

& it came to pass that he wrote **again to the** governor of the land which was Pahoran & these are the words which **he wrote saying behold I direct mine epistle to Pahoran** in the city of Zarahemla which is the Chief Judge & the governor over the land & also to all those who hath been chosen by this People to govern & manage the affairs of this war

for behold I have some what to say unto them by the way of condemnation for behold ye yourselves know that ye have been appointed **by¹⁰ gather** together men & arm them with swords & with **Simeters & all manner of weapons^{of} war &^{of}** every kind & send forth against the Lamanites in whatsoever parts they should come into our land

& now behold I say unto you that myself & also my men & also Helaman & his men have suffered exceeding great sufferings yea even hunger thirst & fateague & all manner of afflictions of every kind

but behold were this all we had suffered we would not murmur nor complain

but behold great has been the slaughter among the people yea thousands have fallen by the sword while **it might have** otherwise been if ye had rendered unto our armies **sufficeent strength & succor for** them yea great has been your neglect towards us

& now dehold we desere to know the cause of this exceeding great neglect yea we desire to know the cause of your thoughtless state

can you think to sit upon your throans in a state of thoughtless stupor while your enemies are spreading the work of death around you yea while th^oy are murdering thousands of your Brethren

CHAPTER 60

Moroni complains to Pahoran of the government's neglect of the armies—The Lord suffers the righteous to be slain—The Nephites must use all of their power and means to deliver themselves from their enemies—Moroni threatens to fight against the government unless help is supplied to his armies. About 62 B.C.

¹**And** it came to pass that he wrote **again to the** governor of the land, **who** was Pahoran, **and** these are the words which **he wrote, saying: Behold, I direct mine epistle to Pahoran,** in the city of Zarahemla, **who** is the **chief judge and the** governor over the land, **and** also to all those who have been chosen by this **people to govern and** manage the affairs of this war.

²**For** behold, I have some [] what to say unto them by the way of condemnation; for behold, ye yourselves know that ye have been appointed [] to gather together men, **and** arm them with swords, **and** with **cimeters, and all manner of weapons of war [X]of** every kind, **and** send forth against the Lamanites, in [] whatsoever parts they should come into our land.

³**And** now behold, I say unto you that myself, **and** also my men, **and** also Helaman **and** his men, have suffered exceeding^{ly} great sufferings; yea, even hunger, thirst, **and** fati[]gue, **and** all manner of afflictions of every kind.

⁴**But** behold, were this all we had suffered we would not murmur nor complain.

⁵**But** behold, great has been the slaughter among **our** people; yea, thousands have fallen by the sword, while **it might have** otherwise been if ye had rendered unto our armies **sufficient strength and succor for** them. **Yea,** great has been your neglect towards us.

⁶**And** now **behold, we desire** to know the cause of this exceeding^{ly} great neglect; yea, we desire to know the cause of your thoughtless state.

⁷**Can** you think to sit upon your thrones in a state of thoughtless stupor, while your enemies are spreading the work of death around you? **Yea,** while they are murdering thousands of your brethren—

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yea even they which have looked up to you for protection yea have plased you in a situation that ye might have succoured them yea ye meght have sent armees unto them to have strengthened them & have saved thousands of them from falling by the sword

but behold this is ~~all~~ all ye have withheld your provisions **321** from them insomuch that many have faught & bled out their lires because of their great deseves which they had for the wellfare of this People yea & this they have done when they were about to perish with hungar because of you^r exceding great neglect towards them

& now my beloved Brethren for ye had ought to be beloved yea & ye had ought to have stired yourselves more diligently for the wellfare & the freedom of this People but behold ye have neglected them in so much that the blood of thousands shall come upon your heads for vengeance yea for known unto God were all their cries & all their sufferings

behold could ye suppose that ye could sit upon your throans & because of the excedeng goodness of God ye could do nothing & he would deliver you behold if ye have supposed this ye have supposed invain

do ye suppose that because so many of your Brethren have been Kelled because of their wickedness I say unto you if ye have supposed this ye have supposed invair for I say unto you their are many which have fallen by the sword & behold it is to your condemnation

for the Lord suffereth the righteous to be slain that his Justice & Judgment may come upon the wickedd therefore ye Kneed not suppose that the righteous are lost because they are slain but behold they do enter into the rest of the Lord their God

& now behold I say unto you I fear excedingly that the Judgments of God will come upon ~~yo~~^{this} people because of their exceding slothfulness yea even the slothfulness of our govorment & their exceding great neglect towards their brethren yea ^{towards} those which have been slain

⁸Yea, even they **who** have looked up to you for protection, yea, have placed you in a situation that ye might have succo[]red them, yea, ye might have sent armies unto them, to have strengthened them, []and have saved thousands of them from falling by the sword.

