

## Ether 8

<sup>1</sup>& it came to pass that he begat Omer  
& Omer reigned in his stead  
& Omer begat Jared  
& Jared begat sons & daughters

<sup>2</sup>& Jared rebelled against his father  
& came & dwelt in the land of Heth  
& it came to pass that he did flatter much people  
because of his cunning words  
until he had gained the half of the kingdom

<sup>3</sup>& when he had gained the half of the kingdom  
he gave battle unto his father  
& he did carry away his father into captivity  
& did make them serve in captivity

<sup>4</sup>& now in the days of the reign of Omer  
he was in captivity the half of his days  
& it came to pass that he begat sons & daughters  
among whom were Esrom & Coriantumr

<sup>5</sup>& they were exceeding angry because of the doings of Jared their brother  
insomuch that they did raise an army & gave battle unto Jared  
& it came to pass that they did give battle unto him by night

<sup>6</sup>& it came to pass that when they had slew the army of Jared  
they were about to slay him also  
& he pled with them that they would not slay him  
& he would give up the kingdom unto his father  
& it came to pass that they did grant unto him his life

<sup>7</sup>& now Jared became exceeding sorrowful because of the loss of the kingdom  
for he had set his heart upon the kingdom & upon the glory of the world

<sup>8</sup>now the daughter of Jared being exceeding expert  
& seeing the sorrow of her father  
thought to devise a plan whereby she could redeem the kingdom unto her father

<sup>9</sup>now the daughter of Jared was exceeding fair  
& it came to pass that she did talk with her father & saith unto him  
Whereby hath my father so much sorrow  
hath he not read the record which our fathers brought across the great deep  
behold is there not an account concerning them of old  
that they by their secret plans did obtain kingdoms & great glory

<sup>10</sup>& now therefore let my father send of Akish the son of Kimnor  
& behold I am fair & I will dance before<sup>him</sup>  
& I will please him that he will desire me to wife  
wherefore if he shall desire of thee  
that ye shall give unto him me to wife  
then shall ye say  
I will give her  
if ye will bring unto me the head of my father the King

<sup>11</sup>& now Omer was a friend to Akish  
wherefore when Jared had sent for Akish  
the daughter of Jared danced before him  
that she pleased him  
insomuch that he desired her to wife  
& it came to pass that he said unto Jared  
Give her unto me to wife  
<sup>12</sup>& Jared said unto him  
I will give her unto you  
if ye will bring unto me the head of my father the king

<sup>13</sup>& it came to pass that  
Akish gathered in unto the house of Jared all his kindsfolks  
& saith unto them  
Will ye swear unto me that ye will be faithful unto me  
in the thing which I shall desire of you  
<sup>14</sup>& it came to pass that they all swear unto him by the God of Heaven  
& also by the Heavens & also by the earth & by their heads  
that whoso should vary from the assistance which Akish desired  
should lose his head  
& whoso should divulge whatsoever thing Akish made known unto them  
the same should lose his life

<sup>15</sup>& it came to pass that thus they did agree with Akish  
& Akish did administer unto them the oaths  
which was given by them of old who also sought power  
which had been handed down even from Cain  
who was a murderer from the beginning  
<sup>16</sup>& they were caught up by the Power of the Devil  
to administer these oaths unto the people to keep them in darkness  
to help such as sought power to gain power  
& to murder & to plunder & to lie  
& to commit all manner of wickedness & whoredoms

<sup>17</sup>& it was the Daughter of Jared  
which put it into his heart to search up these things of old  
& Jared put it into his heart of Akish  
wherefore Akish administered it unto his kindreds & friends  
leading him away by fair promises to do whatsoever thing he desired

<sup>18</sup>& it came to pass that they formed a secret combination  
even as they of old  
which combination is a most abominable and wicked above all in sight of God

<sup>19</sup>for the Lord worketh not in secret combinations  
neither doth he will that man should shed blood  
but in all things hath forbidden it from the beginning of man

<sup>20</sup>& now I Moroni do not write the manner of their oaths & combinations  
for it hath been made known unto me that they are had among all people  
& they are had among the Lamanites

<sup>21</sup>& they have caused the destruction of this people of which I am now speaking  
& also the destruction of the people of Nephi

<sup>22</sup>& whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations  
to get power & gain  
until they shall spread over the nation  
behold they shall be destroyed  
for the Lord will not suffer  
that the blood of his saints which shall be shed by them  
shall always cry unto him from the ground for vengeance upon them  
& yet he avengeth them not

<sup>23</sup>Wherefore O ye Gentiles  
it is wisdom in God that these things should be shewn unto you  
that thereby ye may repent of your sins  
& suffer not that these murderous combinations shall get above you  
which are built up to get power & gain  
& the work yea even the work of destruction come upon  
you yea even the sword of the justice of the Eternal God shall fall upon you  
to your overthrow & destruction  
if ye shall suffer these things to be

<sup>24</sup>Wherefore the Lord commandeth you  
when ye shall see these things come among you  
that ye shall awake to a sense of your awful situation  
because of this secret combination which shall be among you  
or wo be unto it because of the blood of them which have been slain  
for they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it  
& also upon those who build it up

<sup>25</sup>for it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up  
seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands Nations & countries  
& it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people  
for it is build up by the devil which is the father of all lies  
even that same liar which beguiled our first parents  
yea even ~~th~~<sup>that</sup>e same liar  
which hath caused man to commit murder from the beginning  
which hath hardened the hearts of men  
that they have murdered the prophets  
& stoned them & cast them out from the beginning

<sup>26</sup>wherefore I Moroni am commanded to write these things  
that evil may be done away  
& that the time may come  
that Satan may have no power upon the hearts of the children of men  
but that they may be persuaded to do good continually  
that they may come unto the fountain of all righteousness & be saved