

# Helaman 1

The Book of Helaman

## Chapter

An Account of the Nephites  
their Wars & Contentions & their dissensions—  
And also the Prophecies of many Holy Propets before the comeing of Christ  
according to the Reckord of Helaman which was the Son of Helaman  
& also according to the Records of his Sons  
even down to the comeing of Christ

& also many of the Lamanites are converted—  
An accoëunt of their conversion

an account of the righteousness of the Lamanites  
& the wickedness & abominations of the Nephites  
according to the Reckord of Helaman & his Sons  
even down to the comeing of Christ  
which is called the Book of Helaman & C<sup>et</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>And now behold it came to pass in the commencement of the <sup>forth</sup> fortyeth year  
of the Reign of the Judges orer the People of Nephi

therer began to be a sereous difficulty among the People of the Nephetes

<sup>2</sup>for behold Pahoron had Died & gone the way of all the earth  
therefore there began to be a sereous contention  
concerning who should have the Judgment seat  
among the Brethren which were the Sons of Pahoron

<sup>3</sup>now these are their nanes which did contend for the Judgment seat  
whch did also cause the People to contend  
Pahoron Paa<sup>n</sup>che & Pacumeni

<sup>4</sup>now these are not all the Sons of Pahoron for he had many  
but these are they which did contend for the Judgment seat  
therefore they did cause three deviseons among the People

<sup>5</sup>nevertheless it came to pass that  
Pahoron was appointed by the voice of the People  
to be cheefe Judge & a governor <sup>1</sup>over the people of Nephi

<sup>6</sup>& it came to pass that Pacumeni  
when he saw that he could not obtain the Judgmentseat  
he did unite with the voice of the people

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<sup>1</sup> OM Header = with the Neph<sup>l</sup>tes

<sup>7</sup>but behold Paanchi & that part of the People  
that were desireous hat he should be their Governor  
was exceding wroth  
therefore he was about to flatter away those people  
to rise up in rebellion against their Brethren  
<sup>8</sup>& it came to pass as he was about to do this  
behold he was taken  
& was treed accordeng to the voice of the People  
& condemned unto death  
for he had raised up in rebelleon  
& sought to destroy the liberty of the people

<sup>9</sup>now when those People  
which were desireous that he should be their Governor  
saw that he was condemned urto Death  
therefore they were angary  
& behold they sent forth one Kishcumen  
even to the Judgment of eat of Pahoron  
& murdered Pahoron as he sat upon the Judgment seat  
<sup>10</sup>& he was persued by the servants of Pahoron  
but behold so speedy was the flight of Kishcumen  
that no man could overtake him  
<sup>11</sup>& he went unto those that sert him  
& they all entered into a covenant  
yea swearing by their everlasteng maker  
that they would tell no man that Kishkumen had murdered Pacron  
<sup>12</sup>therefore Kishcumen was not known among the people of Nephi  
for he was in disguise at the time that he murdered Pahoron  
& Kishkumen & his band which had covenanted with him  
did mingle themselves among the People  
in am manner that they all could not be found  
but as many as were found were condemned unto death

<sup>13</sup>& now behold Pacumeni was appointed according to the voice of the People  
to be a cheef Judge & a Governor over the people  
to Reign on the stead of his Brother Pahoron  
& it was according to his right  
& all thes was done in the fortyeth year of the Reign of the Judges  
& & it had an end

<sup>14</sup>& it came to pass in the forty & fers year of the Reign of the Judges  
that the Lamanetes had gathered together an ennumerable army of men  
& had gat armed them with sword<sup>s</sup> & sith simeters  
& with bows & weth arrows  
& with head plates & with Breast plates  
& with all manner of shields of erery kend

<sup>15</sup>& they came down again that they might picch Battle against the Nephites  
& they were lead by a  
man whose name was ~~Coriantumr~~ Coreantumr  
& he was a desendant of Zarahemla  
& he was a desenter from among the Nephites  
& he was a large & a mighty man  
<sup>16</sup>therefore the King of the Lamanites  
whose name was Tubaloth who was the son of Ammoron  
now Tubaloth supposeing that Coriantumr  
he being a mighty man  
could stand against the Nephites  
insomuch with hes shrength & also with hes great wisdom  
that by sending hem forth sh should gain power over the Nephites  
<sup>17</sup>there<sup>f</sup>ore he did stir them up to angar  
& he did gather together his armies  
& he did appoint Coriantumr to be their leader  
& did cause that they <sup>2</sup> should march down to the land of Zarahemla  
to battle against the Nephites

