

Ether 9 Chapter

¹And now I Moroni proceed with my record
therefore behold it came to pass that
because of the secret combinations of Akish & his friends
behold they did overthrow the kingdom of Omer
²nevertheless the Lord was merciful unto Omer
& also to his sons & to his daughters
which were not or which did not seek his destruction
³& the Lord warned Omer in a dream that ^{he} should depart out of the land
wherefore Omer departed out of the land with his family
& traveled many days & came over & passed by the hill of Shim
& came over by the place where the Nephites were destroyed
& from thence eastward
& came to a place which was called Ablom
by the sea shore
& there he pitched his tent
& also his sons & his daughters & all his household
save it were Jared & his family

⁴& it came to pass that
Jared was anointed King over the people by the hand of wickedness
& he gave unto Akish his daughter to wife
⁵& it came to pass that Akish sought the life of his father in law
& he applied unto those whom he had sworn by the oath of the ancients
& they obtained the head of his father in law
as he sat upon his throne giving audience to his people
⁶for so great had been the spreading of this wicked & secret society
that it had corrupted the hearts of all the People
therefore Jared was murdered upon his throne
& Akish reigned in the stead

⁷& it came to pass that Akish began to be jealous of his son
therefore he shut him up in Prison
& kept him upon a little or no food
until he had suffered death
⁸& now the Brother of him that suffered death
(and his name was Nimrah
& he was angry with his father
because of that which his father had done unto his Brother
⁹& it came to pass that Nimrah gathered together a small number of men
& fled out of the land
& came over & dwelt with Omer

¹⁰& it came to pass that Akish begat other Soons
& they won the hearts of the people
notwithstanding they had sworn tonto him
to do all manner of iniquity according to that which he desired
¹¹now the people of Akish were desireous for gain
even as Akish was desirous for power
wherefore the sons of Akish did offer them money
by the which means they drew away the more part of the people after them
¹²& there began to be a war between the sons of Akish & a^{Akish} which
which lasted for the space of many years
yea unto the destruction of nearly all the people of the kingdom
yea even all save it were thirty souls
& they which fled with the house of Omer
¹³wherefore Omer was restored again to the land of his inheritance

¹⁴& it came to pass that Omer began to be old
nevertheless in his old age he begat Emer
& he anointed Emer to be king to reign in his stead
¹⁵& after that he had anointed Emer to be king
he saw peace in the land for the space of two years & he died
having seen exceeding many days which were full of sorrow
& it came to pass that Emer did reign in his stead
& did fill the steps of his father
¹⁶& the Lord began again to take the curse from off the land
& the house of Emer did prosper exceeding^{ly} under the reign of Emer
& in the space of sixty & two years they had become exceeding strong
insomuch that they became exceeding rich
¹⁷having all manner of fruit & of grain
& of silks & of fine linnen
& of gold & of silver & of precious things
¹⁸& also all manner of cattle of Oxen & cows
& of sheep & of swine & of goats
& also many other kind of animels which were useful for the food of man
¹⁹& they also had horses & asses
& there were elephants & cureloms & cumoms
all of which were useful unto man
& more especially the elephants & cureloms & comoms
²⁰& thus the Lord did pour out his blessings upon this land
which was choice above all other lands
& he commanded that whoso should possess the land
should possess it unto the Lord
or they should be destroyed when they were ripened in iniquity
for upon such saith the Lord I will pour out the fulness of my wrath
²¹& Emer did execute judgment in righteousness all his days
& he begat many sons & daughters
& he begat Coriantum
& he anointed Coriantum to reign in his stead

²²& after that he had anointed Coriantum to reign in his ^{stead} ~~teed~~
he lived four years & he saw peace in the land
yea & he even saw the Son of Righteousness
& did rejoice & glory in his day
& he died in ~~fa~~^{peace} ~~ith~~

²³& it came to pass that Coriantum did walk in the steps of his father
& did build many mighty Cities
& did administer that which was good unto his people in all his days
& it came to pass that he had no children even until he was exceeding old

²⁴& it came to pass that his wife died
being an hundred & two years old
& it came to pass that Coriantum took to wife in his old age a young maid
& begat sons & daughters
wherefore he liveed until he was an hundred & forty & two years old

²⁵& it came to pass that he begat Com
& Com reigned in his stead
& he reigned forty & nine years
& he begat Heth
& he also begat other sons & daughters

²⁶& the people had spread again over all the face of the land
& there began again to be an exceeding great wickedness
upon the face of the land
& Heth began to embrace the ~~see~~^{secret} plans again of old
to destroy his father

²⁷& ~~it came~~ to pass that he did dethrone his father
for he slew him with his own sword
& he did reign in his stead

²⁸& there came prophets ~~in the~~ land again
Crying repentance unto them
that they must prepare the way of the Lord
or there should come a curse upon the face of the land
yea even there should ~~be a~~ great famine
in the which they should be destroyed if they did not repent

²⁹but the people believed not the words of the prophets
but they cast ~~them~~ out
& some of them they cast into pits & left them to perish
& it came to pass that they done all these things
according to the commandment of the king Heth

³⁰& it came to pass that there began to be a great dearth upon the land
& the inhabitants began to be destroyed exceeding fast because of the dearth
for there was no rain upon the face of the earth

³¹& there came forth poisonous serpants also upon the face of the land
& did poison many people
& it came to pass that their flocks began to flee before the poisonous serpants
towards the land southward which was called by the Nephites Zarahemla

³²& it came to pass that there were many of them which did perish by the way
nevertheless there were some which fled into the land southward

³³& it came to pass that the Lord did cause the serpents
that they should pursue them no more
but that they should hedge up the way
that they people could not pass
that whoso should attempt to pass might fall by the poisonous serpents

³⁴& it came to pass that the people did follow the course of the beasts
& did devour the carcasses of them which fell by the way
untill they had devoured them all

now when the people saw that they must perish
they began to repent of their iniquities & cry unto the Lord

³⁵& it came to pass that
when they had humbled themselves sufficiently before the Lord
the Lord did send rain upon the face of the earth
& the people began to revive again
& there began to be fruit in the North countries
& in all the Countrees around about
& the Lord did shew forth his power unto them in preserving them from famine