

THE BOOK OF
ALMA



THE SON OF ALMA

*The account of Alma, who was the son of Alma,
the first and chief judge over the people of Nephi,
and also the high priest over the church.*

*An account of the reign of the judges and the wars
and contentions among the people.*

*And also an account of a war between the Nephites
and the Lamanites, according to the record of Alma,
the first and chief judge.*

- 1** NOW IT came to pass that in the ¹first year of the reign
of the judges over the people of Nephi,
From this time forward, King Mosiah,
having gone the way of all the earth,
having warred a good warfare,
walking uprightly before God,
leaving no one to reign in his stead—
- 2** Nevertheless, he established laws and they
were acknowledged by the people;
Therefore, they were obliged to abide by the laws
which he had made.
- 3** And it came to pass that in the first year of the reign
of Alma in the judgment seat, there was a ^aman
brought before him to be judged,
A man which was large and was noted
for his much strength.
- 4** And he had gone about among the people preaching
to them that which he termed to be the word of God,
bearing down against the church,
- 5** Declaring unto the people that every priest and teacher
had ought to become popular,
And they ought not to ^blabor with their own hands,
but that they had ought to be supported by the people.
- 6** And he also testified unto the people that all mankind
should be saved at the last day and that they need not

covers period
91 BC - 53 BC

¹ begins Mos 13:65
91 BC; A 12:10
ends 3N 3:36-38
total = 121 years

a A 1:22

b Mos 9:57-59

- 7 fear nor tremble, but that they might
 lift up their heads and rejoice;
For the Lord had created all men
 and had also redeemed all men,
And in the end all men should have eternal life.
- 8 And it came to pass that he did teach these things so much
 that many did believe on his words, even so many that
 they began to support him and give him money;
9 And he began to be lifted up in the pride of his heart
 and to wear very costly apparel,
 Yea, and even began to establish a church
 after the manner of his preaching.
- 10 And it came to pass as he was going to preach
 to those who believed on his word, he met a man
 which belonged to the church of God,
 yea, even one of their teachers;
- 11 And he began to contend with him sharply, that he
 might lead away the people of the church;
 But the man withstood him, admonishing him
 with the words of God.
- 12 Now the name of the man was Gideon;
 And it was him that was an instrument in the hands of God
 in ^adelivering the people of Limhi out of bondage.
- 13 Now because Gideon withstood him with the words of
 God, he was wroth with Gideon and drew his sword
 and began to smite him;
- 14 Now Gideon being stricken with many years,
 therefore he was not able to withstand his blows,
 therefore he was slain by the sword;
- 15 And the man who slew him was taken by the people of the
 church and was brought before Alma to be judged
 according to the crime which he had committed.
- 16 And it came to pass that he stood before Alma
 and pled for himself with much boldness.
- 17 But Alma said unto him:
 “Behold, this is the first time that priestcraft
 has been introduced among this people.
- 18 “And behold, thou art not only guilty of priestcraft,
 but hast endeavored to enforce it by the sword;
 And were priestcraft to be enforced among this people,

a Mos 10:5-19

it would prove their entire destruction.

- 19 “And thou hast shed the blood of a righteous man, yea,
 a man which has done much good among this people;
 And were we to spare thee, his blood
 would come upon us for ^avengeance.
- 20 “Therefore, thou art condemned to die according to the
 law which has been given us by Mosiah, our last king;
 21 And they have been acknowledged by this people,
 therefore, this people must abide by the law.”
- 22 And it came to pass that they took him,
 and his name was Nehor,
 and they carried him upon the top of the Hill Manti;
 23 And there he was caused, or rather, did acknowledge
 between the heavens and the earth that what he had
 taught to the people was contrary to the word of God;
 And there he suffered an ignominious death.
- 24 Nevertheless, this did not put an end to the spreading
 of priestcraft through the land, for there were many
 which loved the vain things of the world;
 And they went forth preaching false doctrines,
 And this they did for the sake of riches and honor.
- 25 Nevertheless, they durst not lie, if it were known,
 for fear of the law, for liars were punished;
 Therefore, they pretended to preach
 according to their belief—
- 26 And now the law could have no power
 on any man for their ^bbelief;
- 27 And they durst not steal for fear of the law,
 for such were punished;
 Neither durst they rob nor murder,
 for he that murdereth was punished unto death.
- 28 But it came to pass that whosoever did not belong
 to the church of God began to persecute those that
 did belong to the church of God and had
 taken upon them the name of Christ,
- 29 Yea, they did persecute them and afflict them
 with all manner of words;
 And this because of their humility,
- 30 because they were not proud in their own eyes,
 And because they did impart the word of God

