

# Mormon 6

## Chapter III

<sup>1</sup>And now I finish my record  
concerning the destruction of my People the Nephites  
& it came to pass that we did march forth before the Lamanites  
<sup>2</sup>& I Mormon wrote an Epistle unto the King of the Lamanites  
& desired of him that he wo[ould] grant unto us  
that we might gather <sup>together</sup> our People unto the land of Camorah  
by a hill which was called Cumorah  
& there we would give them battle  
<sup>3</sup>& it came to pass that  
the King ~~did~~ of the Lamanites did grant unto me the thing which I desired

<sup>4</sup>& it came to pass that we did march forth to the land of Cumorah  
& we did pitch our tents round about the hill Cumorah  
& it was in a land of many waters rivers & fountains  
& here we had hope to gain advantage over the Lamanites.  
<sup>5</sup>& when three hundred & eighty & four years had passed away  
we had gathered in all the remainder of our People unto the land Comorah  
<sup>6</sup>& it came to pass that  
when we had gathered in all our People in one to the lan<sup>d</sup> of Cumorah  
behold I Mormon began to be Old  
& knowing it to be the last struggle of my People  
& haveing been Commanded of the Lord  
that I should no<sup>t</sup> suffer that the records  
which had been handed down by our Fathers which were sacred  
to fall into the hands of the Lamanites  
for the Lamanites would destroy them  
therefore I made this record out of the plates of Nephi  
& hid up in the hill Cumorah all the Records  
which had been entrusted to me by the hand of the Lord  
save it were thse few plates which I gave unto my Son Moroni

<sup>7</sup>& it came to pass that my People with their wives & their Children  
did now behold the armies of the Lamanites **a** marching towards them  
& with that awful fear of death which fills the breasts of all the wicked  
did they await to receive them  
<sup>8</sup>& it came to pass that th<sup>e</sup>y came to battle against us  
& every soul was filled with terror  
because of the greatness of their numbers  
<sup>9</sup>& it came to pass that they did fall upon my People  
with the sword & with the bow & with the arrow & with the Axe  
& with all manner of weapons of war

<sup>10</sup>& it came to pass that my men were hewn down  
yea [or] even my ten thousand which were with me  
& I fell wounded in the midst  
& they passed by me  
that they did not put an end to my life

<sup>11</sup>& when they had gone through & hewn down all my People  
save it **were** twenty & four of us  
among whom was my son Moroni  
& we haveing survived the dead of our People  
did behold on the morrow<sup>w</sup>  
when the Lamanites had returned unto their camps  
from the top of the hill Comorah  
the ten thousand of my People which were hewn down  
being lead in the front by me

<sup>12</sup>& we also beheld the ten thousands of my People  
which were lead by my son moroni

<sup>13</sup>& behold the ten thousand of Sidgiddonah had follen  
& he also in the midst

<sup>14</sup>& Lamah had fallen with his ten thousand  
& Gilgal had fallen with his ten thousand  
& Limhah had follen w<sup>i</sup>th his ten thousand  
& Joneam had fallen with his ten thousand  
& Cumenihah & moronihah & Antionum  
& shiblom & Shem & Josh  
had fallen with their tin thousan each

<sup>15</sup>& it came to pass thot there were ten more  
which did fall by the sword with their ten thousand each  
yea even all my People  
save it were those twenty & four which were with me  
& also a few which had escaped into the south countries  
& a few which had deserted over into the Lamanites  
~~had~~ had fallen  
& their flesh & b<sup>o</sup>nes & blood lay upon the face of the earth  
being left by the han<sup>s</sup>d of those who slew them  
to moulder upon the land & to crumble & to return to their mother earth

<sup>16</sup>& my soul was wrent with anguist  
because of the slain of my People  
& I **cried**

<sup>17</sup>O ye fair ones  
how could ye have departed from the ways of the Lord  
O ye fair ones  
how could ye have r<sup>e</sup>jected that Jesus  
who stood with open arms to receive you

<sup>18</sup> behold if ye had not donee this  
ye would not have fallen  
but behold ye are fallen  
& I mourn your loss

<sup>19</sup> O ye fair sons & daughters  
ye Fathers & Mothers  
ye husbands & wives  
ye fair Ones  
how is it that ye could have fallen

<sup>20</sup> but behold ye are gone  
& my sorrows cannot bring your return  
<sup>21</sup> & the day **soon** come[e]th that your mortal must put on immortality  
& these bodies which are now mouldering in corruption  
must soon become incorruptable bodies  
& then ye must stand before the judgement seat of Christ  
to be judged according to your works  
& if it so be that ye are righteous  
then are ye blessed with your Fathers which have gone before you.

<sup>22</sup> O that ye had repented  
before that this great destruction had come upon you  
but behold ye are gone  
& the Father yea the eternal Father of Heaven knoweth **your** State  
& he doeth with you according to his justece & mercy.