

And now it came to pass in the commencement of the twenty & fifth year of the reign of the Judges over the People having established peace between the People of Lehi & the people of Morianton concerning their lands & having commenced the twenty & fifth year in peace

nevertheless they did not long maintain an entire peace in the land for there began to be a contention among the People concerning the Chief Judge Parhoron for behold there were a part of the People which desired that a few particular Points of the law should be altered

but behold Parhoron would not alter nor suffer the law to be altered therefore he did not hearken to those who had sent in their voices with their petitions concerning the altering of the law

therefore those which were desirous that the law should be altered were angry with him & desired that he should no longer be chief Judge over the land therefore there arose a warm dispute concerning the matter but not unto Bloodshed

& it came to pass that those who were desirous that Pahoran should be dethroned from the Judgment seat were called King men for they were desirous that the law should be altered in a manner to overthrow the free government & to establish a King over the land

& those who were desirous that Pahoran should remain Chief Judge over the land took upon them the name of freemen & thus was the division among them for the freemen had covenanted for covenanted to maintain their rites & the Privileges of their Religion by a free government

**CHAPTER 51**

*The king-men seek to change the law and set up a king—Pahoran and the freemen are supported by the voice of the people—Moroni compels the king-men to defend their country or be put to death—Amalickiah and the Lamanites capture many fortified cities—Teancum repels the Lamanite invasion and slays Amalickiah in his tent. About 67–66 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>And now it came to pass in the commencement of the twenty **and** fifth year of the reign of the **judges** over the **people of Nephi, they** hav[ ]ing established peace between the **people** of Lehi **and** the people of Morianton concerning their lands, **and** hav[ ]ing commenced the twenty **and** fifth year in peace;

<sup>2</sup>Nevertheless, they did not long maintain an entire peace in the land, for there began to be a contention among the **people** concerning the **chief judge** Pa[ ]horan; for behold, there were a part of the **people who** desired that a few particular **points** of the law should be altered.

<sup>3</sup>But behold, Pa[ ]h[ ]oran would not alter nor suffer the law to be altered; therefore, he did **not** hearken to those who had sent in their voices with their petitions concerning the altering of the law.

<sup>4</sup>Therefore, those **who** were desir[ ]ous that the law should be altered were ang[ ]ry with him, **and** desired that he should no longer be chief **judge** over the land; therefore there arose a warm dispute[ ] concerning the matter, but not unto **bloodshed**.

<sup>5</sup>**And** it came to pass that those who were desir[ ]ous that Pahoran should be dethroned from the **judgment-seat** were called **king-men**, for they were desir[ ]ous that the law should be altered in a manner to overthrow the free government **and** to establish a **king** over the land.

<sup>6</sup>**And** those who were desir[ ]ous that Pahoran should remain **chief judge** over the land took upon them the name of freemen; **and** thus was the division among them, for the freemen had [ ]sw[ ]orn [ ]or covenanted to maintain their **rights and** the **privileges** of their **religion** by a free government.

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& it came to pass that this matter of their contention was settled by the voice of the People & it came to pass that the voice of the People came in the favour of the freemen & Parhoran retained the Judgment seat which caused much rejoicing among the Brethren of Parhoran & also **298** among the People of liberty which also put the King men to silence that they durst not oppose but were obliged to maintain the cause of freedom

now those which were in favour of Kings were those  
Ameleckeah comes up to attack  
of high Birth & they sought to be Kings & they were supported by those which sought Power & authority over the People

but Beheld this was a critical time for such contentions to be among the People of Nephi for behold Amalickiah had again stired up the hearts of the People of the Lamanites against the people of the Nephites & he was gathering together Soldiers from all parts of his land & arming them & preparing for war with all diligence for he had sworn to drink the Blood of Moroni

but behold we shall see that this promise which he made was rash nevertheless he did prepare himself & his armies to come to Battle against the Nephites

now his armies were not so great as they had hitherto been because of the many thousands which had been slain by the hand of the Nephites but notwithstanding their great loss Amalickiah had gathered together a wonderful great army insomuch that he feared not to come down to the land of Zarahemla

yea even Amalickiah did himself come down at the head of the Lamanites & it was in the twenty & fifth year of the reign of the Judges & it was at the same time that they had begun to settle the affairs of their contentions concerning the Chief Judge Parhoran

