

Chapter 20

{Original 1830 Chapter IX – continued}

Woes Follow the Rejection of True Prophets

~~~ *The Daughters of the Lamanites Are Taken by the Priests of Noah*

- 1 **Now** there was *a place in Shemlon*  
*where* the daughters  
of the Lamanites **did** gather themselves **together** 01  
[A] to sing aa  
[B] **and** to dance  
[C] **and** to make themselves merry

- 2 **And** **it came to pass**  
**that** there was **one day**  
a small number of them gathered **together**  
[A] to sing  
[B] **and** to dance  
[C] [**and** to make themselves merry]

- 3 **And** **now** the priests of king **Noah**  
being ashamed to return to *the city of Nephi*

[Note: Mormon's reference here is "city of Nephi." The "land of Nephi" has been used starting in Mosiah 19:15, 19,22, 24. Yet as previously recorded by Zeniff (Limhi's grandfather) in Mosiah 9:6-8 ("I went in unto the king, and he covenanted with me that I might possess the land of Lehi-Nephi, and the land of Shilom . . . And we began to . . . repair . . . the walls of the city of Lehi-Nephi, and the city of Shilom"), Mormon does not clarify the issue.]

**Yea** **and** also fearing  
**that** **the people** would slay them

**therefore** they [the priests of king **Noah**]  
durst NOT return to their wives  
and their children

- 4 **And** **having** tarried \_\_\_\_\_ *in the wilderness*  
**and** **having** discovered the daughters  
of the Lamanites

[Heb. 01 – Verb and noun with the same root]

[Par. aa – Working out]

[Mosiah 20]

they [the priests of king Noah]  
laid  
and watched \_\_\_\_\_ them

5 And **when** there were but few of them **gathered** \_\_\_\_\_ **together**

**[A] [ to sing]**

**[B] [and] to dance**

**[C] [and to make themselves merry]**

[see list in v. 2]

they [the priests of king Noah]  
came forth  
out of their secret places  
and took them  
and carried them

*into the wilderness*

**yea** twenty **and** four  
of the daughters  
of the Lamanites

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they [the priests of king Noah]  
carried *into the wilderness*

*~~~ The Lamanites Invade Nephi from Shemlon*

6 And **it came to pass**

that **when** \_\_\_\_\_ the Lamanites found  
that their daughters had been missing

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they [the Lamanites] were angry  
with the people of Limhi

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for they [the Lamanites] thought  
[that] it was the people of Limhi

7 **Therefore**

**yea** they [the Lamanites] sent their armies forth  
even the [Lamanite] king himself  
went before  
**his** people

[Heb. 02 – The word “and” between number units]

[Heb. 03 – Two nouns connected by “of”]

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

and they [the Lamanites] went up  
 to *the land of Nephi*  
 to **destroy** *the people* of Limhi

8 And **now** [he] Limhi  
 had discovered them *from the tower* [see Mosiah 11:12]

Even ALL **their** preparations for war  
**did** he [Limhi] discover

**therefore** he [Limhi] gathered \_\_\_\_\_ his people together  
**and** [they] laid wait for them  
 in *the fields*  
**and** in *the forests*

9 And **it came to pass**  
 that **when** the Lamanites had come up  
 that **the people**  
 of Limhi  
began to fall  
 upon them from their waiting *places*  
**and** began to slay them

10 And **it came to pass**  
 that the battle became **exceedingly** sore 04  
 for they [the Lamanites] fought **like** lions for their prey 05

11 And **it came to pass**  
 that **the people**  
 of Limhi  
began to drive the Lamanites before **them**  
**yet** they were NOT half so numerous  
 as the Lamanites

**But** they fought \_\_\_\_\_ for their lives cc  
**and for** their wives  
**and for** their children

[Heb. 04 – Use of the word “exceedingly”]

[Heb. 05 – Simile “like”]

[Par. cc – Rhyming enumeration]

[Mosiah 20]

**therefore** **they** exerted themselves  
and **like** dragons\* [large fierce sea serpents, see Isaiah 27:1, Psalm 74:13] {AL} 06  
did  
**they** fight

12 And **it came to pass**  
that **they** found the **king** of **the Lamanites** among the number  
of **their dead**  
yet he [the **king**] was NOT **dead**  
having been wounded  
and [having been] left upon the ground  
so speedy was the flight  
of **his people**

13 And **they** took **him**  
and bound up **his** \_\_\_\_\_ wounds

and brought **him**  
**before** [king] **Limhi**  
and **said**

**Behold** here is the **king** of **the Lamanites**  
he [the **king**]  
having received a **wound**  
has fallen among **their dead**

and **they** [**the Lamanites**]  
have left **him** [for \_\_\_\_\_ **dead**] dd

and **behold**  
**we** [thy people]  
have brought **him**  
**before** **you** [**Limhi**]

and **now** let **us** slay **him**

14 **But** [**he**] **Limhi** **said** \_\_\_\_\_ **unto** **them** ee

