

*A Plain English Reference to
The Book of Ether
The Jaredite history
See Ether, Chapter 1*

Now I, Moroni, begin engraving my account of ancient people who lived about 1,600 years in the northern lands before annihilating themselves.

I take my account from 24 gold plates, called *The Book of Ether*, found by Limhi's men.

I know the Jews have the first part of this record, about the creation of the world, Adam and Eve and their descendants up to the time of the great tower, so I won't write that part again. However, that creation account is on these 24 plates, and whoever finds them will be given power to read the complete account.

I will begin with the genealogy of these people, from the time of the tower until they destroyed themselves in Ether's day.

Ether, who wrote this record, was a descendant of Coriantor, son of Moron, whose genealogy (going backwards) is as follows:

Ethem, son of Ahah, son of Seth.
Before Seth were Shiblun, Com,
Coriantum, Amnigaddah, and Aaron, a
descendant of Heth, son of Hearthom,
son of Lib.

Before Lib were Kish, Corom, Levi,
Kim, and Morianton, a descendant of
Riplakish.



Before Riplakish were Shez, Heth, Com, Coriantum, Emer, Omer, Shule, Kib, Orihah and Jared.

Jared and his brother, their families, and other families, came from the great tower in 2200 BC, when the Lord confused the language of the people and vowed in His wrath to scatter them over all the face of the earth.

Jared's brother was a large, strong man, highly favored by the Lord. Jared asked his brother to ask the Lord not to confuse their language. Jared's brother asked, and the Lord had **compassion** on Jared and his brother and did not confuse their language. did **not** confuse their language.

Then Jared said to his brother, "Pray **again** to the Lord, asking Him to turn away His anger from our friends so their language will not be confused also."

Jared's brother did this, and their friends' and families' language was **not** confused. Then Jared asked his brother to ask the Lord if they were going to be

driven out of the land, and if so, where they should go.

Jared wondered if the Lord would take them to a new land — **perhaps more choice** than any other. He told his brother, "If we are to be led to a choice land, **let us be faithful** to the Lord, that we may **receive it** for our inheritance."

Jared's brother prayed to the Lord as Jared had asked him to do. The Lord heard Jared's brother and had compassion on him, saying,

"Gather your flocks, male and female of every kind. Also, gather all types of seeds. Gather your family, Jared's family, and your friends' families. Lead them all down into the valley to the north. I will meet you there, and I will go before you into a land **more choice than any other**. There I will bless you and your descendants and raise up a great nation, and none will be greater in all the earth. I will do this because you have prayed to me so diligently."

A choice land promised
See Ether, Chapter 2

Jared, his brother, their families and their friends' families went into the valley in the north named Nimrod (named after the mighty hunter), taking all their flocks with them. They set snares to catch live birds, and made containers in which to carry live fish. They also took beehives and all types of seed with them.

Upon arriving in Nimrod, the Lord came down and talked with Jared's



brother. The Lord was in a cloud, and Jared's brother did not see Him. The Lord commanded them to go into an area of wilderness where no man had ever been. Then the Lord went before them and talked with them as He stood in a cloud, and He directed them which way to go.

As they traveled, they came to many bodies of water. They crossed these small seas on barges that they made, and they were directed continually by the Lord's hand.

The Lord told them not to stop after crossing the small seas in the wilderness. He wanted them to continue toward the promised land, more choice than all others, which He had saved for a righteous people.

The Lord vowed in His wrath to Jared's brother that all who possessed this land of promise forevermore would serve Him, the true and only God, or be swept off the land.

Moroni comments:

Now we understand God's decrees over this land, that it's a land of promise, and any nation who possesses it will serve God or be swept off **when the fullness of His wrath** comes upon them.

This is God's everlasting law — that people are swept off the land as soon as they are **ripe** with sins.

This **warning is for you, oh Gentiles**, so you will know God's decrees. Repent, and **do not continue in your sinfulness**, bringing down the fullness of God's wrath upon you as the people in this land have done before.

Whatever nation lives here will be free from the bondage of all other nations under heaven, **if** they serve the God of the land, who is **Jesus Christ**, who has been shown to you through our records.

Now I Moroni continue my record.

The Lord brought Jared and his brethren to that great sea which divides the continents. They camped on the seashore in tents for four years, and they named the place Moriancumer.

After four years, the Lord came to Jared's brother again, standing in a cloud, and He **talked** with him for three hours. He also chastened him because he had forgotten to call upon the Lord.

Note: The Lord did **not** chastise Jared's brother for three hours.

Jared's brother repented of the evil he had done, and prayed to the Lord for his brethren.

The Lord said to him,



"I will forgive you and your brethren of their sins, but do not sin anymore. Remember, my Spirit will not always be with you if you sin. If you become fully ripe in sin, then you will be cut off from my presence. This is my law upon the choice land I will give you for your inheritance. Now, build more barges like the ones you built before."

As before, Jared's brother, along with many of his brethren, built the barges according to the Lord's instructions. They were small and light, and floated like water fowl. They were extremely water-tight. The bottom and the sides were shaped like a dish with peaked ends.

The top was water-tight, too, and was also shaped like a dish. Each barge was as long as a tree, with a water tight door.

Jared's brother prayed, "Oh Lord, we have made the barges according to Thy directions. But Lord, there's no light inside, and how will we steer them? And they're so air-tight, we won't be able to breathe inside."

The Lord replied to Jared's brother,

"Make a hole in the top and also in the bottom. When you need air, unplug the top hole. If the waves come in, then plug up the hole."

Jared's brother did as he was instructed.

Then he prayed again, "Oh Lord, I have made the holes as Thou has told me.

But we still have no light inside. Must we cross this great ocean in darkness?"

The Lord replied,

"**What would you like** me to do to give you light inside your barges? You cannot have windows, for they would break, and you cannot make fires on your barges.

Your barges will be like whales under the mountainous waves. But I will bring you up to the surface again, commanding the wind, rain and ocean to deliver you up.

You cannot cross this great ocean unless I prepare your barges to withstand the waves, and wind. **How do you want** me to make light for you when your barges are underwater?"

The faith of Jared's brother
See Ether, Chapter 3

Jared's brother went and climbed a high mountain named Shelem and smelted sixteen small white stones from a rock (two stones for each of the eight barges), which were transparent, like glass.

Then he took the stones to the top of the mountain and prayed,

"Oh Lord, you said we would be surrounded by water. Now oh Lord, do not be angry with me because of my weakness before you. We know you are holy and live in the heavens. We are unworthy before you because of our fallen nature, doing evil continually.