⁹But behold, this is **not** all—ye have withheld your provisions from them, insomuch that many have fought **and** bled out their lives because of their great desires which they had for the wel[]fare of this people; yea, **and** this they have done when they were about to perish with hunger, because of your **exceedingly** great neglect towards them.

¹⁰And now, my beloved brethren—for ye [X] ought to be beloved; yea, **and** ye [X] ought to have stirred yourselves more diligently for the wel[]fare **and** the freedom of this people; but behold, ye have neglected them in []so []much that the blood of thousands shall come upon your heads for vengeance; yea, for known unto God were all their cries, **and** all their sufferings—

¹¹Behold, could ye suppose that ye could sit upon your thrones, **and** because of the exceeding goodness of God ye could do nothing **and** he would deliver you? Behold, if ye have supposed this ye have supposed in[]vain.

¹²Do ye suppose that, because so many of your brethren have been killed **it is** because of their wickedness? I say unto you, if ye have supposed this ye have supposed in[]vain; for I say unto you, **there** are many **who** have fallen by the sword; **and** behold it is to your condemnation;

¹³For the Lord suffereth the righteous to be slain that his justice **and** judgment may come upon the wicked[]; therefore ye []need not suppose that the righteous are lost because they are slain; but behold, they do enter into the rest of the Lord their God.

¹⁴And now behold, I say unto you, I fear excedingly that the judgments of God will come upon []**this**[] people, because of their exceeding slothfulness, yea, even the slothfulness of our government, **and** their **exceedingly** great neglect towards their brethren, yea, **towards** those **who** have been slain.

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for were it not for the wickedness which first commenced at our head we could have withstood our enemies that they could have gained no power over us

yea had it not been for the war which broke out among ourselves yea were it not for those Kingmen which caused so much bloodshed among ourselves yea at the time we were contending among ourselves if we had united our strength as we hetherdo have done yea had it not been for the desire of wwer & authority which those King men had over us had they been true to the cause of our freedom & united with us & gone forth against oor enemies inseed of takeing tp ~~th~~^{their} swords against us which was the cause of so much bloodshed among ourselves yea if we had gone forth against them in the strength of the Lord we should have dispersed our enemies for it would have been done according to thee fulfilleng of his word

but behold now the Lamanites are comeing uppn us & they are murdering our People with the sword yea our women & our Children takeing possesseon of our lands & also carrying them away captive causing them that they should suffer all manner **322** of afflictions & this because of the great uieckedness of those who are seeking for power & authority yea even those Kingmen

but why should I say much concerning the matter for we know not but what ye yourselves are a seeking for authority we know not but what ye are also traitors to your country

or is it that ye have neglected us because ye are in the heart of our country & ye are surrounded by security that ye do not cause food to be sent unto us & also men to strengthen our armies

have ye forgat the Commandments of the Lord your God yea have ye forgat the captivity of our Fathers have ye forgat the many times w^{ch} have been delevered out of the hands of our enemies

or do ye suppose that the Lord will still deliver us while we sit upon our throans & do not make use of the means which the Lord hath provided for us

¹⁵For were it not for the wickedness which first commenced at our head, we could have withstood our enemies that they could have gained no power over us.

¹⁶Yea, had it not been for the war which broke out among ourselves; yea, were it not for these king-men, who caused so much bloodshed among ourselves; yea, at the time we were contending among ourselves, if we had united our strength as we hitherto have done; yea, had it not been for the desire of power and authority which those king-men had over us; had they been true to the cause of our freedom, and united with us, and gone forth against our enemies, instead of tak[]ing up []their[] swords against us, which was the cause of so much bloodshed among ourselves; yea, if we had gone forth against them in the strength of the Lord, we should have dispersed our enemies, for it would have been done, according to the[] fulfill[]ing of his word.

¹⁷But behold, now the Lamanites are com[]ing upon us, taking possession of our lands, and they are murdering our people with the sword, yea, our women and our children, [-----X_X_X] and also carrying them away captive, causing them that they should suffer all manner of afflictions, and this because of the great wi[]ckedness of those who are seeking for power and authority, yea, even those king-men.

¹⁸But why should I say much concerning this matter? For we know not but what ye yourselves are [] seeking for authority. We know not but what ye are also traitors to your country.

¹⁹Or is it that ye have neglected us because ye are in the heart of our country and ye are surrounded by security, that ye do not cause food to be sent unto us, and also men to strengthen our armies?

²⁰Have ye forgotten the commandments of the Lord your God? Yea, have ye forgotten the captivity of our fathers? Have ye forgotten the many times we[] have been delivered out of the hands of our enemies?