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Heb. 06 – Simile “like”]  
[Par. dd – Circular repetition “him”]  
[Par. ee – Like beginnings “he Limhi”]

but **ye** shall not slay **him**  
 [ye shall] *bring* **him** hither [to this place] {AL}

that I [Limhi]  
 may see **him**

And **they** *brought* **him** [hither]

And [he] **Limhi** **said**  
 unto **him**  
 What cause have ye [Lamanites]  
 to *come up* to **war**  
 against **my people**? ff

**Behold** **my people** have NOT broken the **oath**  
 that I [Limhi] **made**  
 unto **you**

**Therefore** why should **ye** break the **oath**  
 which **ye made** unto **my people**?

15 And **now** the **king** **said**  
 I have broken the **oath**  
**because** **thy people** **did** carry away  
 the daughters  
 of **my people**

**therefore** in **my anger** I **did** cause **my people**  
 to *come up* to **war**  
 against **thy people**

16 And **now** [he] **Limhi** had heard NOTHING concerning this matter [added in 1920]

**therefore** he [Limhi] **said**  
 I [Limhi] will **search** among **my people**  
**and** whosoever has done **this thing** shall **perish**

[Par. ff – General irregular repetition “my people”]

**Therefore** he [**Limhi**] caused a search to be made  
among **his people**

17 **Now when** [he] **Gideon** had heard these things  
he [**Gideon**] being \_\_\_\_\_ the **king's** captain  
he [**Gideon**] went forth  
**and said** unto the **king**

**I** [**Gideon**] **pray** thee forbear  
**and** do NOT search **this people**

**And** lay NOT this thing  
to **their** charge

18 **For** do **ye** NOT remember the priests  
of **thy father**  
whom  
**this people** sought to destroy?

And are **they** NOT in the wilderness ?

And are NOT \_\_\_\_\_ they  
the ones

who have stolen the daughters  
of **the Lamanites**?

19 **And now** **behold**  
**and** tell the **king** [of **the Lamanites**]  
of these things

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**that** he [the **king** of **the Lamanites**]  
may tell **his people**  
**that** **they** [**his people**] may be pacified  
towards **us**

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**for** **behold** **they** [**the Lamanites**] are **already** preparing  
to **come** against **us**

**and** **behold** also there are but few of **us**

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[Heb. 07 – Use of “Behold”]

[Par. gg – Like line endings “us”]

20 And **behold** they *come* with their numerous hosts

[Note: Gideon has amplified his words in verses 19-20 by using the initiator “behold” four times]

and **EXCEPT** the king doth pacify them  
towards **us**  
**we** \_\_\_\_\_ **MUST** \_\_\_\_\_ **perish**

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21 For are \_\_\_\_\_ NOT the words of **Abinadi** fulfilled  
which [words] he [**Abinadi**] prophesied  
against **us** ? [see Mosiah 12:1-8] **[opposites]**

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And **ALL this**  
because we would NOT hearken  
unto the words of **the Lord**  
and [we would NOT] turn from our **iniquities**

22 And **now** let us pacify the king  
and we [let us ?] fulfil the **oath**  
which we have **made**  
unto **him**

[?]

For it is better  
that we should be **in bondage**  
than that we should lose **our lives**

**therefore** let us put a stop to the **shedding** of so MUCH **blood**

23 And **now** Limhi told the king **ALL the things**  
concerning his father  
and the priests  
that had *fled* into the wilderness

and [Limhi] attributed the carrying away  
of their daughters to them

24 And **it came to pass**  
that the king was pacified  
towards **his people**  
and he [the king] said unto them

[Par. hh – Like beginnings “we”]

[Mosiah 20]

Let us go forth to meet my people without arms  
and I [the king] swear unto you  
with an oath

that my people shall NOT slay  
thy people

25 And it came to pass

that they followed the king  
and [they] went forth \_\_\_\_\_ without arms  
to meet the Lamanites

And it came to pass

that they did meet the Lamanites

and the king of the Lamanites  
did bow himself down  
before them

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and did plead in behalf of the people of Limhi

26 And when \_\_\_\_\_ the Lamanites  
saw the people of Limhi  
that they were  
without arms

they had compassion  
on them

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and [they] were pacified  
towards them

and [they] returned with their king  
in peace

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to their own land

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[Heb. 08 – Compound preposition “down before”]

[Par. ii – Simple synonymous parallelism]

[Heb. 09 – Preposition + condition = adverb “peacefully”]