

## Mormon 2

<sup>1</sup>& it came to pass **that** in that **same** year  
there began to be a war again between the Nephites & the Lamanites  
& notwithstanding I being young was large in stature  
therefore the People of Nephi appointed me  
that I should be their leader or the leader of their armies  
<sup>2</sup>therefore it came to pass that in my sixteenth year  
I did go forth at the head of an army of the Nephites against the Lamanites  
therefore three hundred & twenty **&** six years had passed away

<sup>3</sup>& it came to pass that in the three hundred & twenty & seventh year  
the Lamanites did come upon us with exceeding great power  
in somuch that they did frighten my armies  
therefore they would not fight

& they began to retreat towards the North countries

<sup>4</sup>& it came to pass that we did come to the city of Angolah  
& we did take possession of the city  
& make preparations to defend ourselves against the Lamanites  
& it came to pass that we did fortify the city with ~~all~~ our mights  
but notwithstanding all our fortifications the Lamanites did come upon us  
& did drive us out of the City

<sup>5</sup>& they did also drive us forth out of the land of David

<sup>6</sup>& we marched forth & came to the land of Joshua  
which was in the borders west by the Sea shore

<sup>7</sup>& it came to pass that we did gather in our People as fast as it were possible  
that we might get them together in one body

<sup>8</sup>but behold the land was filled with Robbers & with Lamanites  
& notwithstanding the great destruction which hung over my People  
they did not repent of their evil doing<sup>s</sup>  
therefore there was blood & carnage spread throughout all the <sup>face of th</sup>e land  
both on the part of the Nephites and also on the part of the Lamanites  
& it was one complete revolution throughout all the face of the land

<sup>9</sup>& now the Lamanites had a King

& his name was Aaron

& he came against us with an army of forty <sup>& four</sup> thousand

& behold I withstood him with forty & two thousand

& it came to pass that I beat him with my army

that he fled before me

& behold all this was done

& three hundred & thirty years had passed away

<sup>10</sup>& it came to pass that the Nephites began to repent of their iniquities  
& began to cry even as had been Prophesied by Samuel the Prophet  
for behold no man could keep that which was his own  
for the thieves & the Robbers & the murderers  
& the magic art & the witchcraft which was in the land

<sup>11</sup>thus there began to be a mourning & a lamentation in all the land  
because of these things  
& more especially among the People of Nephites

<sup>12</sup>& it came to pass that when I Mormon saw their lamentation[s]  
& their mourning & their sorrowing before the Lord  
my heart did begin to rejoice within me  
knowing the mercies & the long suffering of the Lord  
therefore supposing that he would be merciful unto them  
that they would again become a righteous People

<sup>13</sup>but behold this my joy was vain  
for their sorrowing was not unto repentance because of the goodness of God  
but it was rather the sorrowing of the damned  
because the Lord would not always suffer them to take happiness in sin  
<sup>14</sup>& they did not come unto Jesus with broken hearts & contrite spirits  
but they did curse God & wish to die  
nevertheless they would struggle with the sword for their lives

<sup>15</sup>& it came to pass that my sorrow did return unto me again  
& I saw that the day of grace was passed with them  
both temporally & spiritually  
for I saw thousands of them hewn down  
in open rebellion against their God  
& heaped up as dung upon the face of the land  
& thus three hundred & forty & four years had passed away

<sup>16</sup>& it came to pass that in the three hundred & forty & fifth year  
~~the~~ the Nephites did **begin** to flee before the Lamanites  
& they were persued untill they came even to the land of Jashon  
before it were possible to stop them in their retreat

<sup>17</sup>& now the City of Jashon was near the land  
where Ammoron had deposited the Records unto the Lord  
that they might not be destroyed,  
& behold I had gone according to the word of Ammoron  
& taken the plates of Nephi & did make a Record  
according to the words of Ammoron

<sup>18</sup>& upon the plates of Nephi I did make a full account  
of all the wickedness & abominati<sup>ns</sup>o  
but upon these plates I did forbare to make a full account  
of their wickedness & abominations  
for behold a continual scene of wickedness & abominations  
has been before mine eyes  
evers since I have been sufficient to behold the ways of man

<sup>19</sup>& woe is me because of their wickedness  
for my heart has been filled with sorrow  
because of their wickedness all my days  
nevertheless I know that I shall be lifted up at the last day

<sup>20</sup>& it came to pass that in this year  
the People of Nephi again were hunted & driven  
& it came to pass that we were driven forth  
untill we had come Northward to the land which was called Shem

<sup>21</sup>& it came to pass that we did fortify the City of Shem  
& we did gather in our People as much as it were possible  
that perhaps we might save them from destruction

<sup>22</sup>& it came to pass in the three hundred & forty & sixth year  
they began to come upon us again

<sup>23</sup>& it came to pass that I did speak unto my People  
& did urge them with great energy  
that they would stand boldly before the Lamanites  
& fight for their wives & their children  
& their houses & their homes

<sup>24</sup>& my words did arouse them somewhat to vigor  
in somuch that they did not flee from before the Lamanites  
but did stand with boldness against them

<sup>25</sup>& it came to pass that we did contend with an army of thirty thousand  
against an army of fifty thousand  
& it came to pass that we did stand before them with such firmness  
that they did flee from before us

<sup>26</sup>& it came to pass that when they had fled  
we did persue them with our armies  
& did meet them again & did beat them  
nevertheless the strength of the Lord was not with us  
yea we were left to ourselves  
that the spirit of the Lord did not abide in us  
therefore we had become weak like unto our brethren

<sup>27</sup>& my heart did sorrow because of this the great calamity of my People  
because of their wickedness & their abominations  
but behold we did go forth against the Lamanites & the Robbers of Gaddianton  
untill we had again taken possession of the lands of our inheritance

<sup>28</sup>& the three hundred & forty & ninth year had passed away

& in the three hundred & fiftieth year  
we made a treaty with the Lamanites & the Robbers of Gaddianton  
inthewhich we did get the lands of our inheritance divided

<sup>29</sup>& the Lamanites did give unto us the land Northward  
yea even to the narrow passage which lead into the land Southward  
& we did give unto the Lamanites all the land Southward