

Helaman 3

Chapter

¹And now it came to pass in the forty & third year of the reign of the Judges there was no contention among the People of Nephi save it were a little piide which was in the church which did cause some little dessionion among the People which affairs were stttled in the ending of the forty & third year
²& there was no contention among the People in the fortyeth & forth year reither was there much contension in the forty & feifth year
³& it came to pass en the forty & sixth yea thhere were nouch contenteons & many dessionions in the which there were an exceding great many which departed out of the land of Zarahemla & went forth unto the land Northward to inherit the land
⁴& they did travel to an exceding great distance inso much that they came to large boddees of Hater & many Rivers
⁵yea & even they did spread forth into all parts of the land into whatsoever parts it had rot been rendered desolates & without tember because of the many inhabetants which had before inherited the land

⁶& now no part of the land was desolates save it were for timber & .C but because of the greatness of the destruction of the People which had before inhabeted the land it was called desolate

⁷& there being but little tember upon the face of the land nevertheless the people which went forth became excedeng expert in the workeng of cement therefore they did bueld houses of Cement in the which they did dwell
⁸& it came to pass¹ that they did multiply & spread & did go forth from the lard sotthward to the land Northward & did spread insomuch that they began to cover the face of the whole earth from the Sea South to the Sea North from thee Sea West to the Sea East
⁹& the people which were in the land Northward did dwell in tents & in Houses of Cement

& they did suffer whatsoever hee should sprenge up upon the face of the land that it should grow up that in time they might have timber to build their Houses yea their cities & their Temples & their Synagogues & their Sanctuaries & all manner of their buildings
¹⁰& it came to pass as timber was exceding scarce in the land Northward they did send forth much by the sway of shipping

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¹¹& thus they did enable the people in the land Northward that they might build many Cities both of wood & of Cement

¹²& it came to pass that there were many of the People of Ammon which were Lamanites by Birth and did also go forth into the land

¹³& now there are many records kept of the Proceedings of this People by many of this people which are particular & very very large concerning them

¹⁴but behold a hundredth part of the proceedings of this people yea the account of the Lamanites & of the Nephites & their wars & contentions & dissensions & their Preaching & their Prophecies & their Shipping & their building of Ships & their building of Temples & of Synagogues & their Sanctuaries & their righteousness & their wickedness & their murders & their robings & their plunderings & all manner of abominations & whoredoms cannot be contained in this work

¹⁵but behold there are many Books & many Records of every kind & they have been kept Chiefly by the Nephites

¹⁶& they have been handed down from one generation to another by the Nephites even until they have fallen into transgression & have been murdered plundered & hunted & driven forth & slain & scattered upon the face of the earth & mixed with the Lamanites until they are no more called the Nephites becoming wicked & wild & ferocious yea even becoming Lamanites

¹⁷& now I return again to mine account therefore what I have spoken had passed after there had been great contentions & disturbances & wars & dissensions among the people of Nephi

¹⁸the forty & sixth year of the Reign of the Judges ended

¹⁹& it came to pass that there were still great contentions in the land yea even in the forty & seventh year & also in the forty & eighth year

²⁰nevertheless Helaman did fill the Judgment seat with Justice & equity yea he did observe to keep the statutes & the Judgments & the commandments of God & he did do that which was right in the sight of God continually & he did walk after the ways of his Father inasmuch that he did prosper in the land

²¹ & it came to pas that he had two Sons
he gave unto the Eldest the name of Nephe
& unto the youngest the name of Lehi
& they began to grow up unto the Lord

²² & it came to pass that the wars & contentions began to cease
in a small degree among the people of ^{the} Nephi^{tes}
& in the latter end of the forty & eighth year
of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi

²³ & it came to pass in the forty & ninth year of the reign of the Judges
there was continual peace established in the land
all save it were the secret combinations
which Gadianon the robber had established
in the more setteled parts of the land
which at that time were not known
unto those which were at the head of government
therefore they were not destroyed out of the land

²⁴ & it came to pass that in this same year
there was exceding great prosperity in the church
insomuch that there were thousands who did join themselves unto the church
& were Baptised unto repentance

²⁵ & so great was the ~~p~~ prosperity of the church
& so many the blessings which were poured out upon the people
that even the high priests & the teachers
were themselves astonished beyond measure

²⁶ & it came to pass that the work of the Lord did prosper
unto the Baptiseing & ~~the~~ uniting unto the church of God many souls
yea even tens of thousands

²⁷ thus we may see that the Lord is merciful unto all
who will in the cincerity of their hearts call upon his holy name

²⁸ yea thus we see that the gate of Heaven is open unto all
~~ev~~^{even} ~~en~~ to those who will believe on the name of Jesus Christ
which is the Son of God

²⁹ yea yea we see that who soever will lay hold upon the word of God
which is quick & powerful
which shall divide asunder
all the cunning & the snares & the wiles of the Devil
& lead the man of christ in a strait & narrow course
across that everlatsting gulf of miseary
which is prepared to engulf the wicked

³⁰ & land their souls yea their immortal souls
at the right hand of God in the Kingdom of Heaven
to sit down with Abraham & Isaac & with Jacob
& with all our Holy fathers
to go no more out

³¹& in this year there were continual rejoicings
in the land of Zarahemla & in all the regions round about
even in all the land which was possessed by the Nephites
³²& it came to pass that there was peace & exceding great joy
in the remainder of the forty & ninth year
yea & also there was continual peace & great joy
in the fiftieth year of the reign of the Judges
³³& in the fifty & first year of the reign of the ~~reign~~ Judges
there was peace also
save it were the pride which began to enter into the church
not into the church of God
but into the hearts of the people
who professed to belong to the church of God
³⁴& they were lifted up in pride
even to the persecution of many of their brethren

now this was a great evil
which did cause the more humble part of the people
to suffer great persecutions & to wade through much affliction
³⁵nevertheless they did fast & pray oft
& did wax stronger & strongerⁱⁿ & their humility
& firmer & firmer in the faith of Christ
unto the filling their souls with joy & consolation
yea even to the purifying & the sanctification of their hearts
which sanctification cometh because of their yielding their hearts unto God
³⁶& it came to pass that the fifty & second year ended in peace also
save it were the exceding great pride
which had got into the hearts of the people
& it was because of their exceding great riches & their prosperity in the land
& it did grow upon them from day to day

³⁷& it came to pass in the fifty & third year of the reign of the Judges
Helaman died & his eldest Son Nephi began to reign in his stead
& it came to pass that he did fill the Judgmentseat with justice & equity
yea he did keep the commandments of God
& did walk in the ways of his father