

& it came to pass that Limhi & his people returned to the city of Nephi & began to dwell in the land again in peace

& it came to pass that after many days the Lamanites began again to be stirred up in anger against the Nephites & they began to come into the borders of the land round about

now they durst not slay them because of the oath which their king had made unto Limhi but they would smite them on their cheeks & exercise authority over them & began to put heavy burdens upon ~~th~~^{the}~~em~~ backs & drive them as they would a dumb ass

yea all this was done that the word of the Lord might be fulfilled

& now the afflictions of the Nephites was great & there was no way that they could deliver themselves out of their hands for the Lamanites had surrounded them on every side

& it came to pass that the people began to murmur with the king because of their afflictions & they began to be desirous to go against them to battle & they did afflict the king sorely with their complaints therefore he granted unto them that they should do according to their desires

& they gathered themselves together again & put on their armour & went forth against the Lamanites to drive them out of their land

& it came to pass that the Lamanites did beat them & drive them back & slay many of them

& now there was a great mourning & lamentation among the people of Limhi the widow a mourning for her husband the Son & the ~~the~~ daughter amourning for their father & the brothers for their brethren

now there were a great many widows in the land & they did cry mightily from day to day for a great fear of the Lamanites had come upon them

CHAPTER 21

Limhi's people are smitten and defeated by the Lamanites—Limhi's people meet Ammon and are converted—They tell Ammon of the twenty-four Jaredite plates. About 122–121 B.C.

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²**And** it came to pass that after many days the Lamanites began again to be stirred up in anger against the Nephites, **and** they began to come into the borders of the land round about.

³**Now** they **durst** not slay them, because of the oath which their king had made unto Limhi; but they would smite them on their cheeks, **and** exercise authority over them; **and** began to put heavy burdens upon [_]**their**[_] backs, **and** drive them as they would a dumb ass—

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⁹**And** now there was a great mourning **and** lamentation among the people of Limhi, the widow [X] mourning for her husband, the son **and** the [_] daughter [_]mourning for their father, **and** the brothers for their brethren.

¹⁰**Now** there were a great many widows in the land, **and** they did cry mightily from day to day, for a great fear of the Lamanites had come upon them.

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& it came to pass that their continual cries did stir up the remainder of the people of Limhi to anger against the Lamanites & they went again to battle but they were driven back again suffering much loss

yea they went again even the third time & suffered in the like manner & those that were not slain returned again to the city of Nephi

& they did humble themselves even to ~~th~~^{the} dust subjecting themselves to the yoke of bondage submitting themselves to be smitten & to be driven to & fro & burdened according to the desires of their enemies

& they did humble themselves even in the depths of humility & they did cry mightily to God yea even all the day long did they cry unto their God that he would deliver them out of their afflictions

& now the Lord was slow to hear their cry because of their iniquities nevertheless the Lord did hear their cries & began to soften the hearts of the Lamanites that they began to ease their burdens yet the Lord did not see fit to deliver them out of bondage

& it came to pass that they began to prosper by degrees in the land & began to raise grain more abundantly & flocks & herds that they did not suffer with hunger

now there was a great number of women more than there was of men therefore king Limhi commanded that every man should impart to the support of the widows & their children th~~o~~t they might not perish with hunger & this they did because of the greatness of their **151** number that had been slain

now the people of Limhi kept together in a body as much as it was possible & secure their grain & their flocks

& the king himself did not trust his person without the walls of the City unless he took his guards with him fearing that ^{he might}by some means fall into the hands of the Lamanites

¹¹**And** it came to pass that their continual cries did stir up the remainder of the people of Limhi to anger against the Lamanites; **and** they went again to battle, but they were driven back again, suffering much loss.

¹²**Yea**, they went again even the third time, **and** suffered in the like manner; **and** those that were not slain returned again to the city of Nephi.

¹³**And** they did humble themselves even to [_]**the**[_] dust, subjecting themselves to the yoke of bondage, submitting themselves to be smitten, **and** to be driven to **and** fro, **and** burdened, according to the desires of their enemies.

¹⁴**And** they did humble themselves even in the depths of humility; **and** they did cry mightily to God; yea, even all the day long did they cry unto their God that he would deliver them out of their afflictions.

¹⁵**And** now the Lord was slow to hear their cry because of their iniquities; nevertheless the Lord did hear their cries, **and** began to soften the hearts of the Lamanites that they began to ease their burdens; yet the Lord did not see fit to deliver them out of bondage.

¹⁶**And** it came to pass that they began to prosper by degrees in the land, **and** began to raise grain more abundantly, **and** flocks, **and** herds, that they did not suffer with hunger.

