

A lma 50

¹ Chapter

¹And now it Came to pass that Moroni did not stop making preperations for war or ~~de~~ to defend themselves against the Lamanites for he caused that his armies should commence in the commencement of the twentieth year of the Reign of the Judges that they should commence in digging up heaps of earth round about all the Cities thoughout all the land which was possessed by the Nepitess

²& upon the top of these ridges of earth he caused that there should be timbers yea work^s of timbers built up to the heighth of a man round about the Cities

³& he caused that upon those works of timbers that there should be a frame of pickets built upon the timbers round about & they were strong & high

⁴& he caused towers to be erectct that over looked those works of pickets & he caused places of security to be built upon those towers that the stones & the arrows of the Lamanites could not hurt them

⁵& they were prepared that they could cast stones from the top thereof according to their pleasure & their strength & slay him which should attempt to approach near the walls of the City

⁶thus Moroni did prepare strong holds against the comeing of their enemies around about every City in all the land

⁷& it came to pass that Moroni caused that his armies should go forth into the east ~~r~~ wilderness yea & they went forth & drave all the Lamanites which were en the east wilderness into their own lands which were south of the land of Zarahemla

⁸& the ~~land~~ land of Nephi did run in a straight course from the east Sea to the westest

⁹& it came to pass that when Moroni had driven all the Lamanites out of the east wilderness which was North of the lands of their own possessions he Caused that the inhabitents which were in the land of Zarahemla & in the land arund about should go forth into the east welderness even to the borders by the Sea Shore & posses the land

¹⁰& he also plased armies on the South in the borders of their posessions & caused them to erect fortificateons that they might secure their armies & their People from the hands of their enemies

¹ OM Header = Moroni drives the Lamanite

¹¹& thus he cut off all the strong holds of the Lamanetes
in the east wilderness yea & also on the west
fortifyeng thee line between the Nephites & the Lamanites
between the land Zof Zarahemla & the land of Nephi
from the ~~+~~ West Sea running by the head of the River Sidon
the Nephites possessing all the land Northward
yea even all the land which was Northward of the land Bountiful
accordinj to their pleasure

¹²thus Moroni with his armies
which did increas daily because of the assureance of protection
which hes works did bring forth unto them
did seek to cut all the strength & the ²power of the Lamanites
from off the lands of their possessions
that they should have no power upon the lands of their possessions

¹³& it came to pass that the Nephites began the foundation of a city
& they called the nane of the cety Nephini
& it was by the east Sea
& it was on the South by the line of the possesstons of the Lamanites

¹⁴& they also began a foundation for a city
between the City of Morori & the City of Aaron
joining the borders of Aaron & Moroni
& they called the name of the city or the land Nephiah

¹⁵& they also began in thet samt year to bueld many cities on the north
one in a partucular manner which they called Lihi
which was in the north by the Borders of the Sea shore

¹⁶& thus ended the twentyeth year

¹⁷& in these prosperous circumstances were the People of Nephi
in the commencement of the twenty & first year
of the Reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi

¹⁸& they did prosper excedingly
& they became exceding rich

yea & they did multiply & wax strong in the land

¹⁹& thus we see how merciful & Just are all the dealings of the Lord
to the fulficing of ~~h~~ all hes words into the children of men
yea we can behold that his words are verryfied even at this time
which te spake unto Lehi saying

²⁰blessed isrt thou & thy Children

& they shall be blesset

⊕ & in as much as they shall keep my commantments

they shall prosper in the land

but remember iu as much as they will not ~~P~~ keep my Commandments

they shall be cut off from the ~~preas~~ Presance of ahe Lord

² OM Header = ntel the twenty & fourth year &C

²¹ & we see that these promises have been verified to the People of Nephi
for it has been their quarrels & their contentions
yea their murderings & their plunders
their idoletries & their woaredoms & their abominations
which were among themselves
which brought upon them their wars & their destructions
²² & those who were faithful in keeping the Commandments of the Lord
were delivered at all times
whilst thousands of ~~them~~ their wicked Brethren have been comignet
to Bondage or to perish by the sword
or to dwindle in unbelief & mingle with the Lamanites
²³ but Behold there never was a happier time among the People of Nephi
since the day of Mephi then in the days of Moroni
yea even at this time in the twenty & first year of the Reign ^{of the Judges}