& it came to pass that when the men which were called King men had heard that the Lamanites were coming down to Battle against them they were glad in their hearts & they refused to take up arms for they were so wroth with the chief Judge & also with the People of liberty that they would not take up arms to defend their country

<sup>7</sup>And it came to pass that this matter of their contention was settled by the voice of the people. And it came to pass that the voice of the people came in [X] favour of the freemen, and Pa[ ]horan retained the judgment-seat, which caused much rejoicing among the brethren of Pa[ ]horan and also many of the people of liberty, who also put the king-men to silence, that they durst not oppose but were obliged to maintain the cause of freedom.

<sup>8</sup>Now those who were in favour of kings were those  
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of high birth, and they sought to be kings; and they were supported by those who sought power and authority over the people.

<sup>9</sup>But behold, this was a critical time for such contentions to be among the people of Nephi; for behold, Amalickiah had again stirred up the hearts of the people of the Lamanites against the people of the Nephites, and he was gathering together soldiers from all parts of his land, and arming them, and preparing for war with all diligence; for he had sworn to drink the blood of Moroni.

<sup>10</sup>But behold, we shall see that this promise which he made was rash; nevertheless, he did prepare himself and his armies to come to battle against the Nephites.

<sup>11</sup>Now his armies were not so great as they had hitherto been, because of the many thousands who had been slain by the hand of the Nephites; but notwithstanding their great loss, Amalickiah had gathered together a wonderfully great army, insomuch that he feared not to come down to the land of Zarahemla.

<sup>12</sup>Yea, even Amalickiah did himself come down, at the head of the Lamanites. And it was in the twenty and fifth year of the reign of the judges; and it was at the same time that they had begun to settle the affairs of their contentions concerning the chief judge, Pa[ ]horan.

<sup>13</sup>And it came to pass that when the men [ ] who were called king-men had heard that the Lamanites were coming down to battle against them, they were glad in their hearts; and they refused to take up arms, for they were so wroth with the chief judge, and also with the people of liberty, that they would not take up arms to defend their country.

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& it came to pass that when Moroni saw this & also saw that the Lamanites were coming into the borders of the land he was exceeding wroth because of the stubbornness of those People of whom he had laboured with so much diligence to preserve yea he was exceeding wroth his soul was filled with anger against them

& it came to pass that he sent a petition with the voice of the People unto the Governor of the land desiring that he should head it & give him Moroni power to compel those dissenters to defend their Country or to put them to death

for it was his first care to put an end to such contentions & dissensions among the People for behold this had been hitherto a cause of thl their destructions & it came to pass that it was granted according to the voice of the People

& it came to pass that Morone commanded that tis army should go against those King men w pull pwn their Plides & their nobility & level them with the earth or they should take up arms & support the cause of liberty

& it came to pass ~~that~~ that the armies did march forth against them & they did pull down their pride & their nobility insomuch that as they did left their weapons of war to fight against the men of Moroni they were hewn dow & levelled to the earth

& it came to pass that there were four thousand of those dissenters which were hewn dow by the sword & those of their leaders which were not slain  
in Battle

by Teancum &C

were taken & cast ~~299~~ into prison for there was no time for their traals at this period

& the remainder of those dissenters rather that to be smote down to the earth by the sword yielded to the standard of liberty & were compeled to hoist the title of liberty upon their towers & in their Cities & to take up arms en defence of their country

<sup>14</sup>And it came to pass that when Moroni saw this, **and** also saw that the Lamanites were com[ ]ing into the borders of the land, he was exceedingly wroth because of the stubbornness of those people **[X]** whom he had labo[ ]red with so[ ]much diligence to preserve; yea, he **[X]** was exceedingly wroth; his soul was filled with anger against them.

<sup>15</sup>And it came to pass that he sent a petition, w[ ]ith the voice of the people, unto the governor of the land, desir[ ]ing that he should read it, **and** give him (Moroni) power to compel those dissenters to defend their country or to put them to death.