a A 17:63-64

b A 16:8-12

- one with another, without money and without price.
- 31 Now there was a strict law among the people of the church that there should not any man belonging to the church arise and persecute those that did not belong to the church,
And that there should be no persecution among themselves;
- 32 Nevertheless, there were many among them who began to be proud and began to contend warmly with their adversaries, even unto blows,
Yea, they would smite one another with their fists.
- 1 90 BC 33 Now this was in the ¹second year of the reign of Alma;
And it was a cause of much affliction to the church,
Yea, it was the cause of much trial with the church,
- a Mos 11:141-145 34 For the hearts of many were hardened;
And their names were ^ablotted out, that they were remembered no more among the people of God,
- 35 And also many withdrew themselves from among them.
- 36 Now this was a great trial to those that did stand fast in the faith;
Nevertheless, they were steadfast and immovable in keeping the commandments of God,
And they bore with patience the persecution which was heaped upon them.
- b Mos 1:46; 4:10; 9:57-59; 11:155 37 And when their priests left their ^blabor to impart the word of God unto the people, the people also left their labors to hear the word of God;
- 38 And when the priest had imparted unto them the word of God, they all returned again diligently unto their labors;
- 39 And the priest, not esteeming himself above his hearers, for the preacher was no better than the hearer, neither was the teacher any better than the learner,
And thus they were all equal and they did all labor, every man according to his strength.
- 40 And they did impart of their substance, every man according to that which he had, to the poor and the needy and the sick and the afflicted;
- 41 And they did not wear costly apparel, yet they were neat and comely;
- 42 And thus they did establish the affairs of the church;
And thus they began to have continual peace again, notwithstanding all their persecutions.

- 43 And now because of the steadiness of the church,
they began to be exceeding rich, having abundance
of all things whatsoever they stood in need—
- 44 Abundance of flocks and herds and fatlings of every kind,
And also abundance of grain and of gold
and of silver and of precious things,
And abundance of silk and fine-twined ^alinen
and all manner of good homely cloth.
- 45 And thus in their prosperous circumstances they did not
send away any which was naked,
or that was hungry,
or that was athirst,
or that was sick,
or that had not been nourished;
- 46 And they did not set their hearts upon riches;
Therefore, they were liberal to all—
both old and young,
both bond and free,
both male and female,
whether out of the church or in the church—
Having no respect to persons as to those
who stood in need.
- 47 And thus they did prosper and become far more wealthy
than those who did not belong to their church;
- 48 For those who did not belong to their church did indulge
themselves in sorceries and in idolatry or idleness
and in ^bbabblings and in envyings and strife,
- 49 And wearing costly apparel, being lifted up
in the pride of their own eyes,
Persecuting, lying, thieving, robbing, committing
whoredoms and murdering and all manner
of wickedness.
- 50 Nevertheless, the law was put in force upon all those
who did transgress it, inasmuch as it were possible.
- 51 And it came to pass that by thus exercising the law
upon them, every man suffering according to that
which he had done, they became more still and
durst not commit any wickedness if it were known;
- 52 Therefore, there was much peace among the people of
Nephi until the fifth year of the reign of the judges.
- 53 And it came to pass in the commencement of the ¹fifth year

^a Mos 6:32
A 2:8-10
H 2:133

^b H 5:137

¹ 87 BC
ends A 1:130

- of their reign there began to be a contention among the people,
 For a certain man, being called Amlici—
 He being a very cunning man, yea, a wise man as to the wisdom of the world,
 He being after the order of the man that slew Gideon by the sword who was executed according to the law—
- 54 Now this Amlici had, by his cunning, drawn away much people after him, even so much that they began to be very powerful;
 And they began to endeavor to establish Amlici to be a king over the people.
- 55 Now this was alarming to the people of the church, and also to all those who had not been drawn away after the persuasions of Amlici,
- 56 For they knew that according to their law, that such things must be established by the voice of the people;
- 57 Therefore, if it were possible that Amlici should gain the voice of the people, he, being a wicked man, would deprive them of their rights and privileges of the church, etc.,
 For it was his intent to destroy the church of God.
- 58 And it came to pass that the people assembled themselves together throughout all the land—
 Every man according to his mind, whether it were for or against Amlici—
 In separate bodies, having much dispute and wonderful contentions one with another;
- 59 And thus they did assemble themselves together to cast in their voices concerning the matter;
 And they were laid before the judges.
- 60 And it came to pass that the voice of the people came against Amlici, that he was not made king over the people.
- 61 Now this did cause much joy in the hearts of those which were against him;
 But Amlici did stir up those which were in his favor to anger against those which were not in his favor.
- 62 And it came to pass that they gathered themselves together and did consecrate Amlici to be their king.