But you oh Lord, have given us a commandment to **call upon** you, saying we would **receive** from you **according to our desires**.

Oh Lord, you have stricken us because of our iniquity and driven us in this wilderness for several years. But you have been merciful to us.

Oh Lord, look upon me in pity, and turn away your anger from this, your people, and do not allow them to cross this raging deep in darkness. Look at these stones I smelted out of the rock.

I know oh Lord, you have **all power** and can do what you will for the benefit of man. So touch these stones, oh Lord, with your finger, to make them shine in the barges as we cross the sea.

Oh Lord you **can** do this. We know you can show **great power** by things that look **small** according to our understanding."

After Jared's brother said this the Lord revealed His hand and touched the stones with His finger.

The veil **was taken** from the eyes of Jared's brother, and he saw the Lord's finger, like a man's finger. Struck with fear, Jared's brother fell down before the Lord.



The Lord asked him, "Why have you fallen? Arise."

Jared's brother answered, "I saw the finger of the Lord and feared He would smite me, for I didn't know the Lord had flesh and blood."

The Lord replied, "Because of your **faith**, you saw I **will** take upon me flesh and blood. Never has man come before me with such great faith as you, for **without** such faith, you **could not** have seen my finger.

Did you see more than my finger?"

"No," answered Jared's brother, "Show Thyself to me."

Then the Lord asked, "Will you believe my words?"

Jared's brother replied, "Yes, Lord, I **know** you speak truth, for you're a God of truth and can't lie."

Then the Lord showed Himself and said,

"Because you **know** these things, you are redeemed **from the fall**, are brought back into my **presence**, and I show **myself** to you.

I am the one prepared from the foundation of the world to redeem my people. I am Jesus Christ, the Father and the Son.

Through me, **all who will believe** in my name will have **eternal life**, and **become** my sons and daughters.

I have **never** before shown **myself** to man whom I have created, for **no man** has believed in me as much as you.

Now you know you were created after my own image. In the beginning, all men were created after my own image.

This **body** you now see is my **body in the image of my spirit**. I have created man in the **image of my spirit**, and as I now appear to you in the **spirit**, I will appear to my people in the **flesh**."

Moroni comments again:



As I, Moroni, said earlier, I cannot make a complete account of the things written on these 24 plates.

It is enough to say Jesus showed Himself **in the spirit** and ministered to Jared's brother in the **same manner** He showed Himself **in the flesh** to the Nephites. He did this and other great

works so Jared's brother would **know** He was God.

After Jared's brother had seen Jesus' finger, he no longer had faith, but a **perfect knowledge** of the Lord. With this perfect knowledge of God, he could **not be kept** from within the veil, and he saw Jesus, who spoke directly to him, face to face.

The Lord said to Jared's brother,

"You will **not** allow what you have seen and heard to go to the world until the time comes when I will **glorify my name** in the flesh. When you come to me, you **will** make a record of what you have seen and heard and **seal it up** so no one can interpret it, for you will engrave your record in an **unknown language**.

I will give you these **two stones** to seal up with your plates. The language you will engrave **has been confused**, and **in my own due time** these stones will allow your engravings to be translated."

After saying this, the Lord showed Jared's brother **all** the inhabitants of the earth who **had** lived, and who would **yet live**.

The Lord did **not** hold back **anything** that would happen from his sight. The Lord did this because He had said to Jared's brother, "If you **believe** in me, I can show you **all things**."

Jared's brother **knew** the Lord **could** show him all things, and so

the Lord **could not withhold** anything from him.

The Lord said to Jared's brother, "Engrave these things on plates, then seal the plates along with the two stones, and do not show them to anyone. **In my own due time, I will show them to all people.**"

*Signs are explained away
See Ether, Chapter 4*

The Lord commanded Jared's brother to go down the mountain, away from His presence, and **engrave all the things he had seen** — things forbidden to come to the people until **after** He would be lifted up on the cross.

King Mosiah **withheld** this translated record (from the 24 pure gold plates) so they would not come to the world until **after** Christ had shown Himself to His people.

After Christ had shown Himself to His people, **He commanded this record** to be made known.

And so now, **after knowing** all these **great things**, the Nephites have all fallen because of their **unbelief**.

Only the Lamanites are left, and they have rejected the gospel of Christ, so I Moroni have been commanded to hide the record of Jared's brother in the earth.

Before hiding it, **I engraved his vision on my plates**, and there *never have been greater things* made known than what was revealed in this vision. Because these things are **so** great, the

Lord commanded me to engrave them on **my** plates. He also commanded me to **seal them up** along with the interpreters (the two stones affixed to the ends of a bow).

The Lord told me, Moroni,

"The Gentiles **will not have this record** unless they **repent** of their sinfulness and **become clean** before the Lord.

But **when** they exercise **faith** in me, **even as Jared's brother did**, which will make them **sanctified in me**, **then** I will **show** them what Jared's brother saw. **Then** I will **unfold all my revelations** to them, says Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of heaven and earth.

All who fight against the Lord's word and reject these things will be cursed, for I will *not* **show greater** things to them.

At my command, heaven is opened or shut. **At my word**, the earth will shake, and **at my command**, its inhabitants will pass away, even by fire.

Those who reject my words reject my **disciples**.

Use your **own judgment** and say my words are not true, but **at the last day you will know** it is I, Jesus Christ, who speaks the truth. Those who believe in me will be visited with the **witness of my Spirit**. They will **know** and bear record **these words are true**, for they **persuade all to do good**.

Note: In previous paragraph Moroni writes . . .

1. **Judge** for yourself
2. People shown **truth** of words with power (will **know**).
3. Words persuade (teach) all to do **good**.

These **3 statements** run parallel to the **following words** of Nephi, written 1,000 years before Moroni's comment:

"...for they are the words of Christ, and he hath given them unto me; and they **teach all men that they should do good** . . . And if they are not the words of Christ, **judge ye** — for Christ will **show unto you**, with **power** and great glory, that they **are** his words." (2 **Nephi 33**:10-11)

Anything that persuades people to do good comes from me. Those who will not believe my **words** will not believe **me**...that **I am**. Neither will they believe the **Father** who sent me. For I represent the Father. I am the light, life and truth of the world.

Come to me, oh **Gentiles**, and I will show you **greater things**, knowledge hidden because of of **unbelief**.

Come to me, oh **house of Israel**, and the **greater things** the Father has laid up for you since the beginning of the world **will be shown** to you . . . things **not yet** come to you because of your **unbelief**.

When you **tear down** your veil of unbelief, which causes you to **remain** in your **awful state** of wickedness, then the **great, marvelous** things hidden since the beginning of the world **will be shown to you**.

