

THE BOOK OF  
**HELAMAN**



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*An account of the Nephites, their wars and contentions  
and their dissensions.*

*And also the prophecies of many holy prophets before  
the coming of Christ, according to the record  
of Helaman, which was the son of Helaman,  
and also according to the records of his sons,  
even down to the coming of Christ.*

*And also many of the Lamanites are converted;  
an account of their conversion.*

*An account of the righteousness of the Lamanites  
and the wickedness and abominations of the Nephites,  
according to the record of Helaman and his sons,  
even down to the coming of Christ, which is called  
the book of Helaman, etc.*

- 1** AND NOW behold, it came to pass in the commencement  
of the <sup>1</sup>fortieth year of the reign of the judges  
over the people of Nephi,  
There began to be a serious difficulty  
among the people of the Nephites;
- 2** For behold, Pahoron had died and gone  
the way of all the earth;  
Therefore, there began to be a serious contention  
concerning who should have the judgment seat  
among the brethren which were the sons of Pahoron.
- 3** Now these are their names which did contend for the  
judgment seat, which did also cause the people  
to contend—Pahoron, Paanchi and Pacumeni.
- 4** Now these are not all the sons of Pahoron—  
for he had many—  
But these are they which did contend  
for the judgment seat;  
Therefore, they did cause three divisions  
among the people.
- 5** Nevertheless, it came to pass that Pahoron was appointed  
by the voice of the people to be a chief judge

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- and a governor over the people of Nephi.
- 6 And it came to pass that Pacumeni, when he saw  
that he could not obtain the judgment seat,  
He did unite with the voice of the people.
- 7 But behold, Paanchi, and that part of the people  
that were desirous that he should be their governor,  
was exceeding wroth;  
Therefore, he was about to flatter away those people  
to rise up in rebellion against their brethren.
- 8 And it came to pass as he was about to do this,  
Behold, he was taken and was tried according to the voice  
of the people and condemned unto death;  
For he had raised up in rebellion and sought to destroy  
the liberty of the people.
- 9 Now when those people which were desirous  
that he should be their governor saw  
that he was condemned unto death,  
Therefore, they were angry.
- And behold, they sent forth one, Kishcumen,  
even to the judgment seat of Pahoron,  
And murdered Pahoron as he sat upon the judgment seat;
- 10 And he was pursued by the servants of Pahoron.
- But behold, so speedy was the flight of Kishcumen  
that no man could overtake him;
- 11 And he went unto those that sent him and they  
all entered into a covenant,  
Yea, swearing by their everlasting maker that they would  
tell no man that Kishcumen had murdered Pahoron.
- Therefore, Kishcumen was not known  
among the people of Nephi,  
For he was in disguise at the time  
that he murdered Pahoron;
- 12 And Kishcumen and his band which had covenanted  
with him did mingle themselves among the people  
in a manner that they all could not be found;  
But as many as were found were condemned unto death.
- 13 And now behold, Pacumeni was appointed according  
to the voice of the people to be a chief judge  
and a governor over the people,

- To reign in the stead of his brother Pahoron;  
And it was according to his right.
- 14 And all this was done in the fortieth year  
of the reign of the judges;  
And it had an end.
- 15 And it came to pass in the <sup>1</sup>forty and first year of the reign of the judges that the Lamanites had gathered together an innumerable army of men, 1 51 BC  
And armed them with swords and with scimitars,  
and with bows and with arrows,  
and with headplates and with breastplates,  
and with all manner of shields of every kind;  
And they came down again, that they might pitch battle  
against the Nephites.
- 16 And they were led by a man whose name was Coriantumr,  
And he was a descendant of Zarahemla,  
And he was a dissenter from among the Nephites,  
And he was a large and a mighty man.
- 17 Therefore, the king of the Lamanites, whose name  
was Tubaloth, who was the son of Ammaron—  
Now Tubaloth supposing that Coriantumr, he being a  
mighty man, could stand against the Nephites insomuch  
with his strength, and also with his great wisdom,  
That by sending him forth he should gain power  
over the Nephites—
- 18 Therefore, he did stir them up to anger,  
And he did gather together his armies,  
And he did appoint Coriantumr to be their leader,  
And did cause that they should march down to the  
Land of Zarahemla to battle against the Nephites.
- 19 And it came to pass that because of so much contention  
and so much difficulty in the government,  
That they had not kept sufficient guards  
in the Land of Zarahemla;  
For they had supposed that the Lamanites  
durst not come into the heart of their lands  
to attack that great City Zarahemla.
- 20 But it came to pass that Coriantumr did march forth  
at the head of his numerous host and came upon  
the inhabitants of the city,

- And their march was with such exceeding great speed  
 that there was no time for the Nephites  
 to gather together their armies;
- 21 Therefore, Coriantumr did cut down the watch  
 by the entrance of the city,  
 And did march forth with his whole army into the city,  
 And they did slay everyone who did oppose them,  
 insomuch that they did take possession  
 of the whole city.
- 22 And it came to pass that Pacumeni, which was  
 the chief judge, did flee before Coriantumr,  
 even to the walls of the city.
- 23 And it came to pass that Coriantumr did smite him  
 against the wall, insomuch that he died.
- And thus ended the days of Pacumeni.
- 24 And now when Coriantumr saw that he was  
 in possession of the City of Zarahemla,  
 And saw that the Nephites had fled  
 before them and were slain,  
 And were taken and were cast into prison,  
 And that he had obtained the possession  
 of the strongest hold in all the land,  
 His heart took courage, insomuch that he was  
 about to go forth against all the land.
- 25 And now he did not tarry in the Land of Zarahemla,  
 But he did march forth with a large army,  
 even toward the City of Bountiful;  
 For it was his determination to go forth and cut his way  
 through with the sword, that he might obtain  
 the north parts of the land,
- 26 And supposing that their greatest strength  
 was in the center of the land,  
 Therefore, he did march forth, giving them  
 no time to assemble themselves together,  
 save it were in small bodies;  
 And in this manner they did fall upon them  
 and cut them down to the earth.
- 27 But behold, this march of Coriantumr through the center  
 of the land gave Moronihah great advantage over them,

- Notwithstanding the greatness of the number  
of the Nephites which were slain;
- 28 For behold, Moronihah had supposed that the Lamanites  
durst not come into the center of the land,  
But that they would attack the cities round about  
in the borders as they had hitherto done;  
Therefore, Moronihah had caused that their  
strong armies should maintain those parts  
round about by the borders.
- 29 But behold, the Lamanites were not frightened  
according to his desire;  
But they had come into the center of the land and had  
taken the capital city, which was the City of Zarahemla,  
And were marching through the  
most capital parts of the land,  
Slaying the people with a great slaughter—  
both men, women and children—  
Taking possession of many cities and of many strongholds.
- 30 But when Moronihah had discovered this,  
He immediately sent forth Lehi with an army  
round about to head them before they  
should come to the Land Bountiful;
- 31 And thus he did;  
And he did head them before they came to the  
Land Bountiful and gave unto them battle,  
Insomuch that they began to retreat  
back toward the Land of Zarahemla.
- 32 And it came to pass that Moronihah did head them  
in their retreat and did give unto them battle,  
Insomuch that it became an exceeding bloody battle;  
Yea, many were slain;  
And among the number which were slain,  
Coriantumr was also found.
- 33 And now behold, the Lamanites could not  
retreat either way—  
neither on the north,  
nor on the south,  
nor on the east,  
nor on the west—  
For they were surrounded on every hand by the Nephites.

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- 34 And thus had Coriantumr plunged the Lamanites  
into the midst of the Nephites,  
Insomuch that they were in the power of the Nephites;  
And he himself was slain,  
And the Lamanites did yield themselves up  
into the hands of the Nephites.
- 35 And it came to pass that Moronihah took possession  
of the City of Zarahemla again,  
And caused that the Lamanites which had been taken  
prisoners should depart out of the land in peace.
- 36 And thus ended the forty and first year  
of the reign of the judges.
- 37 And it came to pass in the <sup>1</sup>forty and second year  
of the reign of the judges,  
After Moronihah had established again the peace  
between the Nephites and the Lamanites,  
Behold, there was no one to fill the judgment seat;  
Therefore, there began to be a contention again among the  
people concerning who should fill the judgment seat.
- 38 And it came to pass that Helaman, which was the son  
of Helaman, was appointed to fill the judgment seat  
by the voice of the people.
- 39 But behold, Kishcumen, who had murdered Pahoron,  
did lay wait to destroy Helaman also;  
And he was upheld by his band which had entered into  
a covenant that no one should know his wickedness.
- 40 For there was one, Gaddianton, who was exceeding expert  
in many words, and also in his craft, to carry on  
the secret work of murder and of robbery;  
Therefore, he became the leader of the band of Kishcumen;
- 41 Therefore, he did flatter them, and also Kishcumen,  
that if they would place him in the judgment seat,  
He would grant unto those which belonged to his band  
that they should be placed in power and authority  
among the people;  
Therefore, Kishcumen sought to destroy Helaman.
- 42 And it came to pass as he went forth toward  
the judgment seat to destroy Helaman,  
Behold, one of the servants of Helaman—having been  
out by night and having obtained through disguise

- a knowledge of those plans which had been laid  
by this band to destroy Helaman—
- 43 And it came to pass that he met Kishcumen  
and he gave unto him a sign;  
Therefore, Kishcumen made known unto him  
the object of his desire,  
Desiring that he would conduct him to the judgment seat,  
that he might murder Helaman.
- 44 And it came to pass that when the servant of Helaman  
had known all the heart of Kishcumen,  
And how that it was his object to murder,  
And also that it was the object of all those which belonged  
to his band to murder and to rob and to gain power—  
and this was their secret plan and their combination—  
The servant of Helaman saith unto Kishcumen:  
“Let us go forth unto the judgment seat.”
- 45 Now this did please Kishcumen exceedingly,  
For he did suppose that he should accomplish his design;  
But behold, the servant of Helaman, as they were going  
forth unto the judgment seat, did stab Kishcumen,  
even to the heart, that he fell dead without a groan;
- 46 And he ran and told Helaman all the things  
which he had seen and heard and done.
- 47 And it came to pass that Helaman did send forth  
to take this band of robbers and secret murderers,  
that they might be <sup>a</sup>executed according to the law.
- 48 But behold, when Gaddianton had found  
that Kishcumen did not return,  
He feared lest that he should be destroyed;  
Therefore, he caused that his band should follow him;
- 49 And they took their flight out of the land  
by a secret way into the wilderness;  
And thus when Helaman sent forth to take them,  
they could nowhere be found;  
And more of this Gaddianton shall be spoken hereafter.
- 50 And thus ended the forty and second year of the reign  
of the judges over the people of Nephi.
- 51 And behold, in the end of this book ye shall see that  
this Gaddianton did prove the <sup>b</sup>overthrow, yea,  
almost the entire destruction of the people of Nephi—

a 2N 7:22  
A 21:70

b Mn 1:19-20

- 52 Behold, I do not mean the end of the book of Helaman,  
But I mean the end of the book of Nephi from which  
I have taken all the account which I have written.
- 1 49 BC **2** **AND NOW** it came to pass in the <sup>1</sup>forty and third year  
of the reign of the judges,  
There was no contention among the people of Nephi,  
save it were a little pride which was in the church,  
Which did cause some little dissensions among the people,  
Which affairs were settled in the ending  
of the forty and third year.
- 2 48 BC 2 And there was no contention among the people  
in the <sup>2</sup>forty and fourth year;  
Neither was there much contention  
in the <sup>3</sup>forty and fifth year.
- 3 47 BC 3 And it came to pass in the <sup>4</sup>forty and sixth year,  
there were much contentions and many dissensions,  
In the which there were an exceeding great many which  
departed out of the Land of Zarahemla and went forth  
unto the Land Northward to inherit the land.
- 4 46 BC 4 And they did travel to an exceeding great distance,  
insomuch that they came to <sup>a</sup>large bodies  
of water and many rivers;
- a A 22:30 5 Yea, and even they did spread forth  
into all parts of the land,  
Into whatever parts it had not been rendered desolate  
and without timber because of the many inhabitants  
which had before inherited the land.
- 6 And now no part of the land was desolate,  
save it were for timber, etc.;
- 7 But because of the greatness of the destruction  
of the people which had before inhabited the land,  
It was called desolate.
- 8 And there being but little timber upon the face of the land,  
Nevertheless, the people which went forth became  
exceeding expert in the working of cement;  
Therefore, they did build houses of cement  
in the which they did dwell.
- 8 And it came to pass that they did multiply and spread,

And did go forth from the Land Southward  
to the Land Northward,  
And did spread insomuch that they began to cover  
the face of the whole earth—  
from the sea south to the sea north,  
from the sea west to the sea east.

9 And the people which were in the Land Northward  
did dwell in tents and in houses of cement,  
And they did suffer whatsoever tree should spring 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 and their temples and their synagogues  
and their sanctuaries and all manner of their buildings.

10 And it came to pass as timber was exceeding scarce  
in the Land Northward,  
They did send forth much by the way of <sup>a</sup>shipping;  
And thus they did enable the people in the  
Land Northward, that they might build many cities,  
both of wood and of cement.

a A 30:6-13

11 And it came to pass that there were many  
of the people of Ammon which were Lamanites  
by birth did also go forth into this land.

12 And now there are many records kept of the proceedings  
of this people—by many of this people—  
Which are particular and very large concerning them.

