

## Mormon 3

<sup>1</sup>& it came to pass that the Lamanites did not come to battle again  
untill ten years more had passed away  
& behold I had employed my People the Nephites  
in preparing their lands & their arms against the time of battle

<sup>2</sup>& it came to pass that he Lord did say unto me  
cry unto this people  
repent ye & come unto me  
& be ye Baptised & build up again my Church  
& ye shall be spared  
<sup>3</sup>& I did cry unto this people  
but it was in vain  
& they did not realize that it was the Lord  
that had spare[e]d them & granted unto them a chance for repentance  
& behold they did harden their hearts against the Lord their God

<sup>4</sup>& it came to pass that ofter this tenth year had passed away  
makeing in the whole three hundred & sixty years from the comeing of Christ,  
[&] the King of the [of the] Lamanites sent an epistle unto me  
which gave unto me to know  
that they were preparing to come again to battle against us

<sup>5</sup>& it came to pass that I did cause my People  
that they should gather themselves together at the land desolation  
to a City which was in the borders by the narrow pass  
which lead into the land Southward

<sup>6</sup>& there we did place our Armies  
that we mig<sup>h</sup>t stop the Armies of the Lamanites  
that they might not get possession of any of our lands  
therefore we did fortify against them with all our force

<sup>7</sup>& it came to pass that in the three hundred & sixty & first year  
the Lamanites did come down to the City of Desolation to battle against us  
& it cam<sup>e</sup> to pass that in that year we did beat them  
insomuch that they did return to their own lands again

<sup>8</sup>& in the three hundred & sixty & second year  
they did come down again to battle  
& we did beat them again

& did slay a great number of them  
& their dead was cast into the Sea

<sup>9</sup>& now because of this great thing  
which my people the Nephites had done  
they began to boast in their<sup>own</sup> strength  
& began to swear before the Heavens  
that they would avenge themselves of the blood of their brethren  
which had been slain by their enemies

<sup>10</sup>& they did swear by the Heavens & also by the throne of God  
that they would go up to battle against their enemies  
& would cut them off from the face of the land

<sup>11</sup>& it came to pass that I Mormon did utterly Refuse from this time forth  
to be a commander & a leader of this People  
because of their wickedness & abomination

<sup>12</sup>behold I had lead them  
notwithstanding their wicdekness I had lead them many times to battle  
& [I] had loved them  
according to the love of God which was in me  
with all my heart  
& my soul had been poured out in prayer unto my God  
all the day long for them  
nevertheless it was without faith  
because of the hardness of their hearts

<sup>13</sup>& thrice have I delivered them out of the hands of their enemies  
& they repented not of their sins

<sup>14</sup>& when they had sworn ~~by~~ by all  
that had been forbidden them by our Lord & savior Jesus Christ  
that they would go up unto their enemies to battle  
& avenge themselves of the blood of their brethren  
behold the voice of the Lord came unto me sayig

<sup>15</sup>vengeance is mine & I will repay  
& because this People repented not after that I had delivered them  
behold they shall be cut off from the face of the ear<sup>th</sup>

<sup>16</sup>& it came to pass that I utterly refused to go up against mine enemies  
& I did ~~stand as an~~ even as the Lord had commanded me  
& I did stand as an idle witness  
to manifest unto the world the things which I saw & heard  
according to the manifestations of the spirit  
whic<sup>h</sup> had testified of things to come

<sup>17</sup>therefore I write unto you Gentiles  
& also unto you House of Israel  
when the work shall commence  
that ye shall be about to prepare to return to the land of your inheritance

<sup>18</sup>yea behold I write unto all the ends of the earth  
yea unto you twelve tribes of Israel  
which shall be judgeed according to your works by the twelve  
whom Jesus chose to be his Disciples in the land of Jerusalem

<sup>19</sup>& I write also unto the remnant of this People  
which shall also be judged by the twelve whom Jesus chose in this land  
& they shall be judgeed by the other twelve  
whom Jesus chose in the land of Jerusalem

<sup>20</sup>& these things do the spirit manifest unto me

therefore I write unto you all  
& for this cause I write unto you  
that ye may know that ye must all stand before the judgement seat<sup>1</sup> of Christ  
yea every soul wh<sup>o</sup>h belong to the whole human family of Adam  
& ye must stand to be judged of your works  
whether they be good or evil  
<sup>21</sup>& also that ye may believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
which ye shall have among you  
& also that the jews the covenant People of the Lord  
shall have other witness besides that which they saw & heard  
that Jesus whom they slew was the very Christ & the very God  
<sup>22</sup>& I would that I could perswade all ye ends of the earth  
to repent & prepare to stand before the judgement seat of Christ——