

Mormon 4

Chapter II^d

¹And now it came to pass that in the three hundred & sixty & third year the Nephites did go up with their armies to battle against the Lamanites out of the land [of] desolation

²& it come to pass that the armies of the Nephites were driven back again to the land of desolation & while they were yet weary a fresh army of the Lamanites did come upon them & they had a sore battle in somuch that the Lamanites did take possession of the city Desolation & did slay many of the Nephites & did take many prisoners

³& the remainder did flee & join the inhabitants of the City Teancum now the City Teancum lay in the borders by the sea shore & it was also near the City Desolation

⁴& it was because that the armies of the Nephites went up unto the Lamanites that they began to be smitten for were it not for that the Lamanites could have had no power over them

⁵but behold the Judgements of God will overtake the wicked & it is by the wicked that the wicked are punished for it is the wicked

that stireth up the hearts of the Children of men unto bloodshed

⁶& it came to pass that the Lamanites did make peperation to come against the city Teancum

⁷& it came to pass in the three hundred & sixty & fourth year the Lamanites did come against the city Teancum that they might take possession of the City Teancum also

⁸& it came to pass that they were repulsed & driven back by the Nephites & when the Nephites saw that they had driven the Lamanites they did again boast of their [own] strength

& they went forth in their own might & took possession again of the city desolation

⁹& now all these things had been done & there had been thousands slain on both sides both the Nephites & the Lamanites

¹⁰& it came to pass that the three hundred & sixty & sixth year had passed away. & the Lamanites came again upon the Nephites to battle & yet the Nephites repented not of the evil which they had done but persisted in their wickedness continually

¹¹& it is impossible for the tongue to describe
or for man to write a perfect description
of the horrible Scene of the blood & carnage
which was among the People both of the Nephites & of the Lamanites
& every heart was hardened
so that they delighted in the sediting of Blood continually
¹²& there never had been so great wickedness among all the children of Lehi
nor even among all the House of [f] Israel
according to the words of the Lord
as were among this People

¹³& it came to pass that
the Lamanites did take possession of the city desolation
& this because their number did exceed the number of the Nephites
¹⁴& they did also march forward against the city Teancum
& did drive the inhabitants forth out of her
& did take many prisoners of women & of children
& did offer them up as sacrifices unto their Idol Gods

¹⁵and it came to pass that in the three hundred & sixty & seventh year
the Nephites being angry
because the Lamanites had sacrificed their women & their children
that they did go against the Lamanites with exceeding great anger
insomuch that they did beat again the Lamanites
& drive them out of their lands

¹⁶& the Lamanites did not come again against the Nephites
untill the three hundred & seventy & fifth year

¹⁷& in this year they did come down against the Nephites with all their powers
& they were not numbered because of the greatness of their number

¹⁸& from this time forth did the Nephites gain no power over the Lamanites
but began to be swept off by them even as a dew before the Sun

¹⁹& it came to pass that the Lamanites did come down against the City Desolation
& there was an exceeding sore battle fought in the land Desolation
in the which they did beat the Nephites

²⁰& they fled again from before them
& they came to the city Boaz
& there they did stand against the Lamanites with exceeding boldness
in somuch that the Lamanites did not beat them
untill they had come again the second time

²¹& when they had come the second time
the Nephites were driven & slaughtered with an exceeding great slaughter
their women & their Children were again sacrificed unto Idols

²²& it came to pass that the Nephites did again flee from before them
taking all the inhabitants with them both in towns & villages

²³& now I mormon
seeing that **the** Lamanites were about to overthrow the land
therefore I did go to the hill Shim
& did take up all the records which Ammoron had hid up unto the Lord