<sup>18</sup>& it came to pass that  
because of so much contention & so much difficulty in the government  
that they had not kept sufficient guards in the land of Zarahemla  
for they had supposed that the Lamanites dearest not come  
into the heart of their lands & attact that great City Zarahemla  
<sup>19</sup>but it came to pass that Coriantumr did march porth  
at the head of ~~thei~~ hes mmerous host & came upon the inhabitants of the city  
& their march was with such exceding great speed  
that there was no time for the Nephites to gather together their armies  
<sup>20</sup>therefore Coriantumr did cut down hhe watch by the enterance of the City  
& did march forth with his whole army into the city  
& they did slay every one who did oppose them  
insomuch that they did take possession of the whole city  
<sup>21</sup>& it came to pass that Pacumeni which was the chief Judges  
ded flee before Coreantumr even to the walls of the city  
& it came to pass that Coriantumr dit smite him against the wall  
insomuch that he died  
th thus ended the days of Pacumeni

<sup>22</sup>& now when Coriantumr saw  
that he was in possession of the City of Zarahemla  
& saw that the Nephites had fled before them & were slain  
& were taken & were cast into prison  
& that he had obtained the possession of the strongest holds en all the land  
his heart took courage  
insomuch that he was about to go forth allainst all the land

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<sup>2</sup> OM Header = the Lamanites take City of Zarahem

<sup>23</sup> & now he did not tarry in the Cand of Zarahemla  
but he did march forth with a large army even towards the Cety of Bountiful  
for it was his determinateon to go forth & cut his way through with the sword  
that he might obtaen the North parts of the land

<sup>24</sup> & supposing that their greatest strength was in the centre of the land  
therefore he did march forth  
giveing them no time to assemble themselves together save it were in small boddies  
& # in this manner they did fall upon them & cut them down to the earth

<sup>25</sup> but behold this march of Coriantumrs through the centre of the land  
gave Moronihah great advantage over them  
notwithstanding the greatness of the number of the Nephites which were slair

<sup>26</sup> for behold Moronihah had supposed  
that the Lamanites deartt not come into the sentre of the land  
but that they would attack the Cities aound about in the bodders  
as they had hitherto done  
therefore Moronihah had caused  
that their strong armies should maintain those parts round about by the borders

<sup>27</sup> but behold the Lamanitit were not fregheened according to hes desire  
but they had come into the sentre of the land  
& had taken the capatal City ~~which~~ which was the city of Zarahemla  
& were marching through the most capital parts of the land  
slaying the People with a great slaughter  
both men women & childsen  
takeing possession of many Cities & <sup>of</sup> many<sup>3</sup> strong holds

<sup>28</sup> but when Moronihah had discovered this  
he immedately sent fortth Lehi with an army round about to head them  
before they should come to the land Bountiful

<sup>29</sup> & thus he did & he did head them before they came th the land Bountiful  
& gave unto them battle  
insomuch that they began to retreat back towards the land of Zarahemla

<sup>30</sup> & it came to pass that Moronihah did head them in their retreat & did give unto them battle  
insomuch that it cecame an exceding bloody battle  
yea many were slain  
& among the number which were slain Coriantunre was also found

<sup>31</sup> & now behold the Lamanites could not retreat neihher way  
neither on the north nor on the south nor on the East nor on the Nest  
for they were surrounded on every hand by the Nephites

<sup>32</sup> th thus Cad Coriantumr plunged the Lamanites into the midst of the Nephites  
insomuch that they were in the power of the Nephites  
& he himself was slain  
& the Lamanites did yeeld themselves up into the hands of the Nephites

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<sup>3</sup> OM Header = es &C

<sup>33</sup>& it came to pass that Moronihah took possession of the city of Zarahemla again & caused that the ~~L~~ Lamanites which had been taken prisoners should depart out of the land in peace

<sup>34</sup>& thus ended the forty & first year of the reign of the Judges