And when you, oh house of Israel, call upon the Father in my name, with a **broken heart** and **contrite spirit**,

with **true sorrow, then you will know** the Father has **remembered the covenant** He made to your forefathers.

Then my revelations, written by my servant John (see Book of Revelation), will **come to pass as all people watch**.

When you read this (*The Book of Mormon*), know the time is **near** when these things **will happen**, that the Father's work has already **begun** in all the land.

Therefore, repent, everyone from the ends of the earth.

Come to me, **believe** in my gospel, and **be baptized** in my name, for those who believe and are baptized will be saved, and **signs will follow** them.

But those who do not believe in me will be damned.

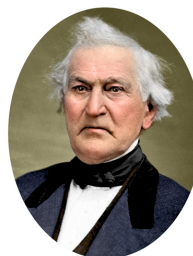
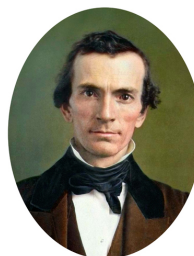
Blessed are those who are found faithful to my name at the last day, for they will be **lifted up to live in the kingdom prepared for them since the beginning of the world**.

And it is I, the Lord, who has spoken this. Amen.”

Moroni's message to Joseph Smith
See Ether, Chapter 5

Now I, Moroni, have engraved what I have been commanded, according to my memory. I have told you what I have sealed up, so **do not touch that part** or attempt to translate it, for that is forbidden until God permits.

You (Joseph Smith) may be privileged to show the **plates** to those who will **help** bring forth this work.



You will show them to **three men** by God's power, and they will know these things are true . . .

OLIVER COWDERY
DAVID WHITMER
MARTIN HARRIS

By **three witnesses** these things will be established. Their witness and this work will **stand as a testimony against the world** at the last day.

This work will be shown to you by God's **power** and **word**, **both** of which the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost **bear record**.

If the people **of the world** repent and come to the Father in the name of Jesus, they will be received into His kingdom.

And if you feel I, Moroni, have no authority over these things, you may **judge** this book accordingly. But regardless of how you judge, **you will know** I do have authority **when you see me** — when we stand together before God at the last day.

Jaredite ocean voyage
See Ether, Chapter 6

And now I, Moroni, continue my record of Jared and his brother:

After the Lord touched the stones that had been taken to the top of the mountain, Jared's brother came down and put one stone in each end of the eight vessels. The Lord had caused the stones to shine and they gave off light so His people would not have to cross the ocean in darkness.

After they had prepared all kinds of food for themselves and for their flocks, herds, and other animals and birds that they would carry with them, they boarded their vessels and set out to sea, commending themselves to the Lord their God.

Then the Lord caused a furious wind to blow toward the promised land, and they were tossed on the waves by the

wind. Many times they were submerged under the mountainous waves that broke upon them.

But their vessels were water-tight, like Noah's ark, so they were not harmed. And when they were buried in the sea they cried out to the Lord, who brought them up to the surface again.

The wind never stopped blowing toward the promised land while they were on the ocean. Jared's brother and his people sang praises to the Lord, thanking Him all day long. And when night came, they continued to praise the Lord.

Their vessels were too strong for any whale to break, and they had continual light as they were driven on the sea, whether above water or below. They were carried across the stormy water for 344 days.

Finally they landed on the shore of the promised land. As they set their feet on dry ground, they bowed down and shed tears of joy before the Lord, for He had shown such tender mercy toward them. Then they spread out and began to plow the earth.

Jared had four sons, Jacom, Gilgah, Mahah and Orihah. Jared's brother also had sons and daughters.

There were 22 friends of Jared and his brother, who **all** had sons and daughters before they came to the promised land. These sons and daughters began to marry, and they were all taught from on high to walk humbly before the Lord.



Soon these people spread out over the land and farmed it, and their numbers greatly increased. As Jared's brother grew old, he realized he would soon die, and he said to Jared, "Let us gather our people and ask them what they desire of us before we leave this life."

Jared's brother had twenty-two children, and Jared had twelve (four sons and eight daughters).

After all their people had gathered, Jared and his brother counted them and asked them what they desired of them before they died. The people wanted them to anoint one of their sons to be a king over them.

This was grievous to Jared's brother, who replied, "Surely this will lead to captivity."

But Jared said to his brother, "Allow them to have a king."

So Jared's brother said to the people, "Choose a king from among our sons."

The people chose Pagag, the firstborn of Jared's brother, but he **refused** to be their king.

The people wanted Jared's brother to force his son to be their king, but he would not. He commanded them to force no man to be their king.

One by one, each of Pagag's brothers also refused to be king. Then Jared's sons also refused, except for Orihah, and he was anointed king over the people. He began to reign and the people began to prosper and become very rich.

Soon Jared died, as did his brother. Orihah walked humbly before the Lord, teaching his people about the great things the Lord had done for his father and forefathers.

Chorihor rebels *See Ether, Chapter 7*

King Orihah executed righteous judgment in the land throughout his very long life. He had 8 daughters and 23 sons. In addition to these sons, Kib was born when Orihah was old. Kib reigned in place of his father, and had a son, Corihor.

When Corihor was 32 years old, he rebelled against his father and went over to the land of Nehor to live. There he had many attractive sons and daughters who drew many people away to the land of Nehor.

After Corihor had gathered an army, he went to the land of Moron and captured King Kib, his father. This act fulfilled the words of Jared's brother (which he had spoken about 100 years earlier), that having a king would lead to captivity.

The land of Moron, where King Kib lived, was near the land which the Nephites later called Desolation. Kib lived in captivity under Corihor until he was very old. In his old age, Kib had a son and named him Shule.

As Shule grew older, he was angry with his brother. Shule grew into a large, strong man and was also mighty in judgment. He went to Ephraim Hill and made steel swords from the ore he found there.

Then he armed his followers and returned to the city of Nehor. Shule and his followers gave battle to his older brother, Corihor, and restored the kingdom to his very old father Kib.

Because of Shule's deeds, Kib bestowed the kingdom upon him. Like Orihah, his grandfather, Shule executed righteous judgment in the land. His kingdom spread all over the land as the population of the people dramatically increased.

Shule had many sons and daughters. Meanwhile, Corihor repented of the many things he had done wrong, so Shule gave him power in his kingdom.

Corihor also had many sons and daughters. Among Corihor's sons, there was one named Noah, who rebelled against his uncle Shule, and also against his father, Corihor.

Noah drew away Cohor his brother, all his other brethren, and many other people. Noah and his followers gave

battle to King Shule and obtained the land of their first inheritance.