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& he caused that his people should watch the land round about that by some means they might take those priests that fled into the wilderness which had st~~o~~ven the daughters of the Lamanites & that had caused such a great destruction to come upon them

for they were desireous to take them that they might punish them for they had come into the land of Nephi by night & carried off of their grain & many of their precious things therefore they laid wa-it for them

& it came to pass that there was no more disturbance between the Lamanites & the people of Limhi even untill the time that Ammon & his Brethren came into the land

& the king haveing been without the gates of the City with his guard he discovered Ammon & his Brethren & supposing them to be priests of Noah therefore he caused that they should be taken & bound & cast into prison & had they been the priests of Noah he would have caused that they should be put to death

but when he found that they were not but that they were his brethren & had come from the land of Zarahemla he was filled with exceding great joy

now king Limhi had sent previous to the coming of Ammon a small number of men to search for the land of Zarahemla but they could not find it & they were lost in the wilderness

nevertheless they did find a land which had been peopled yea a land which was covered with dry bones yea a land which had been peopled & which had been destroid & they having supposed it to be the land of Zarahemla returned to the land of Nephi having arived in the borders of the land not many days before the coming of Ammon

& they brought a record with them even a record of the people bones they had found & they were engraven on plates of ore

& now Limhi was again filled with joy on learning from the mouth of Ammon that king Benjamin had a gift from God whereby he could interpret such engravings yea & Am^mon also did rejoice

²⁰**And** he caused that his people should watch the land round about, that by some means they might take those priests that fled into the wilderness, **who** had st~~o~~len the daughters of the Lamanites, **and** that had caused such a great destruction to come upon them.

²¹**F**or they were desir[]ous to take them that they might punish them; for they had come into the land of Nephi by night, **and** carried off [X] their grain **and** many of their precious things; therefore they laid wa[-]it for them.

²²**And** it came to pass that there was no more disturbance between the Lamanites **and** the people of Limhi, even until[] the time that Ammon **and** his **brethren** came into the land.

²³**And** the king hav[]ing been without the gates of the **city** with his guard, [X] discovered Ammon **and** his **brethren**; **and** supposing them to be priests of Noah therefore he caused that they should be taken, **and** bound, **and** cast into prison. **And** had they been the priests of Noah he would have caused that they should be put to death.

²⁴**B**ut when he found that they were not, but that they were his brethren, **and** had come from the land of Zarahemla, he was filled with exce~~d~~ingly great joy.

²⁵**N**ow king Limhi had sent, previous to the coming of Ammon, a small number of men to search for the land of Zarahemla; but they could not find it, **and** they were lost in the wilderness.

²⁶**N**evertheless, they did find a land which had been peopled; yea, a land which was covered with dry bones; yea, a land which had been peopled **and** which had been destroyed; **and** they, having supposed it to be the land of Zarahemla, returned to the land of Nephi, having ar~~r~~ived in the borders of the land not many days before the coming of Ammon.

²⁷**And** they brought a record with them, even a record of the people **whose** bones they had found; **and it was** engraven on plates of ore.

²⁸**And** now Limhi was again filled with joy on learning from the mouth of Ammon that king **Mosiah** had a gift from God, whereby he could interpret such engravings; yea, **and** Ammon also did rejoice.

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yet Ammon & his brethren were filled with sorrow because so many of ~~of~~ brethren had been slain

& also that king Noah & his priests had caused the people to commit so many sins & iniquities against God & they also did mourn for the death of Abinadi & also for the departure of Alma & the people that went with him who had formed a church of God through the strength & power of God & faith on the words which had been spoken by Abinadi

yea they did mourn for their departure for they knew not whither they had fled now they would have gladly joined with them for they themselves had entered into a covenant with God to serve him & keep his commandments

& now since the coming of Ammon king Limhi had also entered into a covenant with God & also many of his People to serve him **152** & keep his commandments

& it came to pass that king Limhi & many of his people was desirous to be baptised but there was none in the land that had authority from God & Ammon declined doing this thing considering himself an unworthy servant

therefore they did not at that time form themselves into a church waiting upon the spirit of the Lord now they were desirous to become even as Alma & his brethren which had fled into the wilderness

they were desirous to be baptised as a witness & a testimony that they were willing to serve God with all their hearts nevertheless they did ~~pro~~ prolong the time & an account of their baptism shall be given hereafter

& now all the study of Ammon & his people & king Limhi & his People was to deliver themselves out of the hands of the Lamanites & from bondage

²⁹Yet Ammon **and** his brethren were filled with sorrow because so many of [_ _] **their** brethren had been slain;

³⁰**And** also that king Noah **and** his priests had caused the people to commit so many sins **and** iniquities against God; **and** they also did mourn for the death of Abinadi; **and** also for the departure of Alma **and** the people that went with him, who had formed a church of God through the strength **and** power of God, **and** faith on the words which had been spoken by Abinadi.

³¹Yea, they did mourn for their departure, for they knew not whither they had fled. **Now** they would have gladly joined with them, for they themselves had entered into a covenant with God to serve him **and** keep his commandments.

³²**And** now since the coming of Ammon, king Limhi had also entered into a covenant with God, **and** also many of his **people**, to serve him **and** keep his commandments.

³³**And** it came to pass that king Limhi **and** many of his people **were** desir[]ous to be baptized; but there was none in the land that had authority from God. **And** Ammon declined doing this thing, considering himself an unworthy servant.

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³⁵They were desir[]ous to be baptized as a witness **and** a testimony that they were willing to serve God with all their hearts; nevertheless they did [_ _] prolong the time; **and** an account of their baptism shall be given hereafter.

³⁶**And** now all the study of Ammon **and** his people, **and** king Limhi **and** his **people**, was to deliver themselves out of the hands of the Lamanites **and** from bondage.