

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi 6

## Chapter

<sup>1</sup>And now it came to pass that  
the people of the Nephites did all return to their own lands  
in the twenty & sixth year  
every man with his family his flocks & <sup>his</sup> herds his horses & his cattle  
& all things whatsoever did belong unto them

<sup>2</sup>& it came to pass that they had not eaten up all their provisions  
therefore they did take with them  
all that they had not devoured <sup>of</sup> all their grain of every kind  
& their gold & their silver & all their precious things  
& they did return to their own lands & their possessions  
both on the north & on the south  
both on the land northward & on the land southward

<sup>3</sup>& they granted unto those robbers  
which had entered into a covenant to keep the peace of the land  
which were desireous to remain Lamanites  
lands according to their numbers  
that they might have with their labour<sup>rs</sup> wherewith to subsist upon  
& thus they did establish peace in all the land

<sup>4</sup>& they began again to prosper & to wax great

& the twenty & <sup>s</sup>sixth<sup>e</sup> & seventh years passed away  
& there was great order in the land  
& they had formed their laws according to equity & justice

<sup>5</sup>& now there was nothing in all the land  
to hinder the people from prospering continually  
except they should fall into transgressions

<sup>6</sup>& now it was Gidgiddoni & the Judge Lachoneus  
& those which had been appointed leaders  
which had established this great peace in the land

<sup>7</sup>& it came to pass that there were many cities built a new  
& there were many old cities repaired

<sup>8</sup>& there were many high ways cast up  
& many roads made which led from city to city  
& from land to land & from place to place

<sup>9</sup>& thus passed away the twenty & eighth year  
& the people had continual peace

<sup>10</sup>but it came to pass in the twenty & ninth year  
there began to be some disputings among the people  
& some were lifted up unto pride & boastings  
because of their exceding great riches  
yea even unto great persecutions

<sup>11</sup>for there were many mearchants in the land  
& also many lawyers & many Officers

<sup>12</sup>& the people began to be distinguished by ranks  
according to their riches & their chances for learning  
yea some were ignovent because of their poverty  
& others did receive great learning because of their riches

<sup>13</sup>some were lifted up in pride  
& others were exceding humble  
some did return railing for railing  
while others would receive railing & persecution & all manner of afflictions  
& would not turn & revile again  
but were humble & penitant before God

<sup>14</sup>& thus there became <sup>a</sup>an great inequality in all the land  
insomuch that the church began to be broken up  
yea insomuch that in the thirtieth year the church was broken up in all the land  
save it were among a few of the Lamanites  
which were converted unto the true faith  
& they would not depart from it  
for they were firm & steadfast & immoveable  
willing with all diligence to keep the commands of the Lord

<sup>15</sup>now because of this iniquity of the people was this  
Satan had great power unto the stirring up of the people  
to do all manner of iniquity  
& to the buffeting them up with pride  
tempting them to seek for power & authority  
& riches & the vain things of the world

<sup>16</sup>& thus Satan did lead away the hearts of the people to do all manner of iniquity  
therefore they had not enjoyed peace but a few years

<sup>17</sup>& thus in the commencement of the thirtieth year  
the people having been delivered up for the space of a long time  
to be carried about by the temptations of the Devil  
whithersoever he desired to carry them  
& to do whatsoever iniquity he desired they should  
& thus in the commencement of this the thirtieth year  
they were in a state of awful wickedness

<sup>18</sup>now they did not sin ignovently  
for they knew the will of God concerning them  
for it had been taught unto them  
therefore they did willfully rebell against God

<sup>19</sup>& now it was in the days of Lachoneus the Son of Lachoneus  
for <sup>o</sup>the Lachoneus did fill the seat of his father & did govern the people that year

<sup>20</sup>& there began to be men inspired from Heaven & sent forth  
standing among the people in all the land  
preaching & testifying boldly of the Sins & iniquities of the people  
& testifying unto them concerning the redemptions  
which the Lord would make for his people  
or in other words the resurrection of Christ  
& they did testify boldly of his death & sufferings

<sup>21</sup>now there were many of the people which were exceeding angry  
because of those which testified of these things  
& those which were angry were chiefly the chief Judges  
& they which had been highpriests & lawyers  
yea all they which were lawyers were angry  
w<sup>with</sup>h those which testified of these things  
<sup>22</sup>now there was no lawyer w<sup>nor</sup> Judge nor highpriest  
that could have power to condemn any one to death  
save their condemnation was signed by the governor of the land  
<sup>23</sup>now there were many of those  
which testified of **the** things pertaining to Christ  
which testified boldly  
which were taken & put to death secretly by the Judges  
that the knowledge of their death come not unto the governor of the land  
until after their death

<sup>24</sup>now behold this was conterary **to** the laws of the land  
that any man should be put to death  
except they had power from the governor of the land  
<sup>25</sup>therefore a complaint came up unto the land of Zarahemla  
to the governor of the land against **these** Judges  
which had condemned <sup>the prophets of the Lord</sup> unto death  
not according to the law  
<sup>26</sup>now it came to pass that they were taken  
& brought up before the Judge to be Judged of the<sup>[ir]</sup> crime which they had done  
according to the law which had been given by the people  
<sup>27</sup>now it came to pass that  
those Judges had many friends & kindreds  
& <sup>the remainder</sup> yea even almost all the lawyers & the highpriests  
did gather themselves together & unite with the kindreds of those Judges  
which were to be tried according to the law  
<sup>28</sup>& they did enter into a covenant one with another  
yea even into that covenant which was given by them of old  
which covenant was given & administered by the Devil  
to combine against all righteousness  
<sup>29</sup>therefore they did combine against the people of the Lord  
& enter into a covenant to destroy them  
& to deliver those which were guilty of murder from the grasp of Justice  
which was about to be administered according to the law  
<sup>30</sup>& they did set at defiance the law & the rights of their country  
& they did covenant one with another to destroy the governor  
& to establish a king over the land  
that the land should no more be at liberty but should be subject unto kings