Noah became a king over that part of the land. Seeking even more power, Noah again gave battle to King Shule, and took him captive to Moron.

Noah was about to kill his uncle Shule, but Shule's sons crept into Noah's house at night and killed him. Then they broke down the prison door, rescued their father, and returned him to his throne in his own kingdom.

But Noah's son Cohor built up his father's kingdom in his place. However, he did not gain power over King Shule, whose people prospered and became very great.

Now the country had been divided into two kingdoms — the kingdom of Shule and of Cohor. When Cohor and his people attacked Shule's kingdom, his people were defeated and he was killed in battle. Then Cohor's son Nimrod, gave up his father's kingdom to Shule.

Nimrod gained favor in the eyes of his great-great-uncle Shule, who bestowed great favors and freedom upon him. As Shule reigned, the Lord sent prophets among the people, who prophesied that the wickedness and idolatry of the people was bringing a curse upon the land, and that they would be destroyed if they did not repent.

The people reviled against and mocked the prophets, but King Shule punished all those who did this. He passed a law throughout the land that allowed the

prophets to go wherever they desired, calling the people to repentance.

Because the people **repented** of their sins and idolatry, the Lord spared them and they began to **prosper again** in the land.

Then King Shule had more sons and daughters in his old age.

There were no more wars in the days of Shule. He remained a righteous king by remembering the great things the Lord had done for his great-grandfather Jared, in bringing him and his people across the ocean to the promised land.

Wicked plans to gain power
See Ether, Chapter 8

Shule's son Omer was the next king. Omer had a son, Jared, who also had sons and daughters. Jared rebelled against his father and went to the land of Heth to live. There he **flattered many** people with his cunning words until he gained the support of half the kingdom.

Jared formed an army and conquered his father Omer, bringing him into captivity and forcing him to serve in the land of Heth.

Omer was in captivity half of his life. Two of Omer's sons, Esrom and Coriantumr, were very angry with their brother Jared, and they raised an army that attacked his army by night.

After killing his army, they were about to kill Jared as well, but he pled with his brothers to spare him, and said that

he would give the kingdom back to his father.

Even though his life had been spared, Jared was very sad over the loss of the kingdom, for he had set his heart on it and upon the world's glory.

Jared had a cunning daughter who was an expert in the ancient ways. Seeing the sorrow of her father, she devised a plan to get the kingdom back for him. She asked her father, "**Why are you so sad? Have you not read the record that our forefathers brought with them across the ocean? In that record, there is an account about those of old, who by their secret plans obtained kingdoms and great glory!**

Here's my plan: **Invite Kimmnor's son, Akish, to come to our house. I will dance for him. Because I am beautiful, I will please him, and he will desire me for his wife. If he asks you to give me to him to marry, say, 'I will give her to you if you bring me my father's head.'**"

Now Akish was one of King Omer's friends, and he came to Jared's house as Jared had asked. Jared's daughter danced for Akish, and he asked Jared if he could marry her. Jared replied to Akish, "**I will give her to you, if you will bring me King Omer's head.**"



Akish then invited all his relatives to Jared's house for a meeting and said to them, "**Will you swear to me that you will be faithful to me in doing what I will ask of you?**"

They all swore to Akish, by God, by the heavens, by the earth, and by their heads, that whoever would not help Akish would lose his head, and that whoever told anyone what Akish told them would die.

After they had all sworn allegiance to Akish, he administered the ancient oaths to them that had been handed down by those who had sought power, even from Cain, a murderer from the beginning.

These oaths were preserved by the devil's power to keep the people in darkness, and to give power to those who wanted to murder, plunder and commit all kinds of wickedness. Jared's daughter had convinced her father to search out these ancient oaths, who in turn convinced Akish.

So Akish administered them to his family and friends, leading them away by promising them great rewards for their assistance. They formed a secret combination, as the ancient ones had, which is the most serious form of wickedness in God's sight.

The Lord does not work in secret combinations, nor does He want His children to kill one another. He has forbidden these things from the beginning.

Moroni comments again:

Now I Moroni, will not write the details of their oaths and combinations, for it has been made known to me that **all** people have them, including the Lamanites. These secret combinations caused the destruction of these ancient people, the Jaredites. They have also caused the destruction of all **my people**, the Nephites.

Any nation that **builds up and supports** these secret combinations in order to get power and gain, spreading them all over the nation, **will be destroyed.**

The Lord will not allow His **saints**, who will be murdered by members of these combinations, to continue to cry to Him without avenging them.

This is why **this record of destruction** will be shown to you **Gentiles**, to give you the chance to repent, that you may not allow these murderous combinations to get above you.

If you do **build up and support these secret combinations**, then the work of destruction will come upon you as the Eternal God's **sword of justice** falls upon you, causing your overthrow.

Note: Compare Moroni's warning with this warning from prophet Ezra Taft Benson to **LDS Church members**, saying, "If we don't quit building up and supporting secret combinations, the situation will continue to degenerate as it did anciently." (ENSIGN, Jan. 1988)

The Lord commands. you Gentiles (including LDS Gentiles) to **wake up**

and realize your awful situation **when you see** these secret combinations that **will** be among you.

Note: The prophet Ezra also testified, "I testify wickedness is rapidly expanding in every segment of our society. It is more **highly organized**, more cleverly **disguised**, and more powerfully **promoted** than ever before. Secret combinations lusting for power, gain, and glory are flourishing. **A secret combination** that seeks to **overthrow** the freedom of **all** lands, nations, and countries is increasing its evil influence and control **over America** and the **entire world.**"

(ENSIGN, Nov. 1988)

For **judgments** will fall upon those secret combinations, and **upon those who build them up**, because those who have been murdered by them will **cry from the dust** for vengeance.

Those who **build up secret combinations seek to overthrow freedom in all lands**, nations, and countries, and to bring about the destruction of all people.

They follow the instructions of the devil, the father of all **lies**, who by his **lies** has caused people to murder from the beginning of the world. He has hardened the people's hearts so they will cast out the prophets and kill them.

Moroni have been **commanded** to write about these **secret combinations** so evil may be **done away** — so the time may come when Satan may have no more power over people's hearts — so they may be persuaded to do good continually and come to the fountain of righteousness and be saved.

The struggle with ancient plans *See Ether, Chapter 9*

Now I, Moroni, will continue my record:

Because Akish, his friends and family secretly combined in their vain ambitions, they overthrew Omer's kingdom. But the Lord showed His mercy to Omer, and to those members of his family who were loyal, by warning him in a dream to get out of the land.