13 But behold, a <sup>b</sup>hundredth part of the proceedings  
of this people—  
Yea, the account of the Lamanites and of the Nephites,  
And their wars and contentions and dissensions,  
And their preaching and their prophecies,  
And their shipping and their building of ships,  
And their building of temples and of synagogues  
and their sanctuaries,  
And their righteousness and their wickedness and their  
murders and their robbings and their plunderings,  
And all manner of abominations and whoredoms—  
Cannot be contained in this work.

b 3N 12:1-5

14 But behold, there are many books  
and many records of every kind,  
And they have been kept chiefly by the Nephites;

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a A 21:10-14

And they have been handed down from one generation  
to another by the Nephites, even until  
they have fallen into transgression,  
And have been murdered, plundered and hunted,  
And driven forth and slain and scattered  
upon the face of the earth,  
And mixed with the Lamanites until  
they are <sup>a</sup>no more called the Nephites,  
becoming wicked and wild and ferocious,  
Yea, even becoming Lamanites.

15 And now I return again to mine account.

Therefore, what I have spoken had passed after there had  
been great contentions and disturbances and wars  
and dissensions among the people of Nephi;

16 The forty and sixth year of the reign of the judges ended.

17 And it came to pass that there was  
still great contentions in the land,  
Yea, even in the <sup>1</sup>forty and seventh year,  
And also in the <sup>2</sup>forty and eighth year.

1 45 BC

2 44 BC

18 Nevertheless, Helaman did fill the judgment seat  
with justice and equity;  
Yea, he did observe to keep the statutes and the  
judgments and the commandments of God;  
And he did do that which was right  
in the sight of God continually;  
And he did walk after the ways of his father,  
insomuch that he did prosper in the land.

19 And it came to pass that he had two sons—  
He gave unto the eldest the name of Nephi,  
and unto the youngest the name of Lehi;  
And they began to grow up unto the Lord.

20 And it came to pass that the wars and contentions  
began to cease, in a small degree,  
among the people of the Nephites,  
In the latter end of the forty and eighth year  
of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi.

3 43 BC

21 And it came to pass in the <sup>3</sup>forty and ninth year  
of the reign of the judges, there was continual peace  
established in the land—

All, save it were the secret combinations which  
 Gaddianton the robber had established  
 in the more settled 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.

- 22 And it came to pass that in this same year, there  
 was exceeding great prosperity in the church,  
 Insomuch that there were thousands who did join  
 themselves unto the church and were baptized  
 unto repentance;
- 23 And so great was the prosperity of the church,  
 And so many the blessings which were  
 poured out upon the people,  
 That even the high priests and the teachers  
 were themselves astonished beyond measure.
- 24 And it came to pass that the work of the Lord did prosper,  
 unto the baptizing and the uniting to the church of God  
 many souls, yea, even tens of thousands.
- 25 Thus we may see that the Lord is merciful  
 unto all who will, in the sincerity of their hearts,  
 call upon His holy name.

Yea, thus we see that the gate of heaven is open unto all,  
 even to those who will believe on the name  
 of Jesus Christ, which is the Son of God.

- 26 Yea, we see that whosoever will lay hold upon  
 the word of God, which is <sup>1</sup>quick and powerful,  
 Which shall divide asunder all the cunning  
 and the snares and the wiles of the devil,  
 And lead the man of Christ in a strait and narrow  
 course across that everlasting gulf of misery  
 which is prepared to engulf the wicked,  
 And land their souls, yea, their immortal souls,  
 at the right hand of God in the kingdom of heaven,  
 To sit down with Abraham and Isaac and with Jacob  
 and with all our holy fathers to go no more out.
- 27 And in this year there was continual rejoicing  
 in the Land of Zarahemla,  
 And in all the regions round about,

<sup>1</sup> quick = alive

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- Even in all the land which was possessed by the Nephites.
- 28 And it came to pass that there was peace and exceeding great joy in the remainder of the forty and ninth year.
- Yea, and also there was continual peace and great joy in the <sup>1</sup>fiftieth year of the reign of the judges.
- 1 42 BC
- 2 41 BC
- 29 And in the <sup>2</sup>fifty and first year of the reign of the 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— And they were lifted up in pride, even to the persecution of many of their brethren.
- 30 Now this was a great evil which did cause the more humble part of the people to suffer great persecutions and to wade through much affliction.
- 31 Nevertheless, they did fast and pray oft, And did wax stronger and stronger in their humility, And <sup>a</sup>firmer and firmer in the faith of Christ, Unto the filling their souls with joy and consolation, Yea, even to the purifying and the sanctification of their hearts, Which sanctification cometh because of their yielding their <sup>b</sup>hearts unto God.
- a Jac 2:50
- b 1N 1:48  
2N 7:40
- 3 40 BC
- 32 And it came to pass that the <sup>3</sup>fifty and second year ended in peace also, Save it were the exceeding great pride which had got into the hearts of the people; And it was because of their exceeding great riches and their prosperity in the land; And it did grow upon them from day to day.
- 4 39 BC
- 33 And it came to pass in the <sup>4</sup>fifty and third year of the reign of the judges, Helaman died and his eldest son Nephi began to reign in his stead.
- 34 And it came to pass that he did fill the judgment seat with justice and equity; Yea, he did keep the commandments of God

- and did walk in the ways of his father.
- 35 And it came to pass in the <sup>1</sup>fifty and fourth year, there were many dissensions in the church, And there was also a contention among the people, insomuch that there was much bloodshed; And the rebellious part were slain and driven out of the land, And they did go unto the king of the Lamanites. 1 38 BC
- 36 And it came to pass that they did endeavor to stir up the Lamanites to war against the Nephites; But behold, the Lamanites were exceeding afraid, insomuch that they would not hearken to the words of those dissenters.
- 37 But it came to pass in the <sup>2</sup>fifty and sixth year of the reign of the judges, there were dissenters which went up from the Nephites unto the Lamanites; And they succeeded with those others in stirring them up to anger against the Nephites; And they were all that year preparing for war. 2 36 BC
- 38 And in the <sup>3</sup>fifty and seventh year, they did come down against the Nephites to battle, And they did commence the work of death; Yea, insomuch that in the <sup>4</sup>fifty and eighth year of the reign of the judges, They succeeded in obtaining possession of the Land of Zarahemla, yea, and also all the lands even unto the land which was near the Land Bountiful; 3 35 BC
- 39 And the Nephites and the armies of Moronihah were driven even into the Land of Bountiful; And there they did fortify against the Lamanites from the West Sea even unto the east— It being a day's journey for a Nephite on the line which they had fortified— And stationed their armies to defend their North Country. 4 34 BC
- 40 And thus those dissenters of the Nephites, with the help of a numerous army of the Lamanites, had obtained all the possession of the Nephites which was in the Land Southward.
- 41 And all this was done in the fifty and eighth and <sup>5</sup>ninth years of the reign of the judges. 5 33 BC

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- 1 32 BC | 42 And it came to pass in the <sup>1</sup>sixtieth year  
of the reign of the judges,  
Moronihah did succeed with his armies  
in obtaining many parts of the land;  
Yea, they retained many cities which had fallen  
into the hands of the Lamanites.
- 2 31 BC | 43 And it came to pass in the <sup>2</sup>sixty and first year  
of the reign of the judges,  
They succeeded in retaining even the half  
of all their possessions.
- 44 Now this great loss of the Nephites, and the great slaughter  
which was among them, would not have happened  
had it not been for their wickedness and their  
abomination which was among them;  
Yea, and it was among those also which professed  
to belong to the church of God.
- 45 And it was because of the pride of their hearts,  
because of their exceeding riches;  
Yea, it was because of their oppression to the poor—  
withholding their food from the hungry,  
withholding their clothing from the naked—  
And smiting their humble brethren upon the cheek,  
Making a <sup>a</sup>mock of that which was sacred,  
Denying the spirit of prophecy and of revelation,  
Murdering, plundering, lying, stealing, committing  
adultery, raising up in great contentions,  
And dissenting away into the Land of Nephi,  
among the Lamanites.
- a 1N 1:19  
Jac 4:13  
H 5:33  
Eth 5:27
- b Mn 1:56 | 46 And because of this, their great wickedness  
and their boastings in their own strength,  
they were <sup>b</sup>left in their own strength;  
Therefore, they did not prosper,  
But were afflicted and smitten and driven  
before the Lamanites, until they had lost  
possession of almost all their lands.
- 47 But behold, Moronihah did preach many things  
unto the people because of their iniquity,  
And also Nephi and Lehi, which were the sons of  
Helaman, did preach many things unto the people,
- 48 Yea, and did prophesy many things unto them

concerning their iniquities and what should come  
unto them if they did not repent of their sins.

- 49 And it came to pass that they did repent,  
And inasmuch as they did repent,  
they did begin to prosper;
- 50 For when Moronihah saw that they did repent,  
he did venture to lead them forth from place  
to place and from city to city,  
Even until they had retained the one half of their  
property and the one half of all their lands.
- 51 And thus ended the sixty and first year  
of the reign of the judges.
- 52 And it came to pass in the <sup>1</sup>sixty and second year  
of the reign of the judges that Moronihah could  
obtain no more possessions over the Lamanites;
- 53 Therefore, they did abandon their design  
to obtain the remainder of their lands,  
For so numerous were the Lamanites  
that it became impossible for the Nephites  
to obtain more power over them;  
Therefore, Moronihah did employ all his armies  
in maintaining those parts which he had taken.
- 54 And it came to pass because of the greatness of the  
number of the Lamanites, the Nephites were in  
great fear lest they should be overpowered  
and trodden down and slain and destroyed;
- 55 Yea, they began to remember the prophecies of Alma  
and also the words of Mosiah.
- And they saw that they had been a stiff-necked people,  
And that they had <sup>a</sup>set at naught  
the commandments of God;
- 56 And that they had altered and trampled under their feet  
the <sup>b</sup>laws of Mosiah—or that which the Lord  
commanded him to give unto the people.
- 57 And thus seeing that their laws had become corrupted  
and that they had become a wicked people,  
Insomuch that they were wicked even like  
unto the Lamanites,
- 58 And because of their iniquity,  
The church had begun to dwindle;

<sup>1</sup> 30 BC  
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<sup>a</sup> 1N 5:232-235

<sup>b</sup> A 1:25-27

And they began to disbelieve in the spirit of prophecy  
and in the spirit of revelation;  
And the judgments of God did stare them in the face.

a A 16:233-234

59 And they saw they had become weak like unto  
their brethren the Lamanites,  
And that the Spirit of the Lord did no more preserve them,  
Yea, it had <sup>a</sup>withdrawn from them because the Spirit  
of the Lord doth not dwell in unholy temples;

60 Therefore, the Lord did cease to preserve them  
by His miraculous and matchless power,  
For they had fallen into a state of unbelief  
and awful wickedness.

And they saw that the Lamanites were more  
exceeding numerous than they,  
And except they should repent unto the Lord, their God,  
They must unavoidably perish.

61 For behold, they saw that the strength of the Lamanites  
was as great as their strength, even man for man.

62 And thus had they fallen into this great transgression;  
Yea, thus had they become weak, because of their  
transgression, in the space of not many years.

63 And it came to pass that in this same year,  
Behold, Nephi delivered up the judgment seat  
to a man whose name was Cezoram.

64 For as their laws and their governments were  
established by the voice of the people,  
And they which chose evil were more numerous  
than they which chose good,  
Therefore, they were ripening for destruction,  
for the laws had become corrupted.

65 Yea, and this was not all—  
They were a stiff-necked people,  
Insomuch that they could not be governed by the law  
nor justice, save it were to their destruction.

66 And it came to pass that Nephi had become weary  
because of their iniquity,  
And he yielded up the judgment seat and took it upon him  
to preach the word of God all the remainder of his days,

And his brother Lehi also, all the remainder of his days;  
For they remembered the words which  
their father Helaman spake unto them.