<sup>16</sup>For it was his first care to put an end to such contentions **and** dissensions among the people; for behold, this had been hitherto a cause of **all** their destruction[ ]. **And** it came to pass that it was granted according to the voice of the people.

<sup>17</sup>And it came to pass that Moroni commanded that his army should go against those king-men, to pull down their pride[ ] **and** their nobility **and** level them with the earth, or they should take up arms **and** support the cause of liberty.

<sup>18</sup>And it came to pass [ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] that the armies did march forth against them; **and** they did pull down their pride **and** their nobility, insomuch that as they did lift their weapons of war to fight against the men of Moroni they were hewn down **and** level[ ]ed to the earth.

<sup>19</sup>And it came to pass that there were four thousand of those dissenters **who** were hewn down by the sword; **and** those of their leaders **who** were not slain **in battle**  
**[X\_X\_X\_]**

were taken **and** cast into prison, for there was no[ ] time for their trials at this period.

<sup>20</sup>And the remainder of those dissenters, rather than **[X]** be smitten down to the earth by the sword, yielded to the standard of liberty, **and** were compelled to hoist the title of liberty upon their towers, **and** in their cities, **and** to take up arms in defence of their country.

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& thus Moroni put an end to those Kingmen that there were not any known by the appellation of king men & thus he put an end to the stubbornness & the prides of those people which professed the Blood of nobility but they were brought down to humble themselves like unto their Brethren & to fecht valiantly ~~fre~~ for their freedom from bondage

behold it came to pass that while Moroni was thus breaking down the wars & contentions among his own People & subjecting them to peace & civilisation & making regulating to prepare for war against the ~~Lamanites~~ Lamanites behold the Lamanites had come into the land of Moroni which was in the borders by the Sea shore

& it came to pass that the Nephites were not sufficiently strong in the city of Moroni therefore Ameleckiah did drive them slaying many & it came to pass that Amalickiah took possession of the City & yea possession of all their fortifications

& those which fled out of the City of Moroni came to the City of Nephiah & also the People of the City of Lehi gathered themselves together & made preparations & were ready to receive the Lamanites to Battle

but it came to pass that Ameleckiah would not suffer the Lamanites to go against the city of Nephiah to Battle but he kept them down by the Sea shore leaving men in every City to maintain & defend it

& thus he went on taking possession of many cities the City of Nephiah & the city of Lehi & the City of Morianton & the City of Omner & the city of Gid & the City of Mulek all of which were on the east Borders by Sea the Sea Shore

& thus had the Lamanites obtained by the cunning of Amalickiah some many Cities by their numberless hoasts all of which were strongly fortified after the manner of the fortifications of Moroni all of which afforded strong holds for the Lamanites

& it came to pass that they marched to the borders of the land bountiful driving the Nephites before them & slaying many

<sup>21</sup>And thus Moroni put an end to those king-men, that there were not any known by the appellation of king-men; and thus he put an end to the stubbornness and the pride[] of those people who professed the blood of nobility; but they were brought down to humble themselves like unto their brethren, and to fight valiantly [ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] for their freedom from bondage.

<sup>22</sup>Behold, it came to pass that while Moroni was thus breaking down the wars and contentions among his own people, and subjecting them to peace and civiliz[ \_ ]ation, and making regulations to prepare for war against the [ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] Lamanites, behold, the Lamanites had come into the land of Moroni, which was in the borders by the sea[]shore.

<sup>23</sup>And it came to pass[] that the Nephites were not sufficiently strong in the city of Moroni; therefore Amalickiah did drive them, slaying many. And it came to pass that Amalickiah took possession of the city, [X]yea, possession of all their fortifications.

<sup>24</sup>And those who fled out of the city of Moroni came to the city of Nephiah; and also the people of the city of Lehi gathered themselves together, and made preparations and were ready to receive the Lamanites to battle.

<sup>25</sup>But it came to pass that Amalickiah would not suffer the Lamanites to go against the city of Nephiah to battle, but [X] kept them down by the sea[]shore, leav[ \_ ]ing men in every city to maintain and defend it.