Omer took his family and traveled for **many days**. They passed by Shim Hill and by the place where my people (the Nephites) were destroyed (Cumorah Hill). Then they traveled east, and camped by the sea in a place called Ablom.

Meanwhile, Jared was anointed king over the people by the hand of wickedness, and gave Akish his daughter for a wife.

Then Akish wanted to kill Jared, his father-in-law. He employed those who had vowed to him with the oath of the ancients, and they obtained Jared's head as he sat on his throne listening to his people.

This wicked, secret society had corrupted **all** the people. This is why they were able to murder Jared in public and put Akish in power.

Then Akish became jealous of his son and put him in prison, where he starved to death.

Akish had another son named Nimrah, who was angry with his father for killing his brother. Nimrah gathered a small group of men, fled out of the land, and went to live with Omer.

Akish had other sons, who won the hearts of the people, even though they had vowed to their father to do all kinds of sinful things according to their father's desires.

Akish's people wanted money just as much as Akish wanted power. So Akish's sons bribed the people with money and thereby gained most of their support.

Then a war broke out between Akish and his sons. This war lasted many years and destroyed **all but 30** people in the kingdom, not including those who had fled to join Omer's people.

Then Omer was restored again to the land of his inheritance. As he grew old, he had a son named Emer, and anointed him to be the next king.

Omer had seen many days of sorrow, but he enjoyed peace for the next two years. After Omer died, Emer reigned righteously as his father had.

The Lord began to take the curse off the land again, and the house of Emer prospered greatly under his reign.

62 years later, Emer's people had become very strong and rich. They had all kinds of fruit, grain, silk, linen, gold, silver and precious things. They also had cattle, oxen, sheep, pigs, goats,

and many other kinds of animals for food.

They had horses and donkeys, and other types of animals that were very useful to them, including elephants.

The Lord poured out His blessings upon this land--a land more choice than any other. He commands those who live here to remember Him or else be destroyed when **fully ripe** in iniquity.

"For upon such," says the Lord, "I will pour out the fullness of my wrath."

Emer judged righteously all his life. He had many sons and daughters. Among his sons was Coriantum, whom he anointed to reign in his place.

Emer lived four more years, and enjoyed peace in the land. He even **saw a vision** of the Son of Righteousness, and did rejoice and glory in His day. Then he died in peace.

Coriantum walked in his father's steps, building many mighty cities and administering righteously to his people all his life. He had no children until after his wife died at age 102.

Then in his old age, Coriantum married a young woman who bore him sons and daughters. Coriantum lived to be 142 years old.

After Coriantum died, one of his sons Com reigned in his place.

After reigning 49 years, Com had a son, Heth. Com also had other sons and daughters.

As the years passed, the people spread out **all over** all the land. And once again, a great wickedness emerged.

Heth embraced those ancient secret plans in order to destroy Com, his father. He dethroned his father, killing him with his own sword, and he reigned in his place.

Then prophets came into the land again, crying repentance to the people-- that they must prepare the way of the Lord or a great famine would destroy them. The people did not believe the prophets and threw them out. By King Heth's command, they threw other prophets into pits and left them to die.

Then a great famine came upon the land and people started to die quickly, for there was no rain. Poisonous snakes came into the land and killed many. Their flocks began to run from the snakes toward the **southern land**, (later called Zarahemla by the Nephites).

Many of the flocks died on the way, but some escaped into the southern land.

The Lord caused the snakes to stop chasing the flocks and **block the way**, preventing people from passing through.

The people who attempted to pass were killed by the snakes. The people followed their animals southward and ate the ones that had died along the way. When the people **realized** they would soon starve to death, they began to repent of their sinfulness and cry to the Lord.

After they had humbled themselves sufficiently before the Lord, He sent rain. Again there was fruit in the **northern** land and in all the **surrounding** lands. The Lord had shown His power to the people by ending the famine.

*Generations of wickedness
See Ether, Chapter 10*

Heth and his entire household died in the famine. His only surviving descendant, Shez, began to build up the broken people.

Shez remembered the destruction of his fathers and built up a righteous kingdom. He remembered what the Lord had done in bringing Jared and his brother across the ocean. He walked in the ways of the Lord, and he had sons and daughters.

His oldest son, also named Shez, rebelled against him, but he was killed by a robber because of his great riches. His death brought peace again to his father.

Shez built up many cities and the people began to spread out over all the land again. Shez lived to a very old age and had Riplakish, who reigned after he died.

Riplakish sinned in the Lord's sight by having many wives and mistresses. He also placed heavy taxes on his people in order to build many spacious buildings. He had a very beautiful throne, and he ordered many prisons to be built.

Those who refused to pay his taxes, or could not pay them, were put into these prisons. Those in prison were made to work constantly, and anyone who refused to work was put to death. He had all his fine things and fine gold made by those in prison. The whole kingdom was afflicted by his immorality.

After reigning this way for **42 years**, the people rebelled against him, bringing war into the land once again. During this war, Riplakish was killed and his descendants were driven out of the land.

After many years, Morianton, a descendant of Riplakish, gathered an army of outcasts and fought the people, gaining power over many cities. This war became very sore and lasted for many years. Eventually Morianton gained complete power and made himself king over all the land.

After this, Morianton gained the favor of the people by easing their burdens, and they anointed him king. Morianton did justice to the people, but not to himself because of his adultery, which cut him off from the Lord's presence.

He built up many cities and the people became very rich under his reign, having many buildings, plenty of gold and silver, and an abundance of grain, flocks and herds.

Morianton lived a very long time and then had a son, Kim, who reigned for eight years prior to his father's death.

Kim did not reign in righteousness, so he was not favored of the Lord.

Kim's brother rebelled against him and brought him into captivity, where he remained for the rest of his life. Kim had sons and daughters in captivity. In his old age he had Levi and then he died.

Levi served in captivity for 42 years and then made war against his uncle, the king of the land, and obtained the kingdom for himself.

Levi did what was right in the sight of the Lord and the people prospered in the land. He lived to a good old age and had sons and daughters. He anointed his son, Corom, to be the next king.

Corom also did what was good in the sight of the Lord all his life. He had many sons and daughters and also lived a long life. Kish then reigned in his place.

After Kish passed away, Lib reigned in his place. Lib also did what was good in the sight of the Lord.

During Lib's lifetime the poisonous snakes were destroyed. Then the people went to the **southern land again** to hunt for food.

The southern land was full of animals of the forest, and Lib became a great hunter. His people built a great city **near the narrow neck**, where **the sea divides the land**.

Lib's people preserved the southern land as a game wilderness for hunting, while the **whole northern land** was

covered with people. They were very industrious, buying and selling from one another in order to profit.