- 67 And these are the words which he spake:  
“Behold, my sons, I desire that ye should remember  
to keep the commandments of God;  
And I would that ye should declare  
unto the people these words.
- 68 “Behold, I have given unto you the names of our first  
parents which came out of the Land of Jerusalem;  
And this I have done that when you remember your names,  
that ye may remember them;  
And when ye remember them, ye may remember  
their works;  
And when ye remember their works, ye may know how  
that it is said, and also written, that they were good.
- 69 “Therefore, my sons,  
I would that ye should do that which is good,  
that it may be said of you, and also written,  
Even as it has been said and written of them.
- 70 “And now my sons, behold, I have  
somewhat more to desire of you,  
Which desire is that ye may not do these things  
that ye may boast,  
But that ye may do these things to lay up  
for yourselves a treasure in heaven,  
Yea, which is eternal and which fadeth not away;  
Yea, that ye may have that precious gift  
of eternal life, which ye have reason to suppose  
hath been given to our fathers.
- 71 “O remember, remember, my sons, the words  
which King Benjamin spake unto his people;  
Yea, remember that there is <sup>a</sup>no other way nor means  
whereby man can be saved,  
Only through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ,  
which shall come;  
Yea, remember that He cometh to redeem the world.
- 72 “And remember also the words which Amulek  
spake unto Zeezrom in the City of Ammonihah;  
For he said unto him that the Lord surely should come

a Mos 1:116; 3:11

a A 8:87-92

- to redeem His people;  
 But that He should <sup>a</sup>not come to redeem them in their sins,  
 But to redeem them from their sins;
- 73 And He hath power given unto Him from the Father  
 to redeem them from their sins because of repentance;  
 Therefore, He hath sent His angels to declare  
 the tidings of the conditions of repentance,  
 Which bringeth unto the power of the Redeemer,  
 unto the salvation of their souls.
- 74 “And now my sons, remember, remember that it is  
 upon the Rock of our Redeemer, which is Christ,  
 the Son of God, that ye must build your foundation;  
 That when the devil shall send forth his mighty winds,  
 yea, his shafts in the whirlwind,
- 75 Yea, when all his hail and his mighty storm  
 shall beat upon you,  
 It shall have no power over you to drag you down  
 to the gulf of misery and endless wo,  
 Because of the Rock upon which ye are built,  
 which is a sure foundation, a foundation  
 whereon if men buildeth, they cannot fall.”
- 76 And it came to pass that these were the words  
 which Helaman taught to his sons;  
 Yea, he did teach them many things which are not written,  
 and also many things which are written.
- 77 And they did remember his words;  
 And therefore, they went forth—keeping the  
 commandments of God—to teach the word of God  
 among all the people of Nephi,  
 Beginning at the City Bountiful,  
 and from thenceforth to the City of Gid,  
 and from the City of Gid to the City of Mulek;
- 78 And even from one city to another until they had  
 gone forth among all the people of Nephi  
 which were in the Land Southward;  
 And from thence into the Land of Zarahemla,  
 among the Lamanites.
- 79 And it came to pass that they did preach with great power,  
 Insomuch that they did confound many of those dissenters  
 which had gone over from the Nephites,  
 Insomuch that they came forth and did confess their sins

and were baptized unto repentance,  
 And immediately returned to the Nephites to endeavor  
 to repair unto them the wrongs which they had done.

80 And it came to pass that <sup>a</sup>Nephi and Lehi did preach unto  
 the Lamanites with such great power and authority—  
 For they had power and authority given unto them  
 that they might speak,  
 And they also had what they should speak  
 given unto them—

a H 3:113-122

81 Therefore, they did speak unto the great astonishment  
 of the Lamanites to the convincing them,  
 Insomuch that there were eight thousand of the  
 Lamanites which were in the Land of Zarahemla  
 and round about baptized unto repentance,  
 And were convinced of the wickedness  
 of the traditions of their fathers.

82 And it came to pass that Nephi and Lehi did proceed  
 from thence to go to the Land of Nephi.

83 And it came to pass that they were taken by an army  
 of the Lamanites and cast into prison;  
 Yea, even in that <sup>b</sup>same prison in which Ammon and  
 his brethren were cast by the servants of Limhi;

b Mos 5:7-10;  
 9:164

84 And after they had been cast into prison  
 many days without food,  
 Behold, they went forth into the prison to take them,  
 that they might slay them.

85 And it came to pass that Nephi and Lehi  
 were encircled about as if by fire,  
 Even insomuch that they durst not lay their hands  
 upon them for fear, lest they should be burned.

86 Nevertheless, Nephi and Lehi were not burned,  
 And they were as standing in the midst of fire  
 and were not burned;

87 And when they saw that they were encircled about  
 with a <sup>c</sup>pillar of fire and that it burned them not,  
 Their hearts did take courage;

c 1N 1:5  
 Ex 3:2; 13:21-22;  
 14:24  
 Deut 5:26

88 For they saw that the Lamanites durst not  
 lay their hands upon them;  
 Neither durst they come near unto them, but stood  
 as if they were struck dumb with amazement.

- 89 And it came to pass that Nephi and Lehi did stand forth  
and began to speak unto them, saying:  
“Fear not!  
For behold, it is God that hath shown  
unto you this marvelous thing,  
In the which is shown unto you that ye cannot  
lay your hands on us to slay us.”
- 90 And behold, when they had said these words,  
the earth shook exceedingly,  
And the walls of the prison did shake, as if  
they were about to tumble to the earth;  
But behold, they did not fall.
- 91 And behold, they that were in the prison were  
Lamanites and Nephites which were dissenters.
- 92 And it came to pass that they were overshadowed  
with a cloud of darkness,  
And an awful, solemn fear came upon them.
- a 3N 4:26 93 And it came to pass that there came a <sup>a</sup>voice as if  
it were above the cloud of darkness, saying:  
“Repent ye, repent ye!  
And seek no more to destroy My servants which  
I have sent unto you to declare good tidings!”
- b 1N 5:146  
3N 5:4-5 94 And it came to pass when they heard this <sup>b</sup>voice  
and beheld that it was not a voice of thunder—  
Neither was it a voice of a great tumultuous noise,  
But behold, it was a still voice of perfect mildness,  
as if it had been a whisper,  
And it did pierce even to the very soul—
- 95 And notwithstanding the mildness of the voice,  
Behold, the earth shook exceedingly,  
And the walls of the prison trembled again  
as if it were about to tumble to the earth;  
And behold, the cloud of darkness which  
had overshadowed them did not disperse.
- 96 And behold, the voice came again, saying:  
“Repent ye, repent ye! for the kingdom  
of heaven is at hand;  
And seek no more to destroy My servants!”
- 97 And it came to pass that the earth shook again

- and the walls trembled;  
 And also again the third time the voice came  
 and did speak unto them marvelous words  
 which cannot be uttered by man;  
 And the walls did tremble again and the earth shook  
 as if it were about to divide asunder.
- 98 And it came to pass that the Lamanites  
 could not flee because of the cloud of darkness  
 which did overshadow them;  
 Yea, and also they were immovable because  
 of the fear which did come upon them.
- 99 Now there was one among them who was a Nephite  
 by birth who had once belonged to the church  
 of God but had dissented from them;
- 100 And it came to pass that he turned him about,  
 And behold, he saw through the cloud of darkness  
 the faces of Nephi and Lehi;  
 And behold, they did <sup>a</sup>shine exceedingly,  
 even as the face of angels;
- 101 And he beheld that they did lift their eyes to heaven;  
 And they were in the attitude as if talking or lifting  
 their voices to some Being which they beheld.
- 102 And it came to pass that this man did cry unto  
 the multitude that they might turn and look.
- 103 And behold, there was power given unto them  
 that they did turn and look;  
 And they did behold the faces of Nephi and Lehi.
- 104 And they said unto the man:  
 “Behold, what doth all these things mean?  
 And who is it with whom these men do converse?”
- 105 Now the man’s name was Aminadab;  
 And Aminadab saith unto them:  
 “They do converse with the angels of God.”
- 106 And it came to pass that the Lamanites said unto him:  
 “What shall we do that this cloud of darkness  
 may be removed from overshadowing us?”
- 107 And Aminadab saith unto them:  
 “You must repent and cry unto the voice, even until

a Mos 7:106  
 3N 9:25-26

- ye shall have faith in Christ, which was taught unto you by Alma and Amulek and by Zeezrom; And when ye shall do this, the cloud of darkness shall be removed from overshadowing you.”
- 108 And it came to pass that they all did begin to cry unto the voice of Him which had shook the earth; Yea, they did cry even until the cloud of darkness was dispersed.
- 109 And it came to pass that when they cast their eyes about and saw that the cloud of darkness was dispersed from overshadowing them, And behold, they saw that they were encircled about, yea, every soul, by a pillar of fire;
- 110 And Nephi and Lehi were in the midst of them— Yea, they were encircled about, Yea, they were as if in the midst of a flaming fire, yet it did harm them not, Neither did it take hold upon the walls of the prison— And they were filled with that joy which is unspeakable and full of glory;
- 111 And behold, the Holy Spirit of God did come down from heaven and did enter into their hearts, And they were filled as if with fire; And they could speak forth marvelous words.
- 112 And it came to pass that there came a voice unto them, yea, a pleasant voice, as if it were a whisper, saying: “Peace, peace be unto you because of your faith in My Well-Beloved which was from the foundation of the world.”
- 113 And now when they heard this, they cast up their eyes as if to behold from whence the voice came; And behold, they saw the heavens open, And angels came down out of heaven and ministered unto them;
- 114 And there were about three hundred souls which saw and heard these things; And they were bid to go forth and marvel not, neither should they doubt.
- 115 And it came to pass that they did go forth and did minister unto the people,

- Declaring throughout all the regions round about  
all the things which they had heard and seen,  
Insomuch that the more part of the Lamanites were  
convinced of them because of the greatness of the  
evidences which they had received;
- 116 And as many as were convinced did lay down  
their weapons of war, and also their hatred,  
and the tradition of their fathers.
- 117 And it came to pass that they did yield up unto  
the Nephites the lands of their possession.
- 118 And it came to pass that when the sixty  
and second year of the reign of the judges  
had ended, all these things had happened;  
And the Lamanites had become, the more  
part of them, a righteous people,  
Insomuch that their righteousness did exceed  
that of the Nephites because of their firmness  
and their steadiness in the faith.
- 119 For behold, there were many of the Nephites which had  
become hardened and impenitent and grossly wicked,  
Insomuch that they did reject the word of God  
and all the preaching and prophesying  
which did come among them.
- 120 Nevertheless, the people of the church did have great joy  
because of the conversion of the Lamanites,  
Yea, because of the church of God which  
had been established among them;
- 121 And they did fellowship one with another and did  
rejoice one with another and did have great joy.
- 122 And it came to pass that many of the Lamanites  
did come down into the Land of Zarahemla,  
And did declare unto the people of the Nephites  
the manner of their conversion,  
And did exhort them to faith and repentance;
- 123 Yea, and many did preach with exceeding  
great power and authority,  
Unto the bringing down many of them into  
the depths of humility, to be the humble  
followers of God and of the Lamb.
- 124 And it came to pass that many of the Lamanites

1 29 BC

did go into the Land Northward;  
And also Nephi and Lehi went into the Land  
Northward to preach unto the people.

125 And thus ended the <sup>1</sup>sixty and third year.

126 And behold, there was peace in all the land,  
Insomuch that the Nephites did go into  
whatsoever part of the land they would,  
whether among the Nephites or the Lamanites.

127 And it came to pass that the Lamanites  
did also go whithersoever they would,  
Whether it were among the Lamanites  
or among the Nephites;  
And thus they did have free intercourse one with  
another for to buy and to sell and to get gain,  
according to their desire.

128 And it came to pass that they became exceeding rich,  
both the Lamanites and the Nephites;  
And they did have an exceeding plenty of gold and  
of silver and of all manner of precious metals,  
Both in the Land South and in the Land North.

129 Now the Land South was called Lehi,  
And the Land North was called Mulek,  
which was after the son of Zedekiah;  
For the Lord did bring Mulek into the Land North  
and Lehi into the Land South.

130 And behold, there was all manner of gold in both these  
lands, and of silver and of precious ore of every kind;  
And there were also <sup>2</sup>curious workmen which did work  
all kinds of ore and did refine it;  
And thus they did become rich.

<sup>2</sup> curious =  
unusual  
or superior  
craftsmanship  
1N 5:11

131 They did raise grain in abundance,  
both in the north and in the south;  
And they did flourish exceedingly,  
both in the north and in the south;

132 And they did multiply and wax  
exceeding strong in the land;  
And they did raise many flocks and herds,  
yea, many fatlings.

133	Behold, their women did toil and spin and did make all manner of cloth of fine-twined <sup>a</sup> linen and cloth of every kind to clothe their nakedness.	a Mos 6:32 A 1:43-44; 2:8-10
134	And thus the <sup>1</sup> sixty and fourth year did pass away in peace.	1 28 BC
135	And in the <sup>2</sup> sixty and fifth year, they did also have great joy and peace, Yea, much preaching and many prophecies concerning that which was to come; And thus passed away the sixty and fifth year.	2 27 BC
136	And it came to pass that in the <sup>3</sup> sixty and sixth year of the reign of the judges, Behold, Cezoram was murdered by an unknown hand as he sat upon the judgment seat.	3 26 BC
137	And it came to pass that in the same year, that his son which had been appointed by the people in his stead was also murdered; And thus ended the sixty and sixth year.	
138	And in the commencement of the <sup>4</sup> sixty and seventh year, the people began to grow exceeding wicked again;	4 25 BC
139	For behold, the Lord had blessed them so long with the riches of the world, That they had not been stirred up to anger, to wars, nor to bloodsheds; Therefore, they began to set their hearts upon their riches;	
140	Yea, they began to seek to get gain that they might be lifted up one above another; Therefore, they began to commit secret murders and to rob and to plunder, that they might get gain.	
141	And now behold, those murderers and plunderers were a band which had been formed by Kishcumen and Gaddianton.	
142	And now it had come to pass that there were many, even among the Nephites, of Gaddianton's band; But behold, they were more numerous among the more wicked part of the Lamanites;	
143	And they were called Gaddianton's robbers and murderers; And it was they which did murder the chief judge Cezoram and his son while in the judgment seat;	