²¹Or do ye suppose that the Lord will still deliver us, while we sit upon our thrones and do not make use of the means which the Lord has[] provided for us?

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yea will ye sit in idleness while ye are surrounded with thousands of those yea & tens of thousands which do also sit in idleness while there are thousands round about in the borders of the land which are falling by the sword yea wounded & bleeding

do ye suppose that God will look upon you as guiltless while ye sit still & behold these things behold I say unto you nay now I would that ye should remember that God hath said that the inward vessel shall be cleansed first & then shall the outer vessel be cleansed also

& now except ye do repent of that which ye have done & begin to be up & doing & send forth food & men unto us & also unto Helaman that he may support those parts of our country which he hath obtained that we may also recover the remainder of our possessions in these parts behold it will be expediant that we contend no more with the Lamanites until we have first cleansed our ~~inner~~^{inner} vessel yea even the great head of our government

& except ye grant mine Epistle & come out & shew unto me a true spirit of freedom & try to strengthen & fortify our armies & grant unto them food for their support behold I will leave a part of my Freemen to maintain this part of our land & I will leave the strength ~~& of~~ the blessings of God upon them that none other power can opperate against them

& this because of their exceding faith & their patience in their tribullations

& I will come unto you & if there be any among you that hath a desire for freedom yea if there be even a spark of freedom remaining behold I will stir up insurrections among you even until those who hath desires to usurp power & authority shall become extinct

yea behold I do not fear your power nor your authority but it is my God whom I fear & it is according to his commandments that I do take my sword to defend the cause of my country & it is because of your iniquity that we havee suffered so much loss

²²Yea, will ye sit in idleness while ye are surrounded with thousands of those, yea, **and** tens of thousands, **who** do also sit in idleness, while there are thousands round about in the borders of the land **who** are falling by the sword, yea, wounded **and** bleeding?

²³Do ye suppose that God will look upon you as guiltless while ye sit still **and** behold these things? Behold I say unto you, Nay. Now I would that ye should remember that God has[] said that the inward vessel shall be cleansed first, **and** then shall the outer vessel be cleansed also.

²⁴And now, except ye do repent of that which ye have done, **and** begin to be up **and** doing, **and** send forth food **and** men unto us, **and** also unto Helaman, that he may support those parts of our country which he has[] regained, **and** that we may also recover the remainder of our possessions in these parts, behold it will be expedient that we contend no more with the Lamanites until we have first cleansed our [X] inward vessel, yea, even the great head of our government.

²⁵And except ye grant mine epistle, **and** come out **and** show unto me a true spirit of freedom, **and** strive to strengthen **and** fortify our armies, **and** grant unto them food for their support, behold I will leave a part of my freemen to maintain this part of our land, **and** I will leave the strength **and** [X][X] the blessings of God upon them, that none other power can op[]erate against them—

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behold it is time yea the time is^{now} at hand
that except ye do bestir yourselves in the defence of
your country & your little ones the sword of
Justice doth hang over you yea & it shall fall
upon you & visit you even to your **323** utter
destruction

behold I wait for assistance from you & except
ye do administer unto our relief behold I come unto
you even into the land of Zarahemla & smite
you with the sword insomuch that ye can have no
more power to impede the progress of this people in
the cause of our freedom

for behold the Lord will not suffer that ye shall
live & wax strong in your iniquities to destroy his
righteous people

behold can you suppose that the Lord will spare
you & come out in judgment against the
Lamanites when it is the tradition of their fathers
that has caused ^{their} ~~their~~ hatred yea & it
hath been redoubled by those which have dissented
from us while your iniquity is for the cause of your
love of glory & the vain things of the world

ye know that ye do transgress the laws of God
& ye do know that ye do trample them under your
feet behold the Lord saith unto me if those whom
ye have appointed your governors do not repent of
their sins & iniquities ye shall go up to battle
against them

& now behold I Moroni am constrained
according to the covenant which I have made to keep
the commandments of ^{my} God therefore I would
that ye should adhere to the word of God & send
speedily unto me of your provisions & of your
men & also to Helaman

& behold if ye will not do this I come unto you
speedily for behold God will not suffer that we
should perish with hunger therefore he will give
unto us of your food even if it must be by the sword
now see that ye fulfil the word of God

behold I am Moroni your Chief captain I seek not
for power but to pull it down I seek not for honour
of the world but for the glory of my God & the
freedom & welfare of my country & thus I
close mine Epistle

²⁹Behold it is time, yea, the time is [] now at hand,
that except ye do bestir yourselves in the defence of
your country **and** your little ones, the sword of
justice doth hang over you; yea, **and** it shall fall
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