They created great mounds of dirt as they dug for ore --gold, silver, iron, brass and copper, with which to make all kinds of fine things.

They made silks, linen and all types of cloth. They made all types of tools for plowing, sowing, reaping, hoeing and thrashing, and tools to work their animals.

They made their weapons and many other things with very fine workmanship. No people were more blessed or prospered by the Lord than they. And they were in a land that was **more choice** than any other, for the Lord had spoken it.

Lib lived for many years and had sons and daughters. His son Hearthom reigned in his place. After reigning 24 years, the kingdom was taken from Hearthom and he served in captivity for the rest of his life.

The next **four generations** following Hearthom also lived in captivity throughout their lives: Heth, Aaron, Amnigaddah and Coriantum.

Coriantum's son Com was born in captivity, but he drew away half the kingdom. Com reigned over that half of the kingdom for 42 years and then went to battle against King Amgid for many years.

Finally, Com gained power over the rest of the kingdom.

In the days of Com, robbers came into existence again. They adopted the old plans, administered the oaths of the ancient people and sought to destroy the kingdom. Com fought the robbers but did not prevail.

Prophets killed, land cursed
See Ether, Chapter 11

Also in the days of Com, many prophets came and prophesied of the destruction of that great people unless they repented, turned to the Lord and gave up their murders and wickedness.

The people tried to kill the prophets, who fled to Com for protection. They prophesied many things to Com, and he was blessed during the rest of his life. He lived to a good old age, and then had a son, Shiblom, who reigned in his place.

Then Shiblom's brother Seth rebelled against him, and a great war broke out all over the land. Seth had **all** the prophets **put to death** who prophesied the destruction of the people.

Then there was great calamity in all the land, for the prophets had testified that if the people did not repent, a great destruction like one **never before known** on earth would come, after which their bones would be piled up on the ground.

The people did not listen to the Lord's voice because of their wicked combinations, which caused war, famine and pestilences all over the land.

A great destruction like no other **did come** during Shiblom's lifetime, but as the people began to repent, the Lord had mercy on them.

Although Shiblom was killed, Seth was conquered and spent the rest of his life in captivity. Ahah, Seth's son, inherited the kingdom, but his life was short. He was very sinful and caused much bloodshed.

One of Ahah's descendants, Ethem, then obtained the kingdom and was also very sinful. In the days of Ethem, **many prophets came again** and prophesied to the people that the Lord would completely destroy them off the face of the earth if they did not repent.

The people would not listen, so the prophets mourned and withdrew from among them.

Ethem ruled wickedly all his life. His son Moron also reigned in wickedness.

Because of that **secret combination**, built up to get power and gain, a very sinful man caused a rebellion and rose to power. He gave battle to Moron, overthrew half the kingdom and maintained it for many years. But Moron overthrew him and regained the entire kingdom.

Then another very powerful man arose, a descendant of Jared's brother. He overthrew the kingdom, and Moron lived in captivity the rest of his life.

Moron's son Coriantor also lived in captivity his whole life. During

Coriantor's lifetime, **man prophets** came and prophesied of great and marvelous things, **again telling the people** unless they repented, the Lord would bring His judgments against them and completely destroy them.

The prophets said by His power, the Lord would bring another people (the Mulekites and Nephites) to possess the land, just as He had brought their forefathers.

But the people rejected all the words of the prophets because of their secret society.

Coriantor had a son Ether and then died, having lived in captivity all his life.

Moroni expounds on faith
See Ether, Chapter 12

Ether lived when Coriantor was king. Ether was one of the Lord's prophets. He was **born in captivity**, but he came forth prophesying, and he could **not** be restrained, for the Spirit of the Lord was in him.

Ether cried out from morning until evening, telling the people if they did not believe in God and repent, they would be destroyed. He told the people that **all things are fulfilled by faith** — that anyone who believed in God would surely hope for a **better** world, even a place at the right hand of God, which **hope** comes of **faith**.

Ether taught faith is an anchor to people's souls, making them firm in always doing good works, enabling

them to be led by God while glorifying Him.



Ether prophesied great and marvelous things, which the people did not believe because they could not see them.

Moroni comments again:

Because faith is hoping for things you cannot see, do **not** reject the prophets, for you will only receive a witness of the truth after proving your faith.

It was by faith that Christ showed Himself to our forefathers after rising from the dead. He showed Himself to them **after** they had shown faith in Him. Before this time, He did not show Himself to the world. He has glorified the Father by preparing a way for others to also obtain the heavenly gift of eternal life, through faith in Him.

Because of Christ, the way is prepared that you may also have the hope of eternal life if you have faith in Him.

It was by faith in Christ that Melchizedek and many other high priests were called to the **holy order of God**.

By faith in Christ, the law of Moses was given, and then fulfilled, for

through the gift of His Son, God has prepared a more excellent way.

If His children do not believe in Christ, God cannot do miracles among them. This is why He did not show Himself to them until **after** they showed their faith in Him.

Because of Alma and Amulek's faith in Christ, the prison fell to the earth.

Because Helaman's two sons Nephi and Lehi had faith in Christ, a mighty change came over the Lamanites, and they were baptized with fire and with the Holy Ghost.

Ammon's and his brethren's faith in Christ brought a great miracle among the Lamanites.

All who have performed miracles before and after Christ have done them by **faith in His power**.

After they showed their faith in Christ, the three disciples were promised they would never die.

No miracle was ever performed by anyone who did not first believe in the Son of God.

There were many whose faith was so strong, even **before** Christ came, that they could **not be kept outside** the veil. They were glad to witness things they had only before seen with an eye of faith.

This record tells us Jared's brother was one such person. Because his faith in God was so great, and because of what he said to the Lord through his faith,

God could **not hide** His finger from him.

After Jared's brother saw the Lord's finger, because of the **promise he had obtained by faith**, the Lord could **not** withhold anything from his sight. This is why the Lord showed him **all things** and could **not** keep him outside the veil.

It is by **faith in Christ** my forefathers obtained the **promise this record will come to their brethren** (the Lamanites) through the Gentiles. This is why the Lord Jesus Christ has commanded me to make this record.

But I, Moroni, said to Him, "Lord, the Gentiles will mock at our poor writing, for you made our people powerful speakers, because of our faith and the Holy Ghost that you gave us. But you have **not** made our **writing** powerful.

You limited our writing skills because our **hands are awkward**. You have not made us powerful writers like Jared's brother, to whom you gave the gift of writing things as mighty as you are — **even to the overpowering of those who read them**.