- And behold, they were not found.
- 144 And now it came to pass that when the Lamanites found that there were robbers among them, They were exceeding sorrowful; And they did use every means whatsoever was in their power to destroy them off the face of the earth.
- 145 But behold, satan did stir up the hearts of the more parts of the Nephites insomuch that they did unite with those bands of robbers, And did enter into their covenants and their oaths that they would protect and preserve one another in whatsoever difficult circumstances they should be placed, In that they should not suffer for their murders and their plunderings and their stealings.
- 146 And it came to pass that they did have their signs, yea, their secret signs and their secret words; And this that they might distinguish a brother who had entered into the covenant, That whatsoever wickedness his brother should do, he should not be injured by his brother, Nor by those who did belong to his band who had taken this covenant.
- 147 And thus they might murder and plunder and steal and commit whoredoms and all manner of wickedness contrary to the laws of their country, and also the laws of their God;
- 148 And whosoever of those which belonged to their band should reveal unto the world of their wickedness and their abominations should be tried— Not according to the laws of their country, But according to the laws of their wickedness which had been given by Gaddianton and Kishcumen.
- 149 Now behold, it is these secret oaths and covenants which Alma commanded his son should not go forth unto the world, Lest they should be a means of bringing down the people unto destruction.
- 150 Now behold, those <sup>a</sup>secret oaths and covenants did not come forth unto Gaddianton from the records which were delivered unto Helaman;

a A 17:58-61

- 151 But behold, they were put into the heart of Gaddianton  
by that same being who did entice our first parents  
to partake of the forbidden fruit—  
Yea, that same being who did plot with Cain,  
that if he would murder his brother Abel,  
it should not be known unto the world;
- 152 And he did <sup>a</sup>plot with Cain and his followers  
from that time forth.
- 153 And also it is that same being who put it into the hearts  
of the people to build a <sup>b</sup>tower sufficiently high  
that they might get to heaven.
- 154 And it was that same being which led on the people  
which came from that Tower into this land,  
Which spread the works of darkness and abominations  
over all the face of the land, until he dragged the people  
down to an entire <sup>c</sup>destruction and to an everlasting hell.
- 155 Yea, it is that same being who put it into the heart  
of Gaddianton to still carry on the work  
of darkness and of secret murder;  
And he hath brought it forth from the beginning of man,  
even down to this time.
- 156 And behold, it is he which is the author of all sin;  
And behold, he doth carry on his works of darkness  
and secret murder,  
And doth hand down their plots and their oaths  
and their covenants and their plans of awful  
wickedness from generation to generation,  
According as he can get hold upon  
the hearts of the children of men.
- 157 And now behold, he had got great hold  
upon the hearts of the Nephites,  
Yea, insomuch that they had become exceeding wicked;
- 158 Yea, the more part of them had turned  
out of the way of righteousness,  
And did trample under their feet  
the commandments of God,  
And did turn unto their own ways,  
And did build up unto themselves idols  
of their gold and of their silver.
- 159 And it came to pass that all these iniquities did come

a Gen 5:6-16,  
35-39 (IV only)

b Eth 1:5

c Eth ch 6

1 24 BC

- unto them in the space of not many years,  
 Insomuch that the more part of it had come  
 unto them in the sixty and seventh year of the  
 reign of the judges over the people of Nephi.
- 160 And they did grow in their iniquities in the <sup>1</sup>sixty  
 and eighth year also, to the great sorrow  
 and lamentation of the righteous.
- 161 And thus we see that the Nephites did begin to dwindle  
 in unbelief and grow in wickedness and abominations,  
 While the Lamanites began to grow exceedingly  
 in the knowledge of their God;  
 Yea, they did begin to keep His statutes and command-  
 ments and to walk in truth and uprightness before Him.
- 162 And thus we see that the Spirit of the Lord  
 began to withdraw from the Nephites because of  
 the wickedness and the hardness of their hearts.
- 163 And thus we see that the Lord began to pour out  
 His Spirit upon the Lamanites because of their  
 easiness and willingness to believe in His word.
- 164 And it came to pass that the Lamanites did hunt  
 the band of robbers of Gaddianton;  
 And they did preach the word of God among  
 the more wicked part of them,  
 Insomuch that this band of robbers was utterly  
 destroyed from among the Lamanites.
- 165 And it came to pass on the other hand, that the Nephites  
 did build them up and support them, beginning  
 at the more wicked part of them,  
 Until they had overspread all the land of the Nephites  
 and had seduced the more part of the righteous,  
 Until they had come down to believe in their works  
 and partake of their spoils and to join with them  
 in their secret murders and combinations.
- 166 And thus they did obtain the sole management  
 of the government,  
 Insomuch that they did trample under their feet and smite  
 and rend and turn their backs upon the poor  
 and the meek and humble followers of God.
- 167 And thus we see that they were in an awful state

and ripening for an everlasting destruction.

168 And it came to pass that thus ended the sixty and eighth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi.

**3** *The prophecy of Nephi, the son of Helaman.  
God threatens the people of Nephi that He will visit them in His anger to their utter destruction, except they repent of their wickedness.  
God smiteth the people of Nephi with pestilence; they repent and turn unto Him.  
Samuel, a Lamanite, prophesies unto the Nephites.*

1 **BEHOLD, NOW** it came to pass in the <sup>1</sup>sixty and ninth year of the reign of the judges over the people of the Nephites that Nephi, the son of Helaman, returned to the Land of Zarahemla from the Land Northward;

1 23 BC

For he had been forth among the people which were in the Land Northward,  
And did preach the word of God unto them,  
And did prophesy many things unto them;

2 And they did reject all his words insomuch that he could not stay among them, but returned again unto the land of his nativity.

3 And seeing the people in a state of such awful wickedness and those Gaddianton robbers filling the judgment seats,  
Having usurped the power and authority of the land,  
Laying aside the commandments of God and not in the least aright before Him,  
Doing no justice unto the children of men,  
Condemning the righteous because of their righteousness,  
Letting the guilty and the wicked go unpunished because of their money;

4 And moreover, to be held in office at the head of government to rule and to do according to their wills, that they might get gain and glory of the world;  
And moreover, that they might the more easy commit adultery and steal and kill and do according to their own wills—

5 Now this great iniquity had come upon the Nephites in the space of not many years—

a 1N 1:54

- And when Nephi saw it, his heart was swollen  
with sorrow within his breast;
- 6 And he did exclaim in the agony of his soul:  
“O that I could have had my days in the days when my  
father Nephi first came out of the Land of Jerusalem!  
That I could have joyed with him in the <sup>a</sup>Promised Land!
- 7 Then were his people easy to be entreated,  
firm to keep the commandments of God  
and slow to be led to do iniquity;  
And they were quick to hearken  
unto the words of the Lord;
- 8 Yea, if my days could have been in those days,  
then would my soul have had joy in  
the righteousness of my brethren.
- 9 “But behold, I am consigned that these are my days,  
and that my soul shall be filled with sorrow because  
of this, the wickedness of my brethren.”
- 10 And behold, now it came to pass that it was upon a tower  
which was in the garden of Nephi—  
which was by the highway  
which led to the chief market  
which was in the City of Zarahemla—
- 11 Therefore, as Nephi had bowed himself upon the tower  
which was in his garden—  
which tower was also near unto the garden gate  
which led by the highway—
- 12 And it came to pass that there were certain men  
passing by and saw Nephi as he was pouring out  
his soul unto God upon the tower;  
And they ran and told the people what they had seen;  
And the people came together in multitudes  
that they might know the cause of so great  
mourning for the wickedness of the people.
- 13 And now when Nephi arose, he beheld the multitudes  
of people which had gathered together.
- 14 And it came to pass that he opened his mouth  
and said unto them:  
“Behold, why have ye gathered yourselves together?  
That I may tell you of your iniquities?
- 15 “Yea, because I have got upon my tower, that I might pour

- out my soul unto my God because of the exceeding  
sorrow of my heart, which is because of your iniquities,
- 16 And because of my mourning and lamentation,  
Ye have gathered yourselves together and do marvel;  
Yea, and ye have great need to marvel;
- 17 Yea, ye had ought to marvel because ye are given away,  
that the devil hath got so great hold upon your hearts;  
Yea, how could ye have given away to the enticing of him  
who art seeking to hurl away your souls down  
to everlasting misery and endless wo?
- 18 “O repent ye! repent ye!  
Why will ye die?
- “Turn ye! turn ye unto the Lord your God!  
Why hath He forsaken you?
- 19 “It is because you have hardened your hearts;  
Yea, ye will not hearken unto the voice  
of the Good Shepherd;  
Yea, ye have provoked Him to anger against you;
- 20 And behold, instead of gathering you,  
except ye will repent,  
Behold, He shall scatter you forth, that ye shall  
become meat for dogs and wild beasts.
- 21 “O how could you have forgotten your God  
in the very day that He hath delivered you?
- 22 “But behold, it is to get gain—to be praised of men—  
yea, and that ye might get gold and silver;
- 23 And ye have set your hearts upon the riches  
and the vain things of this world,  
For the which ye do murder and plunder and steal  
and bear false witness against your neighbor  
and do all manner of iniquity;  
And for this cause, wo shall come unto you,  
except ye shall repent!
- 24 “For if ye will not repent,  
Behold, this great city, and also all those great cities  
which are round about, which are in the land  
of our possession, shall be taken away,  
that ye shall have no place in them,  
For behold, the Lord will not grant unto you strength,

as He hath hitherto done, to withstand  
against your enemies.

25 “For behold, thus saith the Lord:  
‘I will not show unto the wicked of My strength,  
to one more than the other,  
Save it be unto those who repenteth of their sins  
and hearken unto My words.’

26 “Now therefore, I would that ye should behold,  
my brethren, that it shall be better for the Lamanites  
than for you, except ye shall repent;  
For behold, they are more righteous than you,  
For they have not sinned against that great knowledge  
which ye have received;

a A 7:20-23

27 Therefore, the Lord will be merciful unto them;  
Yea, He will <sup>a</sup>lengthen out their days  
and increase their seed,  
Even when thou shalt be utterly destroyed,  
except thou shalt repent.

28 “Yea, wo be unto you because of that great  
abomination which hath come among you!  
And ye have united yourselves unto it, yea, to that secret  
band which was established by Gaddianton.

29 “Yea, wo shall come unto you because of that pride  
which ye have suffered to enter your hearts,  
Which hath lifted you up beyond that which is good  
because of your exceeding great riches.

“Yea, wo be unto you because of your  
wickedness and abominations!

b Mn 4:2

30 And except ye repent, ye shall perish!  
Yea, even your lands shall be taken from you and ye  
shall be <sup>b</sup>destroyed from off the face of the earth.

31 “Behold, now I do not say that these things  
shall be of myself,  
Because it is not of myself that I know these things;  
But behold, I know that these things are true because  
the Lord God hath made them known unto me;  
Therefore, I testify that they shall be.”

32 And now it came to pass that when Nephi  
had said these words,

- Behold, there were men which were judges, which also  
 belonged to the secret band of Gaddianton,  
 And they were angry;
- 33 And they cried out against him, saying unto the people:  
 “Why do ye not seize upon this man and bring him forth,  
 that he may be condemned according  
 to the crime which he hath done?”
- 34 Why seest thou this man and hearest him revile  
 against this people and against our law?”
- 35 For behold, Nephi had spoken unto them  
 concerning the corruptness of their law;  
 Yea, many things did Nephi speak  
 which cannot be written;  
 And nothing did he speak which was contrary  
 to the commandments of God.
- 36 And those judges were angry with him  
 because he spake plain unto them concerning  
 their secret works of darkness;  
 Nevertheless, they durst not lay their own hands upon him,  
 For they feared the people, lest they should  
 cry out against them.
- Therefore, they did cry unto the people, saying:  
 “Why do ye suffer this man to revile against us?”
- 37 For behold, he doth condemn all this people,  
 even unto destruction,  
 Yea, and also that these our great cities shall be taken  
 from us, that we shall have no place in them;
- 38 And now we know that this is impossible,  
 For behold, we are powerful and our cities great;  
 Therefore, our enemies can have no power over us.”
- 39 Now it came to pass that thus they did  
 stir up the people to anger against Nephi  
 and raised contentions among them;  
 For there were some which did cry out:  
 “Let this man alone!  
 For he is a good man and those things which he saith  
 will surely come to pass except we repent;
- 40 Yea, behold, all the judgments will come upon us  
 which he hath testified unto us,  
 For we know that he hath testified aright unto us  
 concerning our iniquities—

- 41 And behold, they are many—  
 And he knoweth as well all things which shall befall us,  
 as he knoweth of our iniquities;  
 Yea, and behold, if he had not been a prophet, he  
 could not have testified concerning those things.”
- 42 And it came to pass that those people which sought  
 to destroy Nephi were compelled because of their fear,  
 that they did not lay their hands on him;
- 43 Therefore, he began again to speak unto them, seeing  
 that he had gained favor in the eyes of some,  
 insomuch that the remainder of them did fear;
- 44 Therefore, he was constrained  
 to speak more unto them, saying:  
 “Behold, my brethren, have ye not read that God  
 gave power unto one man—even <sup>a</sup>Moses—  
 to smite upon the waters of the Red Sea?  
 And they parted hither and thither, insomuch  
 that the Israelites, which were our fathers,  
 came through upon dry ground?  
 And the waters closed upon the armies  
 of the Egyptians and swallowed them up?
- 45 “And now behold, if God gave unto this man such power,  
 Then why should ye dispute among yourselves and say  
 that He hath given unto me no power whereby I may  
 know concerning the judgments that shall  
 come upon you except ye repent?
- 46 “But behold, ye not only deny my words,  
 But ye also deny all the words which hath been  
 spoken by our fathers,  
 And also the words which were spoken by this man Moses  
 which had such great power given unto him,  
 Yea, the words which he hath spoken concerning  
 the coming of Messiah.
- 47 “Yea, did he not bear record that  
 the Son of God should come?  
 And as he <sup>b</sup>lifted up the brazen serpent in the wilderness,  
 even so should He be lifted up which should come;
- 48 And as many as should look upon that serpent should live,  
 Even so, as many as should look upon the Son of God  
 with faith, having a contrite spirit, might live,  
 even unto that life which is eternal.