<sup>26</sup>And thus he went on, tak[ \_ ]ing possession of many cities, the city of Nephiah, and the city of Lehi, and the city of Morianton, and the city of Omner, and the city of Gid, and the city of Mulek, all of which were on the east borders by [X] the sea[]shore.

<sup>27</sup>And thus had the Lamanites obtained, by the cunning of Amalickiah, so[] many cities, by their numberless ho[ \_ ]sts, all of which were strongly fortified after the manner of the fortifications of Moroni; all of which afforded strong[ \_ ]holds for the Lamanites.

<sup>28</sup>And it came to pass that they marched to the borders of the land Bountiful, driv[ \_ ]ing the Nephites before them and slaying many.

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but it cane to pass that they were met by Teancum who had slain Morionton & had ~~hedd~~ headed his People in his flight

& it came to pass that he headed Amelickiah also as he was marching forth with his numerous army that he might take possession of the land Bountiful & also the land Northward

but behold he met with a disappointment ~~of~~ being repulsed by Teancum & ~~hs~~<sup>hes</sup> men for they were great warriors for every man of Teancum did excede the Lamanites in their strength & in their skill of war insomuch that they did gain Ameleckiah Slain by T advantage over the Lamanites

& it came to pass that they did harrass them insomuch that they did slay them even until **300** it was dark & it came to pass that Teancum & his men did pitch their tents in the borders of the land Bountiful & Ameleckiah did picch his tents in the borders on the beach by the Sea shore & after thes manner were they driven

& it came to pass that when the night had come Teancum & his Servant stole forth & went out by night & went into the camp of Ameleckiah & behold sleep had over powered them because of their much fateague which was caused by the labours & heat of the day

& it came to pass that Teancum stole prively into the tent of the King & put a Javlin to his heart & he did cause the death of the Keng immediatly that he did not awake his servants

& he returned again prively to his own camp & behold his men were asleep & he awoke them & told them all the things that he had done

& he caused that his armies should stand in readiness lest the Lamanites had awoke & should come upon them

& thus endeth the twenty & fifth & year of the reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi & ~~this~~ thus ended the days of Amelickiah

<sup>29</sup>But it **came** to pass that they were met by Teancum, who had slain Morianton **and** had [ \_ \_ \_ ] headed his **p**eople in his flight.

<sup>30</sup>**And** it came to pass that he headed Amalickiah also, as he was marching forth with his **n**umerous army that he might take possession of the land Bountiful, **and** also the land **n**orthward.

<sup>31</sup>But behold he met with a disappointment **by** being repulsed by Teancum **and** [ \_ ] his men, for they were great war**r**riors; for every man of Teancum did **exceed** the Lamanites in their strength **and** in their skill of war, insomuch that they did gain [ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ X X \_ ] advantage over the Lamanites.

<sup>32</sup>**And** it came to pass that they did har[ \_ ]ass them, insomuch that they did slay them even until it was dark. **And** it came to pass that Teancum **and** his men did pitch their tents in the borders of the land Bountiful; **and** Amalickiah did **pitch** his tents in the borders on the beach by the sea[ \_ ]shore, **and** after **this** manner were they driven.

<sup>33</sup>**And** it came to pass that when the night had come, Teancum **and** his servant stole forth **and** went out by night, **and** went into the camp of Amalickiah; **and** behold, sleep had over[ \_ ]powered them because of their much fat[ \_ ]igue, which was caused by the labo[ \_ ]rs **and** heat of the day.

<sup>34</sup>**And** it came to pass that Teancum stole privi[ \_ ]y into the tent of the **king**, **and** put a **j**avelin to his heart; **and** he did cause the death of the **king** immediatly that he did not awake his servants.

<sup>35</sup>**And** he retur[ \_ ]ned again privi[ \_ ]y to his own camp, **and** behold, his men were asleep, **and** he awoke them **and** told them all the things that he had done.

<sup>36</sup>**And** he caused that his armies should stand in readiness, lest the Lamanites had awa**k**ened **and** should come upon them.

<sup>37</sup>**And** thus endeth the twenty **and** fifth [X]year of the reign of the **j**udges over the **p**eople of Nephi; **and** [X] thus endeth the days of Amalickiah.