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¹& it came to pass that Shez which was a desendant of Heth
for Heth had perished by the famine & all his household save it were Shez
wherefore Shez began to build up again a broken People

²& et came to pass that Shez did remember the destructions of his fathers
& he did build up a righteous kingdom
for he remembered whet the Lord had done
in bringing Jared & his Brother across the deep
& he did walk in the ways of the Lord
& he begat sons & daughters

³& his eldest son whose name was Shez did rebell against him
nevertheless Shez was smitten by the hand of a robber
because of his exceeding riches
which brought Peace again unto his father

⁴& it came to pass that
his father did bueld up many cities upon the face of the land
& the people began again to spread over all the face of the land
& Shee did live to anexceding old age
& he begat Riplakish
& he died
& Riplakish reigned in his stead

⁵& it came to pass that Riplakesh did not do that
which was wright in the ^sght of the Lord
for he did have many wives & concubines
& did lay that upon mens shoulders which was grievous to be born
yea he did tax them with heavy taxes
& with the taxes he did build many spacious buildings

⁶& he did erect him an exceeding beautiful throan
& he did bueld many prisons
& whoso would not be subject unto taxes he did cast into prison
& whoso~~ever~~ were not able to pay taxes he did cast into prison
& he did cause that they should labor continually for their support
& whoso refused to labor he did cause to be put to death

⁷wherefore he did obtain all his fine work
yea even his fine gold he did cause to be refined in prison
& all manner of fine workmanship he did cause to be wrought in prison

& it came to pass that
he did afflict the people with his whoredoms & abominations

⁸& when he had reigned for the space of forty & two years
the people^{did} raised up in rebellion against him
& there began to be war again in the land
insomuch that Riplakish was killed
& his descendants were driven out of the land

⁹& it came to pass ~~that~~ after the space of many years
Morianton he being a descendant of Riplakish
gathered together an army of outcasts
& went forth & gave battle unto the people
& he gained power over many cities
& the war became exceeding sore & did last for the space of many years
& he did gain power over all the land
& did establish himself king over all the land

¹⁰& after that he had established himself king
he did ease the burden of the people
in the which he did gain favour in the eyes of the people
& they did anoint him to be their king

¹¹& he did do justice unto the people
but not unto himself because of his many whoredoms
wherefore he was cut off from the presence of the Lord

¹²& it came to pass that Morianton built up many cities
& the people became exceeding rich under his reign
both in buildings & in gold & in silver
& in raising grain & in flocks & herds
& such things which had been restored unto them

¹³& Morianton did live to an exceeding great age
& then he begat Kim
& Kim did reign in ~~h~~^{the}is stead of his father
& he did reign eight years & his father died

& it came to pass that Kim did not reign in righteousness
wherefore he was not favoured of the Lord

¹⁴& his brother did raise up in rebellion against him
in the which he did bring him into captivity
& he did remain in captivity all his days
& he begat sons & daughters in captivity
& in his old age he begat Levi
& he died

¹⁵& it came to pass that Levi did serve in captiv^{ity}
after the death of his father
for the space of forty & two years
& he did make war against the king of the land
in the which he did obtain unto himself the kingdom
¹⁶& after that he had obtained unto himself the kingdom
he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord
& the people did prosper in the land
& he did live to a good old age & begat sons & daughters
& he also begat Corom whom he anointed king in his stead

¹⁷& it came to pass that Corom did that
which was good in the sight of the Lord all his days
& he begat many sons & daughters
& after that he had seen many days he did pass away
even like unto the rest of of the earth
& Kish reigned in his stead

¹⁸& it came to pass that Kish passed away also
& Lib reigned in his stead

¹⁹& it came to pass that
Lib also did that which was good in the sight of the Lord

& in the days of Lib the poisonous serpents were destroyed
wherefore they did go into the land south ward
to hunt food for the people of the land
for the land was covered with animals of the forest
& Lib also himself became a great hunter

²⁰& they built a great city by the ~~narr~~^{narrow}ow neck of land
by the place where the sea divides the land

²¹& they did preserve the land southward for a wilderness to get ~~ga~~^{game} in
& the whole face of the land northward was covered with inhabitants

²²& they were exceeding industrious
& they did buy & sell & traffick one with another that they might get gain

²³& they did work in all manner of ore
& they did make gold & silver & iron & brass & all manner of metals
& they did dig it out of the earth

wherefore they did cast up mighty heaps of earth for to get ore
of gold & of silver & of iron & of copper
& they did work all manner of fine work

²⁴& they did have silks & fine twined linnen
& they did work all manner of cloth
that they might clothe themselves from their nakedness

²⁵& they did make all manner of tools to till the earth
both to plow & to sow
to reap & to hoe & also to thrash

²⁶& they did make all manner of tools
in the which they did work their beasts

²⁷& they did make all manner of weapons of war
& they did work all manner of work of exceeding workmanship

²⁸& never could be a people more blessed than were they
& more prospered by the hand of the Lord
& they were in a land that was choice above all lands
for the Lord had spoken it

²⁹& it came to pass that Lib did live many years
& begat sons & daughters
& he also begat Hearthom

³⁰& it came to pass that Hearthom reigned in ~~his~~^{the} stead of his father
& when Hearthom had reigned twenty & four years
behold the kingdom was taken away from him
& he served many years in captivity
yea even all the remainder of his days
³¹& he begat Heth
& Heth lived in c~~o~~~~o~~~~o~~ivity all his days
& **Heth** begat Aaron
& Aaron dwelt in captivity all his days
& he begat Amnigaddah
& Amnig**addah** also dwelt in captivity all his days
& he begat coriantum
& Coriantum **dwelt** in captivity all his days
& he begat Com

³²& it came to pass that Com **drew** away the half of the kingdom
& he reigned over the half of the kingdom forty & two years
& he went to battle against the king Amgid
& they fought for the space of many years
inthewhich Com gained power over Amgid
& obtained power over the remainder of the kingdom
³³& in the days of Com there began to be robbers in the land
& they adoped the old plans
& administered oaths after the manner of the ancients
& sought again to destroy the kingdom
³⁴now Com did fight **against them much**
nevertheless he did not prevail against them