a Ex 14:21-31

b A 16:191-197

- 49 “And now behold, Moses did not only testify  
of these things, but also all the holy prophets,  
From his day even to the days of Abraham—
- 50 Yea, and behold, Abraham saw of His coming  
and was filled with gladness and did rejoice!
- 51 “Yea, and behold, I say unto you that Abraham  
not only knew of these things,  
But there were many before the days of Abraham  
which were called by the order of God,  
yea, even after the order of His Son;
- 52 And this that it should be shown unto the people  
a great many thousand years before His coming  
that even redemption should come unto them.
- 53 “And now I would that ye should know that even  
since the days of Abraham, that there hath been  
many prophets that hath testified these things—  
Yea, behold, the prophet <sup>a</sup>Zenos did testify boldly,  
for the which he was slain;
- 54 And behold, also Zenoch, and also Ezaias, and also Isaiah  
and Jeremiah—Jeremiah being that same prophet  
which testified of the destruction of Jerusalem.
- 55 “And now we know that Jerusalem was destroyed  
according to the words of Jeremiah;  
O then, why not the Son of God come  
according to his prophecy?
- 56 “And now will you dispute that Jerusalem  
was not destroyed?  
Will ye say that the sons of Zedekiah were  
not slain, all except it were <sup>b</sup>Mulek?
- 57 Yea, and do ye not behold that the <sup>c</sup>seed  
of Zedekiah are with us?  
And they were driven out of the Land of Jerusalem?
- 58 “But behold, this is not all—  
Our father Lehi was driven out of Jerusalem  
because he testified of these things;
- 59 Nephi also testified of these things, and also  
almost all of our fathers, even down to this time;  
Yea, they have testified of the coming of Christ  
and have looked forward and have rejoiced  
in His day which is to come.

a 1N 5:240-242

b H 2:129

c O 1:26-27

- 60 “And behold, He is God and He is with them;  
 And He did manifest Himself unto them,  
 that they were redeemed by Him;  
 And they gave unto Him glory because  
 of that which is to come.
- 61 “And now, seeing ye know these things and  
 cannot deny them except ye shall lie,  
 Therefore, in this ye have sinned, for ye have rejected  
 all these things notwithstanding so many evidences  
 which ye have received;
- 62 Yea, even ye have received all things—both things  
 in heaven and all things which are in earth—  
 as a witness that they are true.
- 63 “But behold, ye have rejected the truth  
 and rebelled against your Holy God;  
 And even at this time, instead of laying up for yourselves  
 treasures in heaven where nothing doth corrupt  
 and where nothing can come which is unclean,  
 Ye are heaping up for yourselves wrath  
 against the day of judgment;
- 64 Yea, even at this time ye are ripening—because of your  
 murders and your fornication and wickedness—  
 for everlasting destruction;  
 Yea, and except ye repent, it will come unto you soon;
- 65 Yea, behold, it is now even at your doors.  
  
 “Yea, go ye in unto the judgment seat and search;  
 And behold, your judge is murdered  
 and he lieth in his blood;  
 And he hath been murdered by his brother  
 who seeketh to sit in the judgment seat.
- 66 “And behold, they both belong to your secret band,  
 whose author is Gaddianton and the evil one  
 which seeketh to destroy the souls of men.”
- 67 Behold, now it came to pass that when Nephi  
 had spoken these words, certain men which  
 were among them ran to the judgment seat,  
 Yea, even there were five which went;
- 68 And they said among themselves as they went:  
 “Behold, now we will know of a surety  
 whether this man be a prophet,

- And God hath commanded him to prophesy  
such marvelous things unto us—
- 69 Behold, we do not believe that He hath—  
Yea, we do not believe that he is a prophet;  
Nevertheless, if this thing which he hath said concerning  
the chief judge be true—that he be dead—  
Then will we believe that the other words  
which he hath spoken are true.”
- 70 And it came to pass that they ran in their might  
and came in unto the judgment seat;  
And behold, the chief judge had fallen to the earth  
and did lie in his blood.
- 71 And now behold, when they saw this they were astonished  
exceedingly, insomuch that they fell to the earth,  
For they had not believed the words which Nephi  
had spoken concerning the chief judge;
- 72 But now when they saw, they believed;  
And fear came upon them lest all the judgments which  
Nephi had spoken should come upon the people;  
Therefore, they did quake and had fallen to the earth.
- 73 Now immediately when the judge had been murdered—  
He being stabbed by his brother by  
a garb of secrecy and he fled—  
And the servants ran and told the people,  
raising the cry of murder among them.
- 74 And behold, the people did gather themselves together  
unto the place of the judgment seat;  
And behold, to their astonishment they saw  
those five men which had fallen to the earth.
- 75 And now behold, the people knew nothing  
concerning the multitude which had gathered  
together at the garden of Nephi;  
Therefore, they said among themselves:  
“These men are they which have murdered the judge,  
And God hath smitten them, that they  
could not flee from us.”
- 76 And it came to pass that they laid hold on them  
and bound them and cast them into prison;
- 77 And there was a proclamation sent abroad that  
the judge was slain and that the murderers

- had been taken and were cast into prison.
- 78 And it came to pass that on the morrow,  
the people did assemble themselves together  
to mourn and to fast at the burial of the great  
and chief judge which had been slain;
- 79 And thus were also those judges—which were  
at the garden of Nephi and heard his words—  
were also gathered together at the burial.
- 80 And it came to pass that they inquired  
among the people, saying:  
“Where are the five which were sent to inquire  
concerning the chief judge, whether he was dead?”
- 81 And they answered and said:  
“Concerning this five which ye say ye have sent,  
we know not;  
But there are five which are the murderers  
whom we have cast into prison.”
- 82 And it came to pass that the judges desired  
that they should be brought;  
And they were brought,  
And behold, they were the five which were sent.
- 83 And behold, the judges inquired of them  
to know concerning the matter,  
And they told them all that they had done, saying:  
“We ran and came to the place of the judgment seat;  
And when we saw all things, even as Nephi had testified,  
We were astonished, insomuch that we fell to the earth;  
And when we were recovered from our astonishment,  
Behold, they cast us into prison.
- 84 “Now as for the murder of this man,  
we know not who hath done it,  
And only this much we know—we ran  
and came according as ye desired;  
And behold, he was dead according  
to the words of Nephi.”
- 85 And now it came to pass that the judges did  
expound the matter unto the people  
and did cry out against Nephi, saying:  
“Behold, we know that this Nephi must have

agreed with someone to slay the judge,  
 And then he might declare it unto us, that he  
 might convert us unto his faith,  
 That he might raise himself to be a great man  
 chosen of God and a prophet.

- 86 “And now behold, we will detect this man,  
 And he shall confess his fault and make known  
 unto us the true murderer of this judge.”
- 87 And it came to pass that the five were liberated  
 on the day of the burial;
- 88 Nevertheless, they did rebuke the judges in the words  
 which they had spoken against Nephi,  
 And did contend with them one by one,  
 insomuch that they did confound them.
- 89 Nevertheless, they caused that Nephi should be taken  
 and bound and brought before the multitude;  
 And they began to question him in divers ways,  
 that they might cross him,  
 that they might accuse him, to death,
- 90 Saying unto him:  
 “Thou art confederate with this man  
 that hath done this murder!  
 Now tell us and acknowledge thy fault!”—  
 Saying, “Behold, here is money”;  
 And also, “We will grant unto thee thy life if thou  
 wilt tell us and acknowledge the agreement  
 which thou hast made with him.”
- 91 But Nephi saith unto them:  
 “O ye fools!  
 Ye uncircumcised of heart!  
 Ye blind and ye stiff-necked people!
- “Do ye know how long the Lord your God will suffer you  
 that ye shall go on in this your ways of sin?
- 92 O ye had ought to begin to howl and mourn because  
 of the great destruction at this time which doth  
 await you, except ye shall repent!
- 93 “Behold, ye say that I have agreed with a man that he  
 should murder Seezoram, our chief judge.
- 94 “But behold, I say unto you that this is

because I have testified unto you,  
That ye might know concerning this thing—yea, even for  
a witness unto you—that I did know of the wickedness  
and abominations which are among you.

95 “And because I have done this, ye say that I have agreed  
with a man that he should do this thing;  
Yea, because I showed unto you this sign, ye are angry  
with me and seek to destroy my life.

96 “And now behold, I will show unto you another sign,  
And see if ye will in this thing seek to destroy me.

97 “Behold, I say unto you, go to the house of Seantum,  
which is the brother of Seezoram, and say unto him:  
‘Hath Nephi, the pretended prophet which doth  
prophesy so much evil concerning this people,  
agreed with thee in the which ye have murdered  
Seezoram, which is your brother?’

“And behold, he shall say unto you, ‘Nay.’

98 “And ye shall say unto him:  
‘Have ye murdered your brother?’

“And he shall stand with fear and <sup>1</sup>wist not what to say.

<sup>1</sup> wist not =  
did not know  
3N 5:10

99 “And behold, he shall deny unto you;  
And he shall make as if he were astonished;  
Nevertheless, he shall declare unto you that he is innocent.

100 “But behold, ye shall examine him,  
And ye shall find blood upon the skirts of his cloak.

101 “And when ye have seen this, ye shall say:  
‘From whence cometh this blood?  
Do we not know that it is the blood of your brother?’

“And then shall he tremble and shall look pale,  
even as if death had come upon him.

102 “And then shall ye say:  
‘Because of this fear and this paleness  
which hath come upon your face,  
Behold, we know that thou art guilty.’

103 “And then shall greater fear come upon him;

- And then shall he confess unto you and deny  
no more that he hath done this murder.
- 104 “And then shall he say unto you that I, Nephi,  
know nothing concerning the matter, save  
it were given unto me by the power of God;
- 105 And then shall ye know that I am an honest man  
and that I am sent unto you from God.”
- 106 And it came to pass that they went and did  
even according as Nephi had said unto them.
- 107 And behold, the words which he had said were true;  
For according to the words, he did deny;  
And also according to the words, he did confess;
- 108 And he was brought to prove that he himself was  
the very murderer, insomuch that the five  
were set at liberty, and also was Nephi.
- 109 And there were some of the Nephites which  
did believe on the words of Nephi;  
And there were some also which believed  
because of the testimony of the five,  
For they had been converted while they were in prison.
- 110 And now there were some among the people  
which said that Nephi was a prophet;  
And there were others which said:  
“Behold, he is a god,  
For except he was a god, he could not know of all things;
- 111 For behold, he hath told us the thoughts of our <sup>a</sup>hearts,  
and also hath told us things;  
And even he hath brought unto our knowledge  
the true murderer of our chief judge.”
- 112 And it came to pass that there arose a division  
among the people,  
Insomuch that they divided hither and thither  
and went their ways, leaving Nephi alone  
as he was standing in the midst of them.
- 113 And it came to pass that Nephi went his way  
toward his own house, pondering upon the things  
which the Lord had shown unto him.
- 114 And it came to pass as he was thus pondering—

a A 12:110

a 2N 3:29

Being much cast down because of the wickedness  
of the people of the Nephites, their secret works  
of darkness and their murderings and their plunderings  
and all manner of iniquities—

And it came to pass as he was thus pondering in his <sup>a</sup>heart,  
Behold, a voice came unto him, saying:

115 “Blessed art thou, Nephi, for those things  
which thou hast done;

For I have beheld how thou hast with unweariness  
declared the word which I have given  
unto thee unto this people;

116 And thou hast not feared them and  
hast not sought thine own life,  
But hath sought My will and to keep My commandments.

117 “And now because thou hast done this  
with such unweariness,  
Behold, I will bless thee forever;  
And I will make thee mighty in word and in deed,  
in faith and in works;  
Yea, even that all things shall be done  
unto thee according to thy word,  
For thou shalt not ask that which is contrary to My will.

118 “Behold, thou art Nephi and I Am God.

119 “Behold, I declare it unto thee in the presence  
of Mine angels,  
That ye shall have power over this people and shall smite  
the earth with famine and with pestilence and destruc-  
tion, according to the wickedness of this people.

120 “Behold, I give unto you power that whatsoever  
ye shall seal on earth shall be sealed in heaven,  
And whatsoever ye shall loose on earth  
shall be loosed in heaven;  
And thus shall ye have power among this people.

121 “And thus, if ye shall say unto this temple,  
‘It shall be rent in twain’—  
<sup>1</sup>And it shall be done.

1 and = then

b Jac 3:7

122 “And if ye shall <sup>b</sup>say unto this mountain,  
‘Be thou cast down and become smooth!’—  
<sup>1</sup>And it shall be done.

- 123 “And behold, if ye shall say that God shall smite this people, it shall come to pass.
- 124 “And now behold, I command you that ye shall go and declare unto this people that, ‘Thus saith the Lord God, who is the Almighty, Except ye repent, ye shall be smitten, even unto destruction!’”
- 125 And behold, now it came to pass that when the Lord had spoken these words unto Nephi, he did stop and did not go unto his own house, But did return unto the multitudes which were scattered about upon the face of the land, And began to declare unto them the word of the Lord which had been spoken unto him concerning their destruction, if they did not repent.
- 126 Now behold, notwithstanding that great miracle which Nephi had done in telling them concerning the death of the chief judge, They did harden their hearts and did not hearken unto the words of the Lord.
- 127 Therefore, Nephi did declare unto them the word of the Lord, saying: “Except ye repent, thus saith the Lord, Ye shall be smitten, even unto destruction!”
- 128 And it came to pass that when Nephi had declared unto them the word, Behold, they did still harden their hearts and would not hearken unto his words; Therefore, they did revile against him and did seek to lay their hands upon him, that they might cast him into prison.
- 129 But behold, the power of God was with him and they could not take him to cast him into prison, For he was taken by the Spirit and <sup>a</sup>conveyed away out of the midst of them.
- 130 And it came to pass that thus he did go forth in the Spirit from multitude to multitude, declaring the word of God, Even until he had declared it unto them all, or sent it forth among all the people.