You made our words powerful, but we cannot express them in writing. We see our weakness, and **we stumble** while engraving our words on plates. Because of this, I fear the Gentiles will not take our words seriously."

Then the Lord replied,

"Fools mock, but they will mourn, and my grace is sufficient for the meek who

will not take advantage of your weakness.

*To those **who come to me**, I will show them their weakness. I **give** people weaknesses to **humble** them.*

*My grace is sufficient for all **who humble themselves and have faith in me**, for I will turn their weaknesses into **strengths**.*

*I will show **the Gentiles their weakness**, and that faith, hope and charity will bring their souls to me — **the fountain of all righteousness**."*

After I, Moroni, heard these words I was **comforted** and said, "Oh Lord, your righteous will be done, for I know that you work among your children according to their faith. For Jared's brother said to Mt. Zerin, 'Remove,' and it was removed. If he had not the faith, the mountain would not have been moved.

This is how you showed yourself to your disciples, for after they had faith and spoke in your name, you showed yourself to them in great power.

I also remember you speaking of preparing a house, even among the mansions of your Father, in which we may have an even more wonderful hope. **We must hope** or we cannot inheritance the place you have prepared.

I also remember you said you loved the world, even to the laying down of your life for the world, that you might take it up again **in order to prepare a**

place for all people. I know this love you have for everyone is charity.

This is **why** we must also have charity or we cannot inherit that place you have prepared in the mansions of your Father.

Because of what you have said, I know if the Gentiles do not have charity, because of our weak writing, you will **take away** the talent they will have received, and **give it to those who will have more.**"

I prayed to the Lord that He would give the Gentiles grace, that they might have charity. Then the Lord said to me,

*"If the Gentiles do not have charity it will not affect you, for you have been faithful, and your robes will be made clean. Because you **see** your weakness, you will be made **strong**, and you will sit down in the place which I have prepared for you in my Father's mansions."*

Now I, Moroni, bid farewell to the Gentiles, and **also** to my brethren, the Lamanites, whom I love, until we meet before the judgment-seat of Christ, where all people will know my robes are not spotted with your blood.

At that time, you will know that **I have seen Jesus**, and that in plain humility **He talked with me face to face**, telling me these things **in my own language**, just as one man speaks to another.

I have only engraved a **few** of the things **He told me** because of my weakness in writing.

Now I urge you to seek this Jesus, of whom the prophets and apostles have written, that the grace of God the Father, and of the Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Ghost, who bears record of them, may be and abide in you forever, Amen.

A choice land promised See Ether, Chapter 13

And now I, Moroni, finish my record about the destruction of the people of whom I have been writing.

The people rejected all of Ether's words, who truly told them of all things from the beginning of mankind.

Ether said **after the flood** this land **became** a land more choice than any other, and the Lord would have all who live here serve Him.

He said this land is the place of the Lord's **holy sanctuary**, and of the **New Jerusalem** which will **come down** from heaven.

Ether saw **the days** when Christ would come, and he spoke about a **New Jerusalem** in **this** land.

He also spoke about the house of Israel, and the old Jerusalem, from where Lehi would come. Ether said that after Jerusalem would be destroyed, it would be built up again for the house of Israel and become a holy city of the Lord.

He said that the New Jerusalem will be built in this land for part of Joseph's descendants, **as a symbol** of the past.

For as Joseph brought his father to the land of Egypt, saving him and his brothers from starvation, the Lord brought **part** of Joseph's descendants (Lehi, Ishmael and Mulek) out of Jerusalem, saving them from destruction.

Joseph's descendants (through Ephraim and Manasseh) **will build a holy city to the Lord in this land**, like the Jerusalem of old. This will be the land of their inheritance, and they will no longer be oppressed.



There will be a **new heaven** and a **new earth**, and the **New Jerusalem will come down from heaven** (Enoch's city--Zion). And blessed are those who will live there, for their robes will be

white through the blood of the Lamb, and they will be numbered among Joseph's descendants.

Then the Jerusalem of old will come. Its inhabitants will be blessed, for they will be washed in the blood of the Lamb.

Those who were scattered will be gathered in from **all over** the earth, especially from the northern countries. They will participate in fulfilling the covenant God made with their father Abraham.

Note: The Savior told the Nephites when **Isaiah's words are fulfilled**, then shall the **covenant** (concerning the gathering of Israel), which the Father made with Abraham, **be fulfilled (3 Nephi 20:11-13)**

When these things happen, **then** the scripture will be fulfilled that says, "The first will be last, and the last will be first."

I was about to write more of Ether's great and **marvelous prophecies**, but **I was forbidden**.

The people of Ether's day considered his words to be worthless, and they threw him out from among them.

Then Ether hid in a cave during the day, where he made the rest of his record. At night he went out and witnessed the judgments that came upon the people.

In that same year, a great war broke out. Several mighty men rose up, seeking to destroy Coriantumr the king, by their secret plans. Coriantumr had

studied the art of war and the cunning of the world, so he gave battle to those who tried to destroy him.

Coriantumr, Cohor, Corihor and all the people in the land, including all their fair sons and daughters, refused to repent of their sins.

During the first year Ether lived in a cave, many of Coriantumr's people were killed by those people who formed secret combinations to obtain the kingdom. Coriantumr's sons fought and suffered greatly.

During the second year, the Lord's word came to Ether again, saying,

"Go and prophesy to Coriantumr, 'If you and all your household will repent, the Lord will give you your kingdom and spare the people. Otherwise, all of your household will be destroyed, except for you.

Then you will live to see the fulfilling of the prophecy, that another people will receive this land for their inheritance, and you will be buried by them.'"

Ether made this prophecy to Coriantumr, but he, his household, and all the people still refused to repent. The wars continued and the people tried to kill Ether, but he ran away and again hid in a cave.

Three years after Ether was rejected, a man named Shared defeated Coriantumr's army and brought him into captivity.

A year later, Coriantumr's sons beat Shared's army and regained the kingdom for their father. Now there was war in all the land. Every man with his band fought for whatever he wanted. There were robbers and all kinds of wickedness everywhere.

Coriantumr was very angry with Shared and went against him with his armies. They both met in great anger in the valley of Gilgal, and the battle became very sore, lasting for three days. Coriantumr's army prevailed and chased Shared's army to the plains of Heshlon.

Shared's army fought again on the plains and beat Coriantumr's army, driving them back again to the valley of Gilgal.

Again, the two armies fought in the valley of Gilgal, and Shared was killed. Coriantumr's thigh was wounded as he fought with Shared. This kept him from going to battle for two years. During this time, all the people in the land were killing one another without restraint.