- 63 Now when Amlici was made king over them,
he commanded them that they should
take up arms against their brethren;
And this he did that he might subject them to him.
- 64 Now the people of Amlici were distinguished
by the name of Amlici, being called Amlicites,
And the remainder were called Nephites,
or the people of God.
- 65 Therefore, the people of the Nephites were aware
of the intent of the Amlicites and therefore
they did prepare for to meet them;
- 66 Yea, they did arm themselves with swords,
and with scimitars,
and with bows and with arrows,
and with stones and with slings,
and with all manner of weapons of war of every kind;
- 67 And thus they were prepared to meet the Amlicites
at the time of their coming;
- 68 And there were appointed captains and higher captains
and chief captains, according to their numbers.
- 69 And it came to pass that Amlici did arm his men
with all manner of weapons of war of every kind;
And he also appointed rulers and leaders over his people
to lead them to war against their brethren.
- 70 And it came to pass that the Amlicites came up upon
the Hill Amnihu which was east of the River Sidon
which ran by the Land of Zarahemla;
And there they began to make war with the Nephites.
- 71 Now Alma, he being the chief judge and the governor
of the people of Nephi,
Therefore, he went up with his people yea, with his
captains and chief captains—yea, at the head
of his armies against the Amlicites to battle;
And they began to slay the Amlicites
upon the hill east of Sidon.
- 72 And the Amlicites did contend with the Nephites
with great strength, insomuch that many
of the Nephites did fall before the Amlicites;
- 73 Nevertheless, the Lord did strengthen the hand of the
Nephites that they slew the Amlicites with a great

- slaughter, that they began to flee before them.
- 74 And it came to pass that the Nephites did pursue the Amlicites all that day and did slay them with much slaughter,
Insomuch that there was slain of the Amlicites twelve thousand five hundred thirty and two souls;
- 75 And there was slain of the Nephites six thousand five hundred sixty and two souls.
- 76 And it came to pass that when Alma could pursue the Amlicites no longer, he caused that his people should pitch their tents in the Valley of Gideon, the valley being called after that Gideon which was slain by the hand of Nehor with the sword; And in this valley the Nephites did pitch their tents for the night.
- 77 And Alma sent spies to follow the remnant of the Amlicites, that he might know of their plans and their plots,
Whereby he might guard himself against them, that he might preserve his people from being destroyed.
- 78 Now those which he had sent out to watch the camp of the Amlicites were called Zeram and Amnor and Manti and Limher;
These were they which went out with their men to watch *the* camp of the Amlicites.
- 79 And it came to pass that on the morrow they returned into the camp of the Nephites in great haste, being greatly astonished and struck with much fear, saying:
- 80 “Behold, we followed the camp of the Amlicites, And to our great astonishment—in the Land of Minon¹ above the Land of Zarahemla, in the course of the Land of Nephi—we saw a numerous host of the Lamanites.
- 81 “And behold, the Amlicites have joined them and they are upon our brethren in that land; And they are fleeing before them with their flocks and their wives and their children toward our city;
- 82 And except we make haste, they obtain possession of our city, and our fathers and our wives and our children be slain.”
- 83 And it came to pass that the people of Nephi took

¹ above refers to elevation

their tents and departed out of the Valley of Gideon
toward their city which was the City of Zarahemla.

- 84 And behold, as they were crossing the River Sidon,
the Lamanites and the Amlicites being as numerous
almost as it were as the sands of the sea,
coming upon them to destroy them—
- 85 Nevertheless, the Nephites being strengthened by the hand
of the Lord, having prayed mightily to Him that He
would deliver them out of the hands of their enemies,
- 86 Therefore, the Lord did hear their cries
and did strengthen them;
And the Lamanites and the Amlicites did fall before them.
- 87 And it came to pass that Alma fought with Amlici
with the sword, face to face;
And they did contend mightily one with another.
- 88 And it came to pass that Alma, he being a man of God,
being exercised with much faith,
And he cried, saying:
“O Lord, have mercy and spare my life,
that I may be an instrument in Thy hands
to save and protect this people!”
- 89 Now when Alma had said these words,
he contended again with Amlici,
And he was strengthened insomuch
that he slew Amlici with the sword;
- 90 And he also contended with the king of the Lamanites,
But the king of the Lamanites fled back from before Alma
and sent his guards to contend with Alma;
- 91 But Alma, with his guards, contended with the guards
of the king of the Lamanites until he slew
and drove them back.
- 92 And thus he cleared the ground, or rather the bank,
which was on the west of the River Sidon,
throwing the bodies of the Lamanites which
had been slain into the waters of Sidon,
That thereby his people might have room to cross
and contend with the Lamanites and the Amlicites
on the west side of the River Sidon.
- 93 And it came to pass that when they had all crossed the
River Sidon, that the Lamanites and the Amlicites began