<sup>a</sup> Acts 8:39-40

- 131 And it came to pass that they would  
not hearken unto his words;  
And there began to be contentions, insomuch  
that they were divided against themselves  
and began to slay one another with the sword.
- 1 21 BC 132 And thus ended the <sup>1</sup>seventy and first year of the reign  
of the judges over the people of Nephi.
- 2 20 BC **4** **AND NOW** it came to pass in the <sup>2</sup>seventy  
and second year of the reign of the judges  
that the contentions did increase,  
Insomuch that there were wars throughout all the land,  
among all the people of Nephi;
- 2 And it was this secret band of robbers which did  
carry on this work of destruction and wickedness;
- 3 And this war did last all that year;  
And in the <sup>3</sup>seventy and third year it did also last.
- 3 19 BC 4 And it came to pass that in this year,  
Nephi did cry unto the Lord, saying:  
“O Lord, do not suffer that this people  
shall be destroyed by the sword;  
But O Lord, rather let there be a famine in the land to  
stir them up in remembrance of the Lord their God,  
And perhaps they will repent and turn unto Thee.”
- a H 3:115-119 5 And so it was done according to the <sup>a</sup>words of Nephi;  
And there was a great famine upon the land  
among all the people of Nephi.
- 4 18 BC 6 And thus, in the <sup>4</sup>seventy and fourth year  
the famine did continue,  
And the work of destruction did cease by the sword,  
but became sore by famine.
- 7 And this work of destruction did also continue  
in the <sup>5</sup>seventy and fifth year;
- 5 17 BC 8 For the earth was smitten that it was dry and did  
not yield forth grain in the season of grain;  
And the whole earth was smitten, even among  
the Lamanites, as well as among the Nephites,  
So that they were smitten that they did perish by  
thousands in the more wicked parts of the land.

- 9 And it came to pass that the people saw that  
they were about to perish by famine,  
And they began to remember the Lord their God;  
And they began to remember the words of Nephi.
- 10 And the people began to plead with their chief judges  
and their leaders, that they would say unto Nephi:  
“Behold, we know that thou art a man of God;  
And therefore, cry unto the Lord our God that He turn  
away from us this famine, lest all the words which thou  
hast spoken concerning our <sup>a</sup>destruction be fulfilled.”
- 11 And it came to pass that the judges did say unto Nephi  
according to the words which had been desired.
- 12 And it came to pass that when Nephi saw that the people  
had repented and did humble themselves in sackcloth,  
He cried again unto the Lord, saying:  
“O Lord, behold, this people repenteth;
- 13 And they have swept away the band of Gaddianton  
from amongst them,  
Insomuch that they have become extinct and they  
have concealed their secret plans in the earth.
- 14 “Now, O Lord, because of this, their humility,  
wilt Thou turn away Thine anger,  
And let Thine anger be appeased in the destruction of  
those wicked men whom Thou hast already destroyed?
- 15 “O Lord, wilt Thou turn away Thine anger—  
yea, Thy fierce anger—  
And cause that this famine may cease in this land?
- 16 “O Lord, wilt Thou hearken unto me and cause  
that it may be done according to my words,  
And send forth rain upon the face of the earth,  
that she may bring forth her fruit and her grain  
in the season of grain?
- 17 “O Lord, Thou didst hearken unto my words when I said,  
‘Let there be a famine that the pestilence  
of the sword might cease’;  
And I know that Thou wilt, even at this time,  
hearken unto my words,  
For Thou saidst that if this people repent,  
‘I will spare them.’

a H 3:124-127

HELAMAN 4:18

a H 5:6-18

18 “Yea, O Lord,  
And Thou seest that they have repented because  
of the famine and the pestilence and <sup>a</sup>destruction  
which have come unto them.

19 “And now, O Lord, wilt Thou turn away Thine  
anger and try again if they will serve Thee?  
And if so, O Lord, Thou canst bless them  
according to Thy words which Thou hast said.”

1 16 BC

20 And it came to pass that in the <sup>1</sup>seventy and sixth year,  
the Lord did turn away His anger from the people  
and caused that rain should fall upon the earth,  
Insomuch that it did bring forth her fruit  
in the season of her fruit.

21 And it came to pass that it did bring forth  
her grain in the season of her grain.

22 And behold, the people did rejoice and glorify God,  
And the whole face of the land was filled with rejoicing;  
And they did no more seek to destroy Nephi,  
But they did esteem him as a great prophet  
and a man of God, having great power  
and authority given unto him from God;

23 And behold, Lehi his brother was not a whit behind him  
as to things pertaining to righteousness.

24 And thus it did come to pass that the people of Nephi  
began to prosper again in the land,  
And began to build up their waste places,  
And began to multiply and spread,  
Even until they did cover the whole face of the land—  
both on the northward and on the southward,  
from the Sea West to the Sea East.

25 And it came to pass that the seventy and sixth year  
did end in peace.

2 15 BC

26 And the <sup>2</sup>seventy and seventh year began in peace;  
And the church did spread throughout  
the face of all the land;  
And the more part of the people—both the Nephites  
and the Lamanites—did belong to the church;  
And they did have exceeding great peace in the land;  
And thus ended the seventy and seventh year.

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| 27 | And also they had peace in the <sup>1</sup> seventy and eighth year, save it were a few contentions concerning the points of doctrine which had been laid down by the prophets.   | 1 14 BC                |
| 28 | And in the <sup>2</sup> seventy and ninth year, there began to be much strife.  | 2 13 BC                |
| 29 | But it came to pass that Nephi and Lehi, and many of their brethren which knew concerning the true points of doctrine, having many revelations daily, Therefore, they did preach unto the people insomuch that they did put an end to their strife in that same year.   |                        |
| 30 | And it came to pass that in the <sup>3</sup> eightieth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi, There were a certain number of the <sup>a</sup> dissenters from the people of Nephi which had some years before gone over unto the Lamanites and took upon themselves the name of Lamanites, | 3 12 BC<br>a H 2:35-37 |
| 31 | And also a certain number which were real descendants of the Lamanites being stirred up to anger by them, or by those dissenters,   |                        |
|    | Therefore, they commenced a war with their brethren;  |                        |
| 32 | And they did commit murder and plunder; And then they would retreat back into the mountains and into the wilderness and secret places, Hiding themselves that they could not be discovered, Receiving daily an addition to their numbers, inasmuch as there were dissenters that went forth unto them.        |                        |
| 33 | And thus in time, yea, even in the space of not many years they became an exceeding great band of robbers; And they did search out all the secret plans of Gaddianton; And thus they became robbers of Gaddianton.  |                        |
| 34 | Now behold, these robbers did make great havoc, yea, even great destruction among the people of Nephi, and also among the people of the Lamanites.  |                        |
| 35 | And it came to pass that it was expedient that there should be a stop put to this work of destruction; Therefore, they sent an army of strong men into the wilderness and upon the mountains to search out this band of robbers and to destroy them;  |                        |
| 36 | But behold, it came to pass that in that same year, they were driven back even into their own lands.  |                        |

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- 37 And thus ended the eightieth year of the reign  
of the judges over the people of Nephi.
- 1 11 BC 38 And it came to pass in the commencement of the <sup>1</sup>eighty  
and first year, they did go forth again against this  
band of robbers and did destroy many;
- 39 And they were also visited with much destruction;  
And they were again obliged to return out of the  
wilderness and out of the mountains unto their  
own lands because of the exceeding greatness  
of the numbers of those robbers which infested  
the mountains and the wilderness.
- 40 And it came to pass that thus ended this year;  
And the robbers did still increase and wax strong,  
insomuch that they did defy the whole armies  
of the Nephites, and also of the Lamanites;  
And they did cause great fear to come unto the people  
upon all the face of the land;
- 41 Yea, for they did visit many parts of the land  
and did do great destruction unto them—  
Yea, did kill many and did carry away others captive  
into the wilderness, yea, and more especially  
their women and their children;
- 42 And now this great evil which came unto the people  
because of their iniquity did stir them up again  
in remembrance of the Lord their God.
- 43 And thus ended the eighty and first year  
of the reign of the judges.
- 2 10 BC 44 And in the <sup>2</sup>eighty and second year,  
they began again to forget the Lord their God.
- 3 9 BC 45 And in the <sup>3</sup>eighty and third year,  
they began to wax strong in iniquity.
- 4 8 BC 46 And in the <sup>4</sup>eighty and fourth year,  
they did not mend their ways.
- 5 7 BC 47 And it came to pass in the <sup>5</sup>eighty and fifth year,  
they did wax stronger and stronger in their pride  
and in their wickedness;  
And thus they were ripening again for destruction;  
And thus ended the eighty and fifth year.

- 48 And thus we can behold how false, and also the  
unsteadiness of, the hearts of the children of men.
- Yea, we can see that the Lord in His great  
infinite goodness doth bless and prosper  
those who put their trust in Him.
- 49 Yea, and we may see at the very time  
when He doth prosper His people—  
Yea, in the increase of their fields,  
their flocks and their herds,  
And in gold and in silver and in all manner  
of precious things of every kind, and art;  
50 Sparing their lives and delivering them  
out of the hands of their enemies;  
Softening the hearts of their enemies that they  
should not declare wars against them;  
Yea, and in fine, doing all things for the welfare  
and happiness of His people—
- 51 Yea, then is the time that they do <sup>a</sup>harden their hearts,  
and do forget the Lord their God,  
and do trample under their feet the Holy One;  
Yea, and this because of their ease and their  
exceeding great prosperity.
- 52 And thus we see that except the Lord doth  
chasten His people with many afflictions,  
Yea, except He doth visit them with death and with terror  
and with famine and with all manner of pestilences,  
They will not remember Him.
- 53 O how foolish and how vain and how evil and devilish!  
And how quick to do iniquity!  
And how slow to do good are the children of men!
- 54 Yea, how quick to hearken unto the words  
of the evil one and to set their hearts  
upon the vain things of the world!  
Yea, how quick to be lifted up in <sup>b</sup>pride!  
Yea, how quick to boast and do all manner  
of that which is iniquity!
- 55 And how slow are they to remember the Lord their God  
and to give ear unto His counsels!  
Yea, how slow to walk in wisdom's paths!

a 1N 4:4  
Eth 1:111

b 1N 3:126  
A 3:93-97  
3N 3:17

- 56 Behold, they do not desire that the Lord their God who hath created them should rule and reign over them; Notwithstanding His great goodness and His mercy toward them, they do set at naught His counsels, And they will not that He should be their guide.
- 57 O how great is the nothingness of the children of men! Yea, even they are less than the dust of the earth;
- 58 For behold, the dust of the earth moveth hither and thither, to the dividing asunder at the command of our great and Everlasting God—
- 59 Yea, behold, at His voice doth the hills and the mountains tremble and quake; And by the power of His voice they are broken up and become smooth, yea, even like unto a valley;
- 60 Yea, by the power of His voice doth the whole earth shake; Yea, by the power of His voice doth the foundations rock, even to the very center—
- 61 Yea, and if He saith unto the earth, “Move!”—<sup>1</sup>And it is moved.
- Yea, if He say unto the earth, “Thou shalt go back, that it <sup>a</sup>lengthen out the day for many hours”—<sup>1</sup>And it is done.
- 62 And thus according to His word the earth goeth back, And it appeareth unto man that the sun standeth still; Yea, and behold, this is so, for sure it is the earth that moveth and not the sun.
- 63 And behold, also if He saith unto the waters of the great deep, “Be thou dried up!”—<sup>1</sup>And it is done.
- 64 Behold, if He saith unto this mountain, “Be thou raised up and come over and fall upon that city, that it be buried up”—<sup>1</sup>And behold, it is done.
- 65 And behold, if a man hideth up a treasure in the earth, And the Lord shall say, “Let it be accursed because of the iniquity of him that hath hid it up”— Behold, it shall be <sup>b</sup>accursed.

1 and = then

a A 16:54

b H 5:22-32, 41-48  
Mn 1:18-19

66 And if the Lord shall say, “Be thou accursed! that no man shall find thee from this time henceforth and forever”—  
<sup>1</sup>And behold, no man getteth it henceforth and forever.

<sup>1</sup> and = then

67 And behold, if the Lord shalt say unto a man, “Because of thine iniquities, thou shalt be accursed forever!”—  
<sup>1</sup>And it shall be done.

68 And if the Lord shall say, “Because of thine iniquities, thou shalt be cut off from My presence!”—  
<sup>1</sup>And He will cause that it shall be so.

69 And wo unto whom He shall say this! for it shall be unto him that will do iniquity and he cannot be saved; Therefore, for this cause—that men might be saved—hath repentance been declared.

70 Therefore, blessed are they who will repent and hearken unto the voice of the Lord their God, For these are they that shall be saved;

71 And may God grant in His great fullness that men might be brought unto repentance and good works, That they might be restored unto grace for grace according to their works.

