

CLIMBING A TREE TO FIND A FISH

Insurgency in the Book of Mormon

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- ▣ Causes: Political Weakness
- ▣ Causes II: Unintended Consequences
- ▣ Causes III: Social Bandits
- ▣ Ethnic Tension and Identification
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Causes I: Scriptures

- ▣ Helaman 1: 11-12

- ▣ 3:23

- ▣ 5:1-3

- ▣ 7:3-4, 5

Helaman 11:8

- ▣ 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 destruction be fulfilled. And it came to pass the the judges did say unto Nephi, accoding to the words which had been desired...

Causes I: Scriptures

- ▣ 3 Nephi 1:9
- ▣ Helaman 3:3
- ▣ 3 Nephi 7:12
- ▣ Helaman 4:10
- ▣ Helaman 5:52
- ▣ Helaman 11: 25, 28-29
- ▣ Helaman 2:5
- ▣ Helaman 6:18, 23, 38-39
- ▣ Helaman 5:51/ 6:18; 11:10/ 26; 3 Nephi 1:22/29; 3 Nephi 5:4/ 6:15
- ▣ Helaman 7:21
- ▣ Helaman 16:17; 3:18-20

Helaman 6:21

- ▣ [The Nephites] 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, that they should not suffer for their murders, and their plunderings, and their stealings.

Causes II: Unintended Consequences Scriptures

- ▣ Heavier armor
- ▣ (Fortifications)
- ▣ (Seizing land)
- ▣ (Aggressive attacks)
- ▣ stud muffin

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- ▣ With victory all of the army's habits, procedures, structural arrangements, tactics, and methods, will indiscriminately be confirmed as valid or even brilliant-including those that were positively harmful, but with all of their harm concealed by the undissected (sic.) experience of success...
- ▣ Helaman 11:25, 28-29
- ▣ 1:24

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- ▣ To protect themselves and their communities against the [predators], local elites organized their kinsmen and neighbors into militia forces. Many also followed the time honored response to troubled times and relocated to forts built on hilltops or in other easily defensible locations. One leader of the protective forces was Lu Zushang...He was the son of a [dynasty] general, and his family was wealthy and locally influential. Though still a teenager Lu recruited 'stalwart warriors' and pursued the bandits, with the result that they no longer dared to enter his district. He eventually established himself as governor of the [the province.]
- ▣ Helaman 11:2

Causes II: Scriptures

- ▣ Helaman 3:23
- ▣ 3 Nephi 2:11
- ▣ Helaman 1:9; 6:15; 8:27-28; 3 Nephi 7:1
- ▣ Helaman 10: 15-17; 16:3; 3 Nephi 1:9
- ▣ Helaman 6:38

Causes III: Social Bandit

- ▣ Helaman 8:5-6
- ▣ 3 Nephi 3:7
- ▣ 3 Nephi 6:5
- ▣ 3 Nephi 3:4

3 Nephi 6:3-4

- ▣ [Nephite leaders granted unto those robbers who had entered into a covenant to keep the peace]...lands, according to their numbers, that they might have, with their labors, wherewith to subsist upon; and thus they did establish peace in all the land.
- ▣ Had formed their laws according to equity and justice.

Causes III- Scriptures

- ▣ Helman 6:21, 26-30; Alma 37: 27-32; Ether 8:16
- ▣ Helaman 6:39
- ▣ Helaman 7:4-5
- ▣ Alma 50:7
- ▣ Alma 51:19; Alma 62:9
- ▣ Helaman 1:7-8
- ▣ Mosiah 28:8
- ▣ Alma 4:10
- ▣ Helaman 11:4-5
- ▣ Alma 47
- ▣ Helaman 2:6
- ▣ Helaman 9:6
- ▣ Alma 14:17-22
- ▣ Alma 55:13
- ▣ Alma 55:31-32.

Words as Weapons/Ethnic others

- ▣ Revolutionary soldiers are often called 'bandits', in effect denying them [legitimacy], and their supporters described as 'criminals', or 'traitors'. Government forces become...'fascist', corrupt', or a 'puppet regime...In revolutionary war there can be no neutral, apolitical vocabulary; words themselves are weapons....language is used to isolate and confuse enemies, rally and [motivate] friends, and enlist the support of wavering bystanders.

Ethnic others Scriptures

- ▣ Mosiah 9:12
- ▣ 1 Nephi 12: 23
- ▣ 3 Nephi 3:12
- ▣ Helaman 5:1
- ▣ Helaman 3:3
- ▣ 3 Nephi 2: 14-16

Applications: How to apply the book, how to read the book

- ▣ The word terrorism as a weapon
- ▣ One man's freedom fighter...
- ▣ To act or not
- ▣ To the margins
- ▣ More than Satan: The why behind the sin

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