

Mormon 8

Chapter IV ==

¹Behold I Moroni do finish the Record of my Father Mormon
behold I have but few things to write
which things I have been commanded of my Father

²& now it came to pass that after the great & tremend[i]ous battle at Cumorah
behold the Nephites which had escaped into the Country southward
were hunted by the Lamanites until they were all destroyed

³& my Father also was killed by them
& I even I remaineth alone
to write the sad tale of the destruction of my People

but behold they ore gone
& I fulfill the commandment of my Father
& whether they will slay me I know not

⁴therefore I will write & hide up the records in the earth
& whither I go it mattereth not

⁵behold my Father hath made this record
& he hath written the intent thereof

& behold I would write it also
if I had room upon the plates
but I have not

& **Friends** I have none
for I am alone

my Father hath been slain in battle
& all my kinsfolks.

& I have not friends nor whither to go
& how long t~~o~~ the Lord will suffer that I may live I know not

⁶behold four hundred years have passed **away**
since the comeing of our Lord & Savior

⁷& behold the Lamanites have hunted my People the Nephites down
from City to City & from place to place
even until they are no more

& great has been their fall

yea gra^t & marv^elous is the destruction of my People the Nephites

⁸& behold it is the hand of the Lord which hath done it

& behold also the Lamanites are at war one with another

& the whole face of this land is one continual round of Murders & bloodshed
& no one knoweth the end of the war

⁹& now behold I say no more concerning them

for there are none sa^ve save it be Lamanites & robbers
that do exist upon the face of the land

¹⁰& there are none that do know the true God
save it be the Disciples of Jesus which did tarry in the land
until the wickedness of the People were so great
that the Lord would not suffe^r them to remain with the People
& whither they be upon the face of the land no man knoweth
¹¹but behold my Father & I have seen them
& they have ministered unto us
¹²& whoso receiveth this record & shall not condemn it
because of the imperfections which are in it
the same shall know of greater things than these.
behold I am Moroni
and were it possible,
I would make all thing known unto you

¹³behold I make an end of speaking concerning this People.
I am the son of Mormon
& my Father was a descendant of Nephi
¹⁴& I am the same which hideth up this Record unto the Lord
the plates thereof are of no worth
because of the commandment of the Lord
for he truly sayeth that **no one** shall have them to get gain
but the record thereof is of great worth
& whoso shall bring it to light
him will the Lord bless
¹⁵for **none** can have power to bring it to light
save it be given him of God
for God will that it shall be done with an eye singled to his Glory
or the welfare of the ancient & long dispersed covenant People of the Lord
¹⁶& blessed be him that shall bring this thing to light
for it shall be brought out of darkness unto light
according to the word of God
yea it shall be brought out of the earth
& it shall shine forth out of darkness
& come unto the knowledge of the People
& it shall be done by the power of God

¹⁷& if there be faults
they be the faults of a man
but behold we know no fault
nevertheless God knoweth all things
therefore he that condemneth
let him be aware least he shall be in dnger of Hell fire
¹⁸& he that sayeth
shew unto me or ye shall be smitten
let him be aware least he commandeth
that which is forbidden of the Lord
¹⁹for behold the same that judgeth rashly shall be judged rashly again
for according to his works shall his wages be
therefore he that smite[**e**]th shall be smitten again of the Lord

²⁰ behold what the scriptures saith
man shall not smite neithe shall he judge
for judgement is mine saith the Lord
& vengeance is mine also & I will repay
²¹ & he that shall breath out wrath & strifes against the work of the Lord
& against the covenant People of the Lord which is the house of Israel
& shall say
we will destroy the work of the Lord
& the Lord will not remember his covenant^t
which he hath made unto the house of Israel
the same is in danger to be hewn down & cast into the fire
²² for these eternal purposes of the **Lord** shall roll on
untill all his promises shall be fullfilled

²³ search the ~~scriptures~~ Prophecies of Isaiah
behold I cannot write them
yea behold I say unto you
that those saints which have gone before me
which have poss^{ses}ed this land
shall cry yea even from the dust will they cry unto the Lord
& as the Lord live[e]th
he will remember the covenant which he hath made with them
²⁴ & he knoweth their prayers
that they were in **the** behalf of their Brethren
& he knoweth their faith
for in his name could [could] they remove mountains
& in his name could they cause the earth to shake
& by the power of his word did they cause Prisons to tumble to the earth
yea even the fir^ey furnace could not harm them
neither wild beasts nor poison^{ous} serpents
because of the power of his word
²⁵ & behold their prayers were also in behalf of him
that the Lord should suffer to bring these things forth
²⁶ & no one need not say
they shall not comee
for they surely shall
for the Lord hath spoken it
for out of the earth shall they come by the hand of the Lord
& none can stay it

& it shall come in a day
when it shall be said that miracles are done away
& it shall come even as if one should speak from the dead
²⁷ & it shall come in a day
when the blood of saints shall cry unto the Lord
because of secret combinations & the works of darkness

²⁸yea it shall come in a day
when the power of God shall be denied
& churches become defiled
& shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts
yea even in a day when leaders of churches & teachers
in the pride of their hearts
even to the envying of them who belong to their churches

²⁹yea it shall come in a day
when there shall be heard of fires & tempests
& vapours of smoke in foreign lands

³⁰& there shall also be heard of wars & rumors of wars
& earthquakes in divers places

³¹yea it shall come in a day
when there shall be great pollutions upon the face of the earth
there shall be murders & robbing & lying & deceiveings & whoredoms
& all manner of abominations
when there shall be many which will say
do this or do that & it mattereth not
for the Lord will uphold such at the last day
but woe unto such for they are in the gall of bitterness
& in the bonds of iniquity

³²yea it shall come in a day
when there shall be churches built up that shall say
come unto me & for your money you shall be forgiven of your Sins.

³³O ye wicked & perverse ~~Generation~~ & stiffnecked People
why have ye built up churches unto yourselves to get gain
why have ye transfigured the Holy word of God
that ye might bring damnation upon your souls
behold look ye unto the revelations of God
for behold the time cometh at that day
when all these things must be fulfilled

³⁴behold the Lord hath shewn unto me great & marvelous things
concerning that which must shortly come
at that day when these things shall come forth among you

³⁵behold I speak unto you as if ye were presant
& yet ye are not
but behold Jesus Christ hath shewn you unto me
& I know your doing

³⁶& I know that ye do walk in the pride of your hearts
& there are none save a few only
which do not lift themselves up in the pride of their hearts
unto the wearing of ve'y fine apparel
unto envying & strifes & malice & persecutions
& all manner of iniquity
& your churches yea even every one have become polluted
because of the pride of your hearts

³⁷for behold ye do love money & your substances & your fine apparel
& the adorning of your churches
more than ye love the poor & **the** needy the sick & the afflicted.

³⁸O ye pollutions ye hypocrites
ye teachers which sell yourselves for that which will canker
why have ye polluted the Holy Church of God
why are ye ashamed to take upon you the name of Christ
why do you not think that greater is the value of an endless happiness
than that misery which never dies
because of the praise of the world

³⁹why do ye adorn yourselves with that which hath no life
& yet suffer the hungry & the needy & the naked
& the sick & the afflicted to pass by you & notice them not
⁴⁰yea why do ye build up your secret abominations to get gain

& cause that widows should mourn before the Lord
& also orphans to mourn before the Lord
& als^o the blood of their Fathers & their husbands
to cry unto the Lord from the ground for vengeance upon your heads

⁴¹behold the sword of vengeance hangeth over you
& the time soon cometh that he avengeth the blood of the saints upon you
for he will not suffer their Cries any longer.