72 And I would that all men might be saved; But we read that in that great and last day there are some which shall be cast out, Yea, which shall be cast off from the presence of the Lord,  
 73 Yea, which shall be consigned to a state of endless misery, fulfilling the words which saith:  
 “They that have done good shall have everlasting life; And they that have done evil shall have everlasting damnation.”

And thus it is. Amen.

## 5 *The prophecy of Samuel the Lamanite to the Nephites.*

1 **AND NOW** it came to pass in the <sup>2</sup>eighty and sixth year, the Nephites did still remain in wickedness—  
 yea, in great wickedness—  
 While the Lamanites did observe strictly to keep the commandments of God according to the law of Moses.

<sup>2</sup> 6 BC

2 And it came to pass that in this year there was one, Samuel,  
a Lamanite, came into the Land of Zarahemla  
and began to preach unto the people.

3 And it came to pass that he did preach many days  
repentance unto the people,  
And they did cast him out;  
And he was about to return to his own land,

4 But behold, the voice of the Lord came unto him that he  
should return again and prophesy unto the people  
whatsoever things should come into his heart.

5 And it came to pass that they would not suffer  
that he should enter into the city;  
Therefore, he went and got upon the wall thereof  
and stretched forth his hand,  
And cried with a loud voice and prophesied unto the  
people whatsoever things the Lord put into his heart.

6 And he said unto them:  
“Behold, I, Samuel, a Lamanite, do speak the words  
of the Lord which He doth put into my heart;  
And behold, He hath put it into my heart  
to say unto this people that the sword of justice  
hangeth over this people;  
And <sup>a</sup>four hundred years passeth not away save  
the sword of justice falleth upon this people—

7 Yea, heavy destruction awaiteth this people;  
And it surely cometh unto this people  
and nothing can save this people,  
Save it be repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ  
which surely shall come into the world and shall suffer  
many things and shall be slain for His people.

8 “And behold, an angel of the Lord  
hath declared it unto me,  
And he did bring glad tidings to my soul;

9 And behold, I was sent unto you to declare it unto  
you also, that ye might have glad tidings;  
But behold, ye would not receive me.

10 “Therefore, thus saith the Lord:  
‘Because of the <sup>b</sup>hardness of the hearts of the people  
of the Nephites, except they repent I will  
take away My word from them,

a 1N 3:118-120  
A 21:8-15

b 1N 5:27; 7:11  
A 9:19-22

And I will <sup>a</sup>withdraw My Spirit from them,  
 And I will suffer them no longer,  
 And I will turn the hearts of their brethren against them.

- 11 ‘And four hundred years shall not pass away  
 before I will cause that they shall be smitten—  
 Yea, I will visit them with the sword  
 and with famine and with pestilence,
- 12 Yea, I will visit them in My fierce anger;  
 And there shall be those of the fourth generation  
 which shall live of your enemies  
 to behold your utter destruction;
- 13 And this shall surely come except ye repent,’  
 saith the Lord,  
 ‘And those of the fourth generation  
 shall visit your destruction.
- 14 ‘But if ye will repent and return unto the Lord your God,  
 I will turn away Mine anger,’ saith the Lord;  
 ‘Yea,’ thus saith the Lord, ‘blessed are they  
 who will repent and turn unto Me.
- ‘But wo unto him that repenteth not!  
 15 Yea, wo unto this great City of Zarahemla!  
 For behold, it is because of they which are righteous  
 that it is saved;
- 16 Yea, wo unto this great city!  
 For I perceive,’ saith the Lord, ‘that there are many,  
 yea, even the more part of this great city that will  
 harden their hearts against Me,’ saith the Lord;  
 ‘But blessed are they who will repent, for them will I spare.
- 17 ‘But behold, if it were not for the righteous  
 which are in this great city,  
 Behold, I would cause that fire should come down  
 out of heaven and destroy it;  
 But behold, it is for the righteous’ sake that it is spared.
- 18 ‘But behold, the time cometh,’ saith the Lord, ‘that when  
 ye shall cast out the righteous from among you,  
 Then shall ye be ripe for destruction;
- 19 Yea, wo be unto this great city because of the  
 wickedness and abominations which are in her!
- 20 ‘Yea, and wo be unto the City of Gideon for the  
 wickedness and abominations which are in her!

- 21 Yea, and wo be unto all the cities which are in the land round about, which are possessed by the Nephites, because of the wickedness and abominations which are in them!
- 22 ‘And behold, a curse shall come upon the land,’ saith the Lord of Hosts, ‘because of the people’s sake— Which is upon the land, yea, because of their wickedness and their abominations.
- 23 ‘And it shall come to pass,’ saith the Lord of Hosts, yea, our great and true God, ‘That whoso shall hide up treasures in the earth shall find them again no more because of the great curse of the land, save it be a righteous man and shall hide it up unto the Lord;
- 24 For I will,’ saith the Lord, ‘that they shall hide up their treasures unto Me; And cursed be they who hideth not up their treasures unto Me; For none hideth up their treasures unto Me save it be the righteous;
- 25 And he that hideth not up his treasure unto Me, cursed is he, and also the treasure, And none shall redeem it because of the curse of the land.
- 26 ‘And the day shall come that they shall hide up their treasures because they have set their hearts upon riches;
- 27 And because they have set their hearts upon their riches and will hide up their treasures when they shall flee before their enemies— Because they will not hide them up unto Me— cursed be they, and also their treasures; And in that day shall they be smitten,’ saith the Lord.
- 28 “Behold ye, the people of this great city, and hearken unto my words; Yea, hearken unto the words which the Lord saith; For behold, He saith that ye are cursed because of your riches,
- 29 And also are your riches cursed because ye have set your hearts upon them and hath not hearkened unto the words of Him who gave them unto you.
- 30 “Ye do not remember the Lord your God

- in the things which He hath blessed you,  
 But ye do always remember your riches—  
 not to thank the Lord your God for them,  
 31 yea, your heart is not drawn out unto the Lord—  
 But they do swell with great pride unto boasting and unto  
 great swelling, envyings, strifes, malice, persecutions  
 and murders and all manner of iniquities;  
 32 For this cause hath the Lord God caused that a curse  
 should come upon the land, and also upon your riches;  
 And this because of your iniquities.
- 33 “Yea, wo unto this people because  
 of this time which has arrived,  
 That ye do cast out the prophets and do <sup>a</sup>mock them  
 and cast stones at them and do slay them  
 and do do all manner of iniquity unto them,  
 even as they did of old time!
- 34 “And now when ye talk, ye say,  
 ‘If our days had been in the days of our fathers of old,  
 We would not have slain the prophets;  
 We would not have stoned them and cast them out.’
- 35 “Behold, ye are worse than they;  
 For as the Lord liveth, if a prophet come among you  
 and declareth unto you the word of the Lord  
 which testifieth of your sins and iniquities,  
 Ye are angry with him and cast him out and  
 seek all manner of ways to destroy him;
- 36 Yea, you will say that he is a false prophet and  
 that he is a sinner and of the devil because  
 he testifieth that your deeds are evil.
- 37 “But behold, if a man shall come among you  
 and shall say, ‘Do this and there is no iniquity,  
 do that and ye shall not suffer’—  
 Yea, he will say, ‘Walk after the pride of your own hearts,  
 yea, walk after the pride of your eyes  
 and do whatsoever your heart desireth’—  
 And if a man shall come among you and say this,  
 Ye will receive him and ye will say that he is a prophet;
- 38 Yea, ye will lift him up and ye will give  
 unto him of your substance—  
 Ye will give unto him of your gold and of your silver,  
 And ye will clothe him with costly apparel—

a 1N 1:19  
 Jac 4:13  
 H 2:45  
 Eth 5:27

- 39 And because he speaketh flattering words unto you  
and he saith that all is well,  
And then ye will not find *any* fault with him.
- 40 “O ye wicked and ye perverse generation!  
Ye hardened and ye stiff-necked people!
- “How long will ye suppose that the Lord will suffer you?  
Yea, how long will ye suffer yourselves to be led  
by foolish and blind guides?  
Yea, how long will ye choose darkness rather than light?
- 41 “Yea, behold, the anger of the Lord  
is already kindled against you!  
Behold, He hath cursed the land because of your iniquity;  
And behold, the time cometh that He <sup>a</sup>curseth your riches;  
that it becometh slippery, that ye cannot hold them;
- 42 And in the days of your poverty, ye cannot retain them;  
And in the days of your poverty, ye shall cry unto the Lord;  
And in vain shall ye cry,  
For your desolation is already come upon you,  
And your destruction is made sure.
- 43 ‘And then shall ye weep and howl in that day,’  
saith the Lord of Hosts.
- 44 “And then shall ye lament, and say:  
‘O that I had repented and had not killed the prophets  
and stoned them and cast them out!’
- 45 “Yea, in that day shall ye say:  
‘O that we had remembered the Lord our God  
in the day that He gave us our riches!  
And then they would not have become slippery,  
that we should lose them.
- ‘For behold, our riches are gone from us—
- 46 Behold, we layeth a tool here and  
on the morrow it is gone;  
And behold, our swords are taken from us  
in the day we have sought them for battle;
- 47 Yea, we have hid up our treasures and they have slipped  
away from us because of the curse of the land.
- 48 ‘O that we had repented in the day that  
the word of the Lord came unto us!

a H 4:65

For behold, the land is cursed,  
And all things are become slippery,  
And we cannot hold them.

- 49 ‘Behold, we are surrounded by demons,  
Yea, we are encircled about by the angels of him  
who hath sought to destroy our souls;  
50 Behold, our iniquities are great!  
O Lord, canst Thou not turn away Thine anger from us?’

“And this shall be your language in those days.

- 51 “But behold, your days of probation are past;  
Ye have procrastinated the day of your salvation until it is  
everlastingly too late and your destruction is made sure;  
52 Yea, for ye have sought all the days of your lives  
for that which ye could not obtain;  
And ye have sought for happiness in doing iniquity,  
Which thing is contrary to the nature of that righteousness  
which is in our great and Eternal Head.

- 53 “O ye people of the land, that ye would hear my words!  
And I pray that the anger of the Lord  
be turned away from you!  
And that ye would repent and be saved!”

- 54 And now it came to pass that Samuel the Lamanite  
did prophesy a great many more things  
which cannot be written.

- 55 And behold, he saith unto them:  
“Behold, I give unto you a sign—  
For five years more cometh,  
And behold, then <sup>a</sup>cometh the Son of God to redeem  
all those who shall believe on His name;

- 56 And behold, this will I give unto you for a sign  
at the time of His coming—  
For behold, there shall be great lights in heaven,  
Insomuch that in the night before He cometh,  
there shall be no darkness,  
Insomuch that it shall appear unto man as if it was day;  
57 Therefore, there shall be one day and a night and a day,  
as if it were one day and there were no night.

“And this shall be unto you for a sign, for ye shall know  
of the rising of the sun, and also of its setting;

a 1N 1:20; 3:4;  
5:236  
2N 11:35  
3N 1:1-23

- 58 Therefore, they shall know of a surety  
that there shall be two days and a night;  
Nevertheless, the night shall not be darkened;  
And it shall be the night before He is born.
- a 3N 1:24 59 “And behold, there shall be a <sup>a</sup>new star arise,  
such an one as ye never have beheld;  
And this also shall be a sign unto you.
- 60 “And behold this is not all—  
There shall be many signs and wonders in heaven;  
61 And it shall come to pass that ye shall  
all be amazed and wonder,  
Insomuch that ye shall <sup>b</sup>fall to the earth.
- b 3N 1:18-19 62 “And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall believe  
on the Son of God, the same shall have everlasting life.
- 63 “And behold, thus hath the Lord commanded me, by His  
angel, that I should come and tell this thing unto you;  
Yea, He hath commanded that I should prophesy  
these things unto you;  
Yea, He hath said unto me, ‘Cry unto this people,  
Repent and prepare the way of the Lord!’
- 64 “And now because I am a Lamanite and hath spoken unto  
you the words which the Lord hath commanded me,  
And because it was hard against you,  
Ye are angry with me and do seek to destroy me  
and have cast me out from among you.
- 65 “And ye shall hear my words!  
For, for this intent I have come up upon the walls  
of this city,  
That ye might hear and know of the judgments of God  
which doth await you because of your iniquities;  
And also that ye might know the conditions of repentance;  
66 And also that ye might know of the coming of Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God, the Father of heaven and of earth,  
the Creator of all things from the beginning;  
And that ye might know of the signs of His coming,  
to the intent that ye might believe on His name;  
67 And if ye believe on His name, ye will repent  
of all your sins, that thereby ye may have  
remission of them through His merits.