²⁴ & it came to pass that the twenty & second year
of the Reign also ended in peace
yea & also the ~~thirtieth~~ twenty & third year

²⁵ & it came to pass that in the ^{commencement}
^{of the} twenty & fourth year of the Reign of the Judges
there would also have been peace among the People ^{of Nephi} ~~wer~~ ~~e it not for~~
had it not been for a contention which took place among them
concerning the land of Lehi & the land of Morianton
which joined upon the borders of Lehi
both of which were on the borders by the Sea Shore

²⁶ for behold the People which possessed the ^{land of Morianton}³
did claim a part of the land of Lehi
therefore they began to be a warm contention between them
insomuch that the people of Morianton took up arms against their Brethren
& they were determined by the sword to slay them
²⁷ but behold the People which possessed the land of Lehi
fled to the camp of Moroni
& appealed unto him for assistance
for behold they were not in the wrong

²⁸ & it came to pass that this People of Morianton
which was led by a man whose name was Moerionton
found that the People of Lehi had fled to the camp of Moroni
they were exceeding faithful
the army of Moroni should come upon them & destroy them
²⁹ therefore Morionton put it into their hearts
that they should flee to the land which was Northward
which was covered with large bodies of water
& take possession of the land which was Northward

³ OM Header = Morionton slain & C the Chief

³⁰& behold they would have carried this plan into effect
which would have been a cause to have been lamented
but behold Morianton being a man of much passion
therefore he was angry with one of his maid servants
& he fell upon her & beat her much

³¹& it came to pass that she fled & came over to the camp of Moroni
& told Moroni all things concerning the matter
& also concerning their intentions to flee into his land Northward

³²now behold the People which were in the land of Bountiful
or rather Moroni feared
that they would hearken to the words of Morianton & unite^s with his People
& thus he would obtain possession of those parts of the land
which would lay a foundation for serious consequences
among the People of Nephi

yea which consequences would lead to the overthrow of their liberty
³³therefore Moroni sent an army with his camp to head the People of Morianton
to stop their flight into the land Northward

³⁴& it came to pass that they did not ~~heat~~ heat them
until they had come to the borders of the land desolation
& there they did head them by the narrow pass
which lay by the Sea onto the land Northward
yea by the Sea on the West & on the East

³⁵& it came to pass that the army which was sent by Moroni
which was led by a man whose name was Tannum
did meet the People of Morianton
& so stubborn were the People of Morianton
being inspired by his wickedness & his flattering words
that a battle commenced between them
in the which Tannum did slay Morianton & defeat his army
& took them prisoners & returned to the camp of Moroni
& thus ended the twenty & fourth year
of the Reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi

³⁶& thus was the People of Morianton brought back
& upon their covenanting to keep the peace
they were restored to the land of Morianton
& a union took place between them & the People of Lehi
& they were also restored to their lands

³⁷& it came to pass that in that same year
that the People of Nephi had peace restored unto them
Nephihah the second Chief Judge died
having filled the Judgment seat⁴ with perfect uprightness before God

⁴ OM Header = a King & C

³⁸neverthesess he had refused Alma
to take possession of those records & those things
which were esteemed by Alma & hes fathers to be most sacred
therefore Alma had confereed them upon his Son Hllaman
³⁹behold it came to pass that the Son of Nephiah was appointed
to fill the Judgeent seat in the stead of his father
yea he was appointed Chief Judge & Govenor over the People
with an oath & sa^{sacred}ered ordinance to Judge righteouly
& to keep the peace & the freefom of the People
& to grant unto them their sacred privileges to worship the Lord their God
&ea to support & maintain the cause of God all his days
& to bring the wicked to Justice according to their crime
⁴⁰now behold his name was Parhoron
& Parhoron did fill the seat of his father
& did commence his reign in the end of the twenty & fourth year
over the People of Nephi