

Chapter 19

{Original 1830 Chapter IX – continued}

1 **And it came to pass** that the **army** of the **king** [Noah] aa
returned [**to the land of Lehi-Nephi**]
having searched in vain
for the people
of the Lord

Destruction and Bondage Come Upon the Wicked

~~~~ The Lamanites Attack & Subjugate the People of Limhi – Noah Flees

2 **And now behold** the **forces** of the **king**
were **small**
having been **reduced**
and there **began to be** a **division** among the remainder 01
of **the people**

3 **And** the lesser part [of the **division**]
began to breathe out **threatenings**
against **the king**
and there **began to be** a **GREAT** contention
among **them**

4 **And now** there was a man among **them** bb
whose name was **Gideon**
and he [**Gideon**]
being a strong man
and [being] an enemy to **the king**
therefore he [**Gideon**] drew **his sword**
and swore in **his wrath**
that he [**Gideon**] would **slay the king**

[Par. aa – Like line endings “the king”]

[Heb. 01 – Use of “began to be”]

[Par. bb – Circular repetition “Gideon”]

5 And **it came to pass** that he [Gideon] fought with the king

And when [he] the king saw
that he [Gideon]
was about to overpower him

and he [the king] fled
[he the king] ran

And [he the king]
got upon the tower
which was near the temple

6 And [he] Gideon pursued after him
And [he Gideon] was about to get upon the tower
to slay the king

and [but] [he] the king
cast his eyes round about
towards the land of Shemlon

and behold the army of the Lamanites
were within the borders
of the land [of Lehi-Nephi]

7 And now the king

cried out in the anguish [Poetic Language] PL
of his soul
saying

Gideon spare me
for the Lamanites
are upon us

and they [the Lamanites] cc
will destroy them us ["them" changed to "us" in 1906]

yea they [the Lamanites]
will destroy my people

[Heb. 02 – Use of “and” meaning “but”]

[Heb. 04 – Separated prepositions]

[Heb. 03 – Compound prepositions “round about”]

[Par. cc – Simple alternating]

8 **And now** the king
 was NOT so much concerned
 about his people
 as he [the king]
 was [so much concerned]
 about his own life
nevertheless Gideon did spare his life

[Note: The above verses 7-8 can be viewed as a *chiastic parallelism*:

7 **And now**

the king cried out in the anguish of his soul, **saying**:

[A] Gideon, spare me, for the Lamanites are upon us,

[B] and they will destroy us;

[C] yea, they will destroy my people.

8 **And now**

[C] the king was not so much concerned about his people

[B] as he was about his own life [being destroyed];

nevertheless,

[A] Gideon did spare his life.

9 **And [now]** the king commanded the people
that they should *flee before*
the Lamanites
and he himself *did ___ go before* {AG} 05
them
[the people]
and they
[the people] *did ___ flee*
into the wilderness
 with their women
and [with] their children

[Heb. 05 – Duplication]

[Mosiah 19]

10 And **it came to pass** that **the Lamanites**
did *pursue* them
and did *overtake* them
and **began to slay** them

11 **Now it came to pass**
that the king **commanded** them
that ALL **the men**
should *leave* their wives dd
and their children
and [should] *flee before*
the Lamanites

12 **Now** _____ there were **MANY**
that would NOT *leave* them
but had rather *stay*
and *perish* with them [see v.19]

And the rest
[of the men] *left* their wives
and their children
and *fled*

13 And **it came to pass** that those [men] who *tarried*
with their wives
and [with] their children

caused that [they] their fair daughters 06 ee
should stand forth

and [caused that they [their fair daughters]
should] plead with
the Lamanites ff

that they [**the Lamanites**]
would NOT **slay** them

[Par. dd – Like endings “their wives and their children”]

[Par. ff – Circular repetition “the Lamanites”]

[Heb. 06 – Use of “caused that”]

[Par. ee – Simple alternating]

14 And **it came to pass**

that [they] the Lamanites
had compassion on **them**

for they [the Lamanites]
were charmed with the beauty
of **their** women

15 **Therefore**

_____ the Lamanites
did spare **their** lives
and took **them** captives
and carried **them** back to *the land of Nephi*

and granted
unto **them**

that they might possess _____ *the land*

under the conditions

that they would deliver up ~~the king~~ **Noah** ["the" deleted in 1837] {AG}
into the hands of
the Lamanites

and [that they would] deliver up **their** property