- 68 “And behold, again, another sign I give unto you—  
 yea, a sign of His death—  
 For behold, He surely must die that salvation may come;
- 69 Yea, it behooveth Him and becometh expedient that He  
 dieth to bring to pass the resurrection of the dead,  
 That thereby men may be brought into the presence  
 of the Lord;
- 70 Yea, behold, this death bringeth to pass  
 the resurrection and redeemeth all mankind  
 from the first death—that spiritual death,  
 For all mankind—by the fall of Adam, being cut off  
 from the presence of the Lord—are considered as dead,  
 both as to things temporal and to things spiritual.
- 71 “But behold, the resurrection of Christ redeemeth  
 mankind—yea, even all mankind—and bringeth  
 them back into the presence of the Lord;
- 72 Yea, and it bringeth to pass the conditions of repentance,  
 That whosoever repenteth, the same is not hewn down  
 and cast into the fire;
- 73 But whosoever repenteth not is hewn down  
 and cast into the fire,  
 And there cometh upon them again a spiritual death,  
 yea, a second death,  
 For they are cut off again as to things  
 pertaining to righteousness.
- 74 “Therefore, repent ye, repent ye!  
 Lest by knowing these things and not doing them,  
 ye shall suffer yourselves to come under condemnation  
 and ye are brought down unto this second death.
- 75 “But behold, as I said unto you concerning another <sup>a</sup>sign—  
 a sign of His death—  
 Behold, in that day that He shall suffer death,  
 the sun shall be darkened and refuse to give her  
 light unto you, and also the moon and the stars;
- 76 And there shall be no light upon the face of the land,  
 even from the time that He shall suffer death,  
 for the space of three days, to the time  
 that He shall rise again from the dead.
- 77 “Yea, at the time that He shall yield up the ghost,  
 There shall be <sup>b</sup>thunderings and lightnings  
 for the space of many hours;

a 1N 3:102-111;  
 5:240-250  
 2N 11:61-71  
 3N 4:3-40

b 1N 3:102-109  
 3N 4:6-16

- And the earth shall shake and tremble;  
 And the rocks which are upon the face of the earth—  
 which are both above the earth and beneath,  
 which ye know at this time is solid, or the more  
 part of it is one solid mass—shall be broken up;
- 78 Yea, they shall be rent in twain and shall ever after  
 be found in seams and in cracks and in broken  
 fragments upon the face of the whole earth,  
 Yea, both above the earth and both beneath.
- 79 “And behold, there shall be great tempests,  
 And there shall be many mountains laid low,  
 like unto a valley,  
 And there shall be many places which are now  
 called valleys which shall become mountains,  
 whose height thereof is great;
- a 3N 4:11 80 And many <sup>a</sup>highways shall be broken up,  
 And many cities shall become desolate,  
 And many graves shall be opened and  
 shall yield up many of their dead;
- b 3N 10:36-41 And <sup>b</sup>many saints shall appear unto many.
- 81 “And behold, thus hath the angel spoken unto me;  
 For he said unto me that there should be thunderings  
 and lightnings for the space of many hours;
- 82 And he said unto me that while the thunder  
 and the lightning lasted and the tempest,  
 that these things should be,  
 And that darkness should cover the face of the  
 whole earth for the space of three days.
- 83 “And the angel said unto me that many  
 shall see greater things than these,  
 To the intent that they might believe that these  
 signs and these wonders should come to pass  
 upon all the face of this land;  
 To the intent that there should be no cause  
 for unbelief among the children of men;
- 84 And this to the intent that whosoever  
 will believe, might be saved,  
 And that whosoever will not believe,  
 a righteous judgment might come upon them;  
 And also, if they are condemned, they bring  
 upon themselves their own condemnation.

- 85 “And now remember, remember, my brethren,  
That whosoever perisheth, perisheth unto himself;  
And whosoever doeth iniquity, doeth it unto himself;  
For behold, ye are free—ye are permitted  
to act for yourselves;  
For behold, God hath given unto you a knowledge  
and He hath made you free—
- 86 He hath given unto you that ye might  
know good from evil,  
And He hath given unto you that ye might  
choose life or death;  
And ye can do good and be <sup>a</sup>restored  
unto that which is good,  
Or have that which is good restored unto you;  
Or ye can do evil and have that which is evil  
restored unto you.
- 87 “And now my beloved brethren,  
Behold, I declare unto you that except ye shall repent,  
your houses shall be left unto you desolate;  
Yea, except ye repent, your women shall have great cause  
to mourn in the day that they shall give suck;
- 88 For ye shall attempt to flee and there  
shall be no place for <sup>b</sup>refuge.
- “Yea, and wo unto them which are with child!  
for they shall be heavy and cannot flee;  
Therefore, they shall be trodden down  
and shall be left to perish.
- 89 “Yea, wo unto this people which are called  
the people of Nephi!  
Except they shall repent when they shall see all those  
signs and wonders which shall be showed unto them;
- 90 For behold, they have been a chosen people of the Lord;  
Yea, the people of Nephi hath He loved;  
And also hath He chastened them, yea, in the days  
of their iniquities hath He chastened them  
because He loveth them.
- 91 “But behold, my brethren, the Lamanites hath He hated  
because their deeds have been evil continually,  
And this because of the iniquity of the tradition  
of their fathers.

a A 19:62-80

b Ex 21:13  
Num 35:11-12

- 92 “But behold, salvation hath come unto them  
through the preaching of the Nephites;  
And for this intent hath the Lord prolonged their days.
- 93 “And I would that ye should behold that the more  
part of them are in the path of their duty—  
And they do walk circumspectly before God,  
And they do observe to keep His commandments  
and His statutes and His judgments,  
according to the law of Moses—
- 94 Yea, I say unto you that the more part  
of them are doing this,  
And they are striving with unwearied diligence,  
that they may bring the remainder of their brethren  
to the knowledge of the truth;  
Therefore, there are many which do  
add to their numbers daily.
- 95 “And behold, ye do know of yourselves—  
for ye have witnessed it—  
That as many of them as are brought to the knowledge  
of the truth and to know of the wicked  
and abominable traditions of their fathers  
and are led to believe the holy scriptures,
- 96 Yea, the prophecies of the holy prophets which are  
written, which leadeth them to faith on the Lord  
and unto repentance,  
Which faith and repentance bringeth  
a <sup>a</sup>change of heart unto them—
- 97 Therefore, as many as have come to this—ye know of  
yourselves—are firm and steadfast in the faith and  
in the things wherewith they have been made free.
- 98 “And ye know also that they have  
<sup>b</sup>buried their weapons of war,  
And they fear to take them up lest  
by any means they shall sin—  
Yea, ye can see that they fear to sin.
- 99 “For behold, they will suffer themselves that they  
be trodden down and slain by their enemies  
and will not lift their swords against them;  
And this because of their faith in Christ.
- 100 “And now because of their steadfastness—when they

a Mos 3:8-9  
H 2:31  
3N 9:92; 10:1-2

b A 14:34-53

- do believe in that thing which they do believe—  
 For because of their firmness when they  
 are once enlightened,  
 Behold, the Lord shall bless them and <sup>a</sup>prolong their days,  
 notwithstanding their iniquity;
- 101 Yea, even if they should dwindle in unbelief, the Lord  
 shall prolong their days until the time shall come  
 which hath been spoken of by our fathers—  
 And also by the prophet Zenos,  
 and many other prophets—  
 Concerning the restoration of our brethren the  
 Lamanites again, to the knowledge of the truth.
- 102 “Yea, I say unto you that in the latter times,  
 the promises of the Lord hath been extended  
 to our brethren the Lamanites;
- 103 And notwithstanding the many afflictions  
 which they shall have,  
 And notwithstanding they shall be driven to and fro upon  
 the face of the earth and be hunted and shall be smitten  
 and scattered abroad, having no place for refuge,  
 The Lord shall be merciful unto them;
- 104 And this is according to the prophecy that they shall  
 again be brought to the true knowledge—  
 Which is knowledge of their Redeemer and  
 their great and their true Shepherd—  
 And be numbered among His sheep.
- 105 “Therefore, I say unto you, it shall be better  
 for them than for you, except ye repent.
- 106 “For behold, had the mighty works been shown  
 unto them which have been shown unto you—  
 Yea, unto them which have dwindled in unbelief  
 because of the traditions of their fathers—  
 Ye can see of yourselves that they never would  
 again have dwindled in unbelief;
- 107 ‘Therefore,’ saith the Lord, ‘I will not utterly destroy them,  
 But I will cause that in the days of My wisdom,  
 they shall return again unto Me,’ saith the Lord;
- 108 ‘And now behold,’ saith the Lord concerning  
 the people of the Nephites, ‘if they will not  
 repent and observe to do My will,  
 I will utterly <sup>b</sup>destroy them,’ saith the Lord,

a En 1:19-20, 26  
 A 7:21-23

b WM 1:2  
 A 7:14-38

- ‘because of their unbelief,  
Notwithstanding the many mighty works  
which I have done among them;  
And as surely as the Lord liveth shall  
these things be,’ saith the Lord.”
- 109 And now it came to pass that there were many  
which heard the words of Samuel the Lamanite  
which he spake upon the walls of the city;
- 110 And as many as believed on his words  
went forth and sought for Nephi;  
And when they came forth and found him, they confessed  
unto him their sins and denied not, desiring  
that they might be baptized unto the Lord.
- 111 But as many as there were which did not believe  
in the words of Samuel were angry with him;  
And they cast stones at him upon the wall, and also many  
shot arrows at him as he stood upon the wall;
- 112 But the Spirit of the Lord was with him, insomuch that  
they could not hit him with their stones,  
neither with their arrows.
- 113 Now when they saw that they could not hit him, there  
were many more which did believe on his words,  
Insomuch that they went away unto Nephi to be baptized;
- 114 For behold, Nephi was baptizing and prophesying and  
preaching, crying repentance unto the people,  
Showing signs and wonders, working miracles  
among the people,  
That they might know that the Christ must shortly come;
- 115 Telling them of things which must shortly come,  
That they might know and remember at the time of their  
coming that they had been made known unto them  
beforehand, to the intent that they might believe;
- 116 Therefore, as many as believed on the words of  
Samuel went forth unto him to be baptized,  
For they came repenting and confessing their sins.
- 117 But the more part of them did not believe  
in the words of Samuel;  
Therefore, when they saw that they could not hit him  
with their stones and their arrows, they cried out  
unto their captains, saying:

- “Take this fellow and bind him, for behold,  
he hath a devil;
- 118 And because of the power of the devil which is in him,  
we cannot hit him with our stones and our arrows;  
Therefore, take him and bind him and away with him!”
- 119 And as they went forth to lay their hands on him,  
Behold, he did cast himself down from the wall and did  
flee out of their hands, yea, even unto his own country,  
And began to preach and to prophesy  
among his own people;
- 120 And behold, he was never heard of more  
among the Nephites.
- And thus were the affairs of the people;
- 121 And thus ended the <sup>1</sup>eighty and sixth year of the  
reign of the judges over the people of Nephi. 1 6 BC
- 122 And thus ended also the <sup>2</sup>eighty and seventh year  
of the reign of the judges— 2 5 BC  
The more part of the people remaining  
in their pride and wickedness,  
And the lesser part walking more  
circumspectly before God.
- 123 And thus were the conditions also in the <sup>3</sup>eighty  
and eighth year of the reign of the judges. 3 4 BC
- 124 And there was but little alteration  
in the affairs of the people,  
Save it were the people began to be more hardened  
in iniquity and do more and more of that which  
was contrary to the commandments of God in the  
<sup>4</sup>eighty and ninth year of the reign of the judges. 4 3 BC
- 125 But behold, it came to pass in the <sup>5</sup>ninetieth year  
of the reign of the judges, there were great  
signs given unto the people, and wonders;  
And the words of the prophets began to be fulfilled;
- 126 And angels did appear unto men—wise men—and  
did declare unto them glad tidings of great joy;  
And thus in this year the scriptures began to be fulfilled. 5 2 BC
- 127 Nevertheless, the people began to harden their hearts—  
all, save it were the most believing part of them,  
both of the Nephites, and also of the Lamanites—

- And began to depend upon their own strength  
 and upon their own wisdom, saying:
- 128 “Some things they may have guessed right among so many;  
 But behold, we know that all these great and marvelous  
 works cannot come to pass which hath been spoken.”
- 129 And they began to reason and to contend  
 among themselves, saying that,  
 “It is not reasonable that such  
 a Being as a Christ shall come;
- 130 If so, and He be the Son of God, the Father of heaven  
 and of earth, as it hath been spoken,  
 Why will He not show Himself unto us, as well  
 as unto they which shall be at Jerusalem?
- 131 Yea, why will He not show Himself in this land,  
 as well as in the Land of Jerusalem?
- 132 “But behold, we know that this is a wicked tradition  
 which has been handed down unto us by our fathers  
 to cause us that we should believe in some great  
 and marvelous thing which should come to pass,  
 But not among us, but in a land which is far distant,  
 a land which we know not;
- 133 Therefore, they can keep us in ignorance, for we cannot  
 witness with our own eyes that they are true;
- 134 And they will, by the cunning and the mysterious arts of  
 the evil one, work some great mystery which we cannot  
 understand, which will keep us down to be servants  
 to their words, and also servants unto them,  
 For we depend upon them for to teach us the word;
- 135 And thus will they keep us in ignorance if we will yield  
 ourselves unto them all the days of our lives.”
- 136 And many more things did the people imagine up  
 in their hearts which were foolish and vain;
- 137 And they were much disturbed, for satan did  
 stir them up to do iniquity continually;  
 Yea, he did go about spreading <sup>a</sup>rumors and  
 contentions upon all the face of the land,  
 That he might harden the hearts of the people against that  
 which was good and against that which should come;
- 138 And notwithstanding the signs and the wonders  
 which were wrought among the people of the Lord,  
 and the many miracles which they did,

a A 1:48  
 Ps 15:3  
 Prov 6:16-19  
 Rom 1:29-31

satan did get great hold upon the hearts of the people upon  
all the face of the land.

139 And thus ended the ninetieth year of the reign  
of the judges over the people of Nephi.

140 And thus ended the book of Helaman, according  
to the record of Helaman and his sons.