

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^{et}.

¹And now behold it came to pass in the commencement of the ^{forth} 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

²for 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

³now these are their nanes which did contend for the Judgment seat
whch did also cause the People to contend
Pahoron Paaⁿche & Pacumeni

⁴now 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

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

⁶& 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

¹ OM Header = with the Neph^ltes

⁷but 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
⁸& 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

⁹now 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
¹⁰& he was persued by the servants of Pahoron
but behold so speedy was the flight of Kishcumen
that no man could overtake him
¹¹& 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
¹²therefore 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

¹³& 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

¹⁴& 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^s & sith simeters
& with bows & weth arrows
& with head plates & with Breast plates
& with all manner of shields of erery kend

¹⁵& 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
¹⁶therefore 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
¹⁷there^fore 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 ² should march down to the land of Zarahemla
to battle against the Nephites

¹⁸& 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
¹⁹but 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
²⁰therefore 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
²¹& 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

²²& 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

² OM Header = the Lamanites take City of Zarahem

²³ & 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

²⁴ & 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

²⁵ 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

²⁶ 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

²⁷ 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 & ^{of} many³ strong holds

²⁸ 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

²⁹ & 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

³⁰ & 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

³¹ & 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

³² 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

³ OM Header = es &C

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

³⁴& thus ended the forty & first year of the reign of the Judges