the people would slay them therefore they durst not return to their wives & their children

& having tarried in the wilderness & having discovered the daughters of the Lamanites they laid & watched them

& when there were but few of them gathered together to dance they came forth out of their secret places & took them & carried them into the wilderness yea twenty & four of the daughters of the Lamanites they carried into the wilderness

& it came to pass that when the Lamanites found that their daughters had been missing they were angry with the People of Limhi for they thought it was the people of Limhi

therefore they sent their armies forth yea even the king himself went before his People & they went up to the land of N<sup>e</sup>phi to destroy the People of Limhi

& now Limhi had discovered them from the tower even all their preparations for war did he discover therefore he gathered his people together & laid wait for them in the fields & in the forests

& it came to pass that when the Lamanites had come up that the people of Limhi began to fall upon them from their waiting places & began to slay them

& it came to pass that the battle became exceeding sore for they fought like lions for their prey

## CHAPTER 20

*Some Lamanite daughters are abducted by the priests of Noah—The Lamanites wage war upon Limhi and his people—The Lamanite hosts are repulsed and pacified. About 145–123 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a place in Shemlon where the daughters of the Lamanites did gather themselves together [X] to sing, **and** to dance, **and** to make themselves merry.

<sup>2</sup>**And** it came to pass that there was one day a small number of them gathered together to sing **and** to dance.

<sup>3</sup>**And** now the priests of king [X] Noah, being ashamed to return to the **city** of Nephi, yea, **and** also fearing that the people would slay them, therefore they durst not return to their wives **and** their children.

<sup>4</sup>**And** having tarried in the wilderness, **and** having discovered the daughters of the Lamanites, they laid **and** watched them;

<sup>5</sup>**And** when there **were** but few of them gathered together to dance, they came forth out of their secret places **and** took them **and** carried them into the wilderness; yea, twenty **and** four of the daughters of the Lamanites they carried into the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>**And** it came to pass that when the Lamanites found that their daughters had been missing, they were angry with the **people** of Limhi, for they thought it was the people of Limhi.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore they sent their armies forth; yea, even the king himself went before his **people**; **and** they went up to the land of N<sup>e</sup>phi to destroy the **people** of Limhi.

<sup>8</sup>**And** now Limhi had discovered them from the tower, even all their preparations for war did he discover; therefore he gathered his people together, **and** laid wait for them in the fields **and** in the forests.

<sup>9</sup>**And** it came to pass that when the Lamanites had come up, that the people of Limhi began to fall upon them from their waiting places, **and** began to slay them.

<sup>10</sup>**And** it came to pass that the battle became **exceedingly** sore, for they **fought** like lions for their prey.

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& it came to pass that the people of Limhi began to drive the Lamanites before them yet they were not half so numerous as the Lamanites but they fought for their lives & for their wives & for their children therefore they exerted themselves & like dragons did they fight

& it came to pass that **149** they found the King of the Lamanites among the number of their dead yet he was not dead having been wounded & left upon the ground so speedy was the flight of his People

& they took him & bound up his wounds & brought him before Limhi & said behold here is the king of the Lamanites he having received a wound hath fallen among their dead & they have left him & behold we have brought him before you & now let us slay him

but Limhi saith unto them ye shall not llay him but bring him hither that I may see him & they brought him & Limhi saith unto him what cause have ye to ~~com~~ come up to war against my people behold my people have not broken the oath that I made unto you therefore why should ye break the oath which ye made unto my people

& now the king said I have broken the oath because thy people did carry away the daughters of my people therefore in my anger I did cause my people to come up to war against <sup>thy</sup>~~my~~ people

now Limhi had ~~no~~ heard nothing concerning this matter therefore he saith I will search among my people & whosoever hath done this thing shall perish therefore he caused a search to be made among his people

now when Gideon had heard these things he being the kings Captain he went forth & said unto the king I pray thee forbear & do not search this people & lay not this thing to their charge

for do ye not remember the priests of thy father which this people sought to destroy & are they not in the wilderness & is it not they which have stolen the daughters of the Lamanites

& now behold & tell the king of these things that he may tell his people that they may be ~~pursu~~<sup>passified</sup>~~aded~~ towards us for behold they are allready prepareing to come against us & behold also there are but few of us

<sup>11</sup>**And** it came to pass that the people of Limhi began to drive the Lamanites before them; yet they were not half so numerous as the Lamanites. **But** they fought for their lives, **and** for their wives, **and** for their children; therefore they exerted themselves **and** like dragons did they fight.