even one half of ALL **they** possessed gg
[and] one half of [ALL] **their gold**
and [one half of ALL] **their silver**
and [one half of] ALL **their** precious things

And thus they should pay **tribute**
to **the king**
of the Lamanites **from** year
to year

16 And **now** there was **one** of the sons of the king [**Noah**]
among _____ **those**
that were taken captive
whose name was Limhi

[Par. gg – Working out]

[Mosiah 19]

17 And **now** [he] **Limhi** was desirous that **his father** [Noah] should NOT be **destroyed**

nevertheless [he] **Limhi** was NOT ignorant of the **iniquities** of **his father** [Noah] he [Limhi] himself being a **just man**

18 And **it came to pass** that **Gideon** sent **men** *into the wilderness* hh
secretly
to search **for the king**
and those that were with him

And **it came to pass**
that **they** [the **men** of **Gideon**]
met **the people** *in the wilderness*
ALL [the people] **SAVE** the king
and his priests

19 **Now** _____ they [the people *in the wilderness*]
had sworn in their hearts
that they would **return** *to the land of Nephi*
and if their wives
and [if] their children
were **slain**
[same as in v. 12,13]
and also [if] **those** that had **tarried** with **them**
[were **slain**]

[**then** they **the people** *in the wilderness*
had sworn in their hearts]
that **they** would seek **revenge**
and also [would] **perish** with **them**

[Par. hh – Circular repetition “in the wilderness”]

20 **And [now]** the king commanded them
that they should NOT *return*
and they were angry with the king
and [they] **caused** 07
that he [the king]
should suffer even unto **death by fire**

[Note* This fulfills in part the prophecy of Abinadi. (Mosiah 17:18)]

21 **And** they were about to take the priests also
and put them _____ to **death**
and [but] they [the priests] *fled before* them 08

22 **And** **it came to pass**
that they [the people *in the wilderness*]
were about to return to *the land of Nephi*
and they met
the men
of Gideon
And the men
of Gideon **told** them
of ALL that had happened
to their wives
and their children
and **that** the Lamanites had granted
unto **them**
that **they** might possess *the land*
by paying a tribute
to the Lamanites of one half of ALL **they** possessed

[Heb. 07 – Use of “caused that”]

[Heb. 08 – Use of “and” meaning “but”]

[Note: On the other hand, Royal Skousen conjectures that in the Original Manuscript, **Mosiah 19:24** read “and it came to pass that after they had ended the **cermon**” (meaning **sermon**), and that when Oliver Cowdery copied this verse into the Printers Manuscript, he misinterpreted this spelling (“**cermon**”) to mean **ceremony**. However, Skousen notes that the word “sermon” has an archaic meaning of “discussion or talk,” which could possibly fit this passage. (Royal Skousen, *The History of the Text of the Book of Mormon. Part Six: Spelling in the Manuscripts and Editions*. FARMS and BYU Studies, 2020, p. 12.)]

25 And **it came to pass**

that [he] the **king** of **the Lamanites**
made an oath unto **them**
 that **his people**
 should NOT slay **them**

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26 And also [king] **Limhi** be-**ing** the son of the **king** [**Noah**]
 having _____ **the kingdom**
 conferred upon **him**
 by **the people**

made [an] oath
 unto the **king** of **the Lamanites**
 that **his people**
 should pay **tribute**
 unto **him** _____ even **one half** of ALL **they** possessed

27 And **it came to pass**

that [king] **Limhi** **began to establish** **the kingdom**
 and **began] to establish** **peace**
 among **his people**

28 And [he] the **king** of **the Lamanites** set **guards** **round**
about the land

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that he [the **king** of **the Lamanites**]
 might keep **the people** of **Limhi**
in the land

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that they[**the people** of **Limhi**]
 might NOT depart
into the wilderness

[Heb. 09 – Use of “made an oath”]

[Heb. 11 – Two nouns connected by “of”]

[Heb. 10 – Compound prepositions “round about”]

[Mosiah 19]

And he [the king] did support his guards
out of the tribute
which he [the king] did receive from the Nephites

29 And now king Limhi did have continual peace
in his kingdom
for the space of two years

that the Lamanites
did NOT molest them
NOR seek
to destroy them
[for the space of two years]