***Millions die,
Coriantumer fights on
See Ether, Chapter 14***

Because of the people's sinfulness, there was such a great curse on the land, if a man set down his tool or sword, the next day **he could not find it**. So no one would lend nor borrow, and all men constantly held onto their swords in defense of their property,

their lives and the lives of their wives and children.

Two years after Shared was killed, his brother Gilead led his army against Coriantumr's. Gilead's army was defeated and chased into the wilderness of Akish, where another sore battle claimed thousands of lives.

Coriantumr surrounded Gilead's army, who marched out of the wilderness by night, killing part of Coriantumr's drunken army.

Then Gilead's army went to the land of Moron, where Gilead put himself on Coriantumr's throne.

Coriantumr stayed with his army in the wilderness for two years, during which time he received great strength to his army. Gilead also received great strength to his army because of his secret combinations, but his own high priest murdered him as he sat on his throne.

Then Lib, a member of the secret combination, murdered the high priest in a secret pass and obtained the kingdom for himself. Lib was a man of great physical strength, stronger than any other.

During the first year of Lib's reign, Coriantumr came to the land of Moron to give him battle. Coriantumr's arm was wounded as he fought with Lib, but Coriantumr's army pressed Lib's army to the seashore.

Then Lib's army drove Coriantumr's army back through the wilderness of

Akish and onto the plains of Agosh. As Coriantumr's army ran through that part of the land, they gathered people to help them fight.

In the plains of Agosh, Coriantumr fought Lib again, striking him with his sword until he died.

Then Lib's brother, Shiz, came against Coriantumr's army, and the battle became so sore that Coriantumr and his army retreated.

The army of Shiz chased Coriantumr's army and overthrew many cities. He killed women and children and burned the cities. A fearful cry went throughout the land, "Who can stand before Shiz's army? He sweeps the earth before him!"

The people began to gather together in armies throughout the land. Part of them joined Shiz, and the rest joined Coriantumr. The war was so great, and lasted so long that the whole land was covered with dead bodies.

So swift was the war that none were left to bury the dead. The bodies of men, women and children covered the land, and the smell so great that it troubled the people day and night.

And Shiz continued to chase Coriantumr, having vowed to avenge the death of his brother. But the Lord had told Ether that Coriantumr would not be killed by the sword.

From this account of their terrible war, we see that the Lord visited them in the fullness of His wrath. And their

wickedness had prepared the way for their everlasting destruction.

Shiz and his army chased Coriantumr's army to the eastern seashore where they fought for three days. So terrible was the destruction among the armies of Shiz that they ran to the land of Corihor, killing all the people along the way who would not join them.

Shiz and his army camped in the valley of Corihor, while Coriantumr's army camped in the valley of Shurr, near Comnor Hill.

The next day, Coriantumr gathered his armies on top of the hill and sounded a trumpet to the armies of Shiz, inviting them to battle.

Shiz and his army came against Coriantumr twice and were driven back both times. The third time they came, the battle became very sore. Shiz gave Coriantumr many deep wounds, and after losing too much blood, Coriantumr fainted, and was carried away as if he were dead.

Now the loss of men, women and children on both sides was so great that Shiz commanded his people to stop chasing Coriantumr's army and to return to their camp.

*Coriantumer alone survives
See Ether, Chapter 15*

As Coriantumr recovered from his wounds, he remembered what Ether had told him.

Seeing nearly two million families killed by the sword (**perhaps more**

than eight million dead), Coriantumr began to sorrow in his heart. He began to repent of the evil he had done, remembering the words of all the prophets that had been fulfilled in every detail.

His soul mourned and refused to be comforted. He wrote a letter to Shiz, saying, "If you will spare my people, I will give the kingdom to you."

Shiz wrote back to Coriantumr, "If you give yourself up so I may kill you with my own sword, then I will spare your people."

Coriantumr's people would not repent, and they were angry with Shiz. The people of Shiz were also angry with Coriantumr's people, so Shiz and his people came against them again.

During the battle, when Coriantumr realized his people were about to fall, he ran from the people of Shiz.

He and his people camped near the waters of Ripliancum, which means "to exceed all." The people of Shiz also camped nearby.

The next day they went to battle. They fought a very sore battle in which Coriantumr was again wounded, and again he fainted with the loss of blood.

The armies of Coriantumr pressed upon the armies of Shiz and beat them, causing them to run before them. They ran south and camped in a place called Ogath.

Coriantumr's army camped near Ramah Hill — that same hill where my father

Mormon hid the sacred records unto the Lord.

During the next four years, Ether watched as the people gathered and joined either of the opposing armies and prepared for war. Even the women and children were armed with weapons and wore shields, breastplates and helmets.

When all the people had joined one side or the other, they marched against one another to battle. They fought all that day and neither side conquered.

By nightfall they were tired and returned to their camps. They pierced the air with their howling and lamenting for those who had been killed.

The next day they went to battle again. That day was great and terrible, but still neither side conquered. When night came, they cried and howled again, mourning the loss of their people.

Again, Coriantumr wrote to Shiz, begging him not to come again to battle, but to take the kingdom and spare the lives of the people. But the Spirit of the Lord had left them, and Satan had full power over the people, who had given in to their pride and ignorance. So they went to battle again.

At the end of the third and fourth days of fighting, they slept on their swords, drunken with anger. By the end of the fifth day of fighting, only 52 of Coriantumr's people and 69 of Shiz's people remained.

During the sixth day, they fought with all their might, using their swords and shields. By the end of the sixth day, 32 of Shiz's people and 27 of Coriantumr's people remained. And they were all large, strong men. They ate, slept and prepared to die the next day.

On the seventh day, they fought for three hours before fainting with the loss of blood. Coriantumr's men regained their strength and were about to escape when Shiz and his men arose. Shiz vowed in his wrath that he would kill Coriantumr or die by the sword.

Shiz and his men chased Coriantumr and his men and caught up with them the next day. All the men on both sides killed one another, except for Shiz and Coriantumr, and Shiz fainted from the loss of blood.

After Coriantumr rested a little while by leaning on his sword, he cut off Shiz's head. Shiz raised up on his



hands, struggling for breath, and then fell dead.

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Then Coriantumr fell down as if he, too were dead. Then the Lord said to Ether, "Go forth."

Ether went out and saw how the Lord's words had all been fulfilled. Then he finished his record and hid them in a way that they could easily be found. (And they were found by Limhi's men.)

Moroni have not written even 1% of what Ether wrote, but these are the last words he wrote,

"Whether the Lord will translate me or allow me to suffer in the flesh, it does not matter, as long as I am saved in God's kingdom. Amen."