<sup>12</sup>**And** it came to pass that they found the **king** of the Lamanites among the number of their dead; yet he was not dead, having been wounded **and** left upon the ground, so speedy was the flight of his **people**.

<sup>13</sup>**And** they took him **and** bound up his wounds, **and** brought him before Limhi, **and** said: Behold, here is the king of the Lamanites; he having received a wound has fallen among their dead, **and** they have left him; **and** behold, we have brought him before you; **and** now let us slay him.

<sup>14</sup>**But** Limhi said~~[ ]~~ unto them: **Ye** shall not **slay** him, but bring him hither that I may see him. **And** they brought him. **And** Limhi said~~[ ]~~ unto him: **What** cause have ye to ~~[ \_ \_ ]~~ come up to war against my people? **Behold**, my people have not broken the oath that I made unto you; therefore, why should ye break the oath which ye made unto my people?

<sup>15</sup>**And** now the king said: I have broken the oath because thy people did carry away the daughters of my people; therefore, in my anger I did cause my people to come up to war against **thy**~~[X]~~ people.

<sup>16</sup>**And** now Limhi had ~~[X]~~ heard nothing concerning this matter; therefore he said~~d[ ]~~: I will search among my people **and** whosoever has~~[ ]~~ done this thing shall perish. **Therefore** he caused a search to be made among his people.

<sup>17</sup>**Now** when Gideon had heard these things, he being the king's **captain**, he went forth **and** said unto the king: I pray thee forbear, **and** do not search this people, **and** lay not this thing to their charge.

<sup>18</sup>**F**or do ye not remember the priests of thy father, **whom** this people sought to destroy? **And** are they not in the wilderness? **And are** ~~[X]~~ not they **the ones who** have stolen the daughters of the Lamanites?

<sup>19</sup>**And** now, behold, **and** tell the king of these things, that he may tell his people that they may be ~~[ \_ \_ \_ \_ ]~~**pacified**~~[ \_ \_ \_ ]~~ towards us; for behold they are al~~[ ]~~ready prepar~~[ ]~~ing to come against us; **and** behold also there are but few of us.

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& behold they come with their numerous hosts & except the king doth pacify them towards us we must perish

for are not the words of Abinadi fulfilled which he prophesied against us & all this because we would not hearken unto the word of the Lord & turn from our iniquities

& now let us pacify the king & we fulfil the oath which we have made unto him for it is better that we should be in bondage then that we should loose our lives therefore let us put a stop to ~~so much~~<sup>the</sup> shedding of ~~so much~~ blood

& now Limhi told the king all the things concerning his father & the priests that had fled into the wilderness & ~~attrib~~ attributed the carrying away of their daughters to them

& it came to pass that the king was pacified towards his people & he said unto them let us go forth to meet my people without arms & I swear unto you with an oath that my people shall not slay ~~my~~ thy people

& it came to pass that they followed the king & went forth without arms to meet the Lamanites & it came to pass that they did meet the Lamanites & the king of the Lamanites did bow himself down before them & did plead in behalf of the people of Limhi

& when the Lamanites saw the people of Limhi that they were without arms that they **150** had compassion on them & were pacified towards them & returned with their king in peace to their own land

<sup>20</sup>**And** behold, they come with their numerous hosts; **and** except the king doth pacify them towards us we must perish.

<sup>21</sup>**F**or are not the words of Abinadi fulfilled, which he prophesied against us—**and** all this because we would not hearken unto the words of the Lord, **and** turn from our iniquities?

<sup>22</sup>**And** now let us pacify the king, **and** we fulfil the oath which we have made unto him; for it is better that we should be in bondage than that we should lose our lives; therefore, let us put a stop to **[X \_ \_ \_]the[ ]** shedding of **so much** blood.

<sup>23</sup>**And** now Limhi told the king all the things concerning his father, **and** the priests that had fled into the wilderness, **and** **[ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ]** attributed the carrying away of their daughters to them.

<sup>24</sup>**And** it came to pass that the king was pacified towards his people; **and** he said unto them: **L**et us go forth to meet my people, without arms; **and** I swear unto you with an oath that my people shall not slay **[X]** thy people.

<sup>25</sup>**And** it came to pass that they followed the king, **and** went forth without arms **[ ]** to meet the Lamanites. **And** it came to pass that they did meet the Lamanites; **and** the king of the Lamanites did bow himself down before them, **and** did plead in behalf of the people of Limhi.

<sup>26</sup>**And** when the Lamanites saw the people of Limhi, that they were without arms, **[X]** they had compassion on them **and** were pacified towards them, **and** returned with their king in peace to their own land.