- to flee before them, notwithstanding they were
so numerous that they could not be numbered;
- 94 And they fled before the Nephites toward the wilderness
which was west and north, away beyond
the borders of the land;
- 95 And the Nephites did pursue them with their might
and did slay them,
Yea, they were met on every hand and slain and driven
until they were scattered on the west and on the north,
until they had reached the wilderness
which was called Hermounts;
- 96 And it was that part of the wilderness which was
infested by wild and ravenous beasts.
- 97 And it came to pass that many died in the wilderness
of their wounds and were devoured by those beasts,
and also the vultures of the air;
And their bones have been found and
have been heaped upon the earth.
- 98 And it came to pass that the Nephites which were not slain
by the weapons of war, after having buried those which
had been slain—now the number of the slain were not
numbered because of the greatness of their number—
And after they had finished burying their dead,
they all returned to their lands and to their houses
and their wives and their children.
- 99 Now many women and children had been slain with the
sword, and also many of their flocks and their herds;
- 100 And also many of their fields of grain were destroyed,
for they were trodden down by the hosts of men.
- 101 And now as many of the Lamanites and the Amlicites
which had been slain upon the bank of the River Sidon
were cast into the waters of Sidon;
And behold, their bones are in the^a depths of the sea,
and they are many.
- 102 And the Amlicites were distinguished from the Nephites,
for they had marked themselves with red in their
foreheads after the manner of the Lamanites;
Nevertheless, they had not shorn their heads
like unto the Lamanites.
- 103 Now the heads of the Lamanites were shorn,

^a A 20:97

And they were naked, save it were skin
 which was girded about their loins,
 And also their armor which was girded about them,
 and their bows and their arrows,
 and their stones and their slings, etc.

- 104 And the skins of the Lamanites were dark, according
 to the mark which was set upon their fathers,
 Which was a curse upon them because of their
 transgression and their rebellion against their
 brethren which consisted of Nephi, Jacob
 and Joseph and Sam, which were just and holy men.
- 105 And their brethren sought to destroy them;
 Therefore, they were cursed,
 And the Lord God set a mark upon them,
 yea, upon Laman and Lemuel, and also the
 sons of Ishmael and the Ishmaelitish women;
- 106 And this was done that their seed might be distinguished
 from the seed of their brethren, that thereby the Lord
 God might preserve His people, that they might not
 mix and believe in incorrect traditions
 which would prove their destruction.
- 107 And it came to pass that whosoever did mingle his seed
 with that of the Lamanites did bring
 the same curse upon his seed;
- 108 Therefore, whomsoever suffered himself to be led away
 by the Lamanites were called under that head
 and there was a mark set upon him.
- 109 And it came to pass that whosoever would not believe
 in the tradition of the Lamanites,
 But believed those records which were brought out of
 the Land of Jerusalem, and also in the tradition
 of their fathers, which were correct,
 Which believed in the commandments of God
 and kept them,
 Were called the Nephites, or the people of Nephi
 from that time forth;
- 110 And it is they which have kept the records, which are ^atrue,
 of their people, and also of the people of the Lamanites.
- 111 Now we will return again to the Amlicites,
 for they also had a mark set upon them;

a 1N 1:2; 3:256
 2N 11:39
 Mos 1:9-10
 Eth 2:2
 Mi 7:37;
 10:4-6, 26

- Yea, they set the mark upon themselves, yea,
even a mark of red upon their foreheads.
- 112 Thus, the word of God is fulfilled, for these
are the words which He saith to Nephi:
- 113 “Behold, the Lamanites have I cursed;
And I will set a mark upon them, that they and their seed
may be separated from thee and thy seed from this time,
henceforth and forever, except they repent
of their wickedness and turn to Me,
that I may have mercy upon them.
- 114 “And again, I will set a mark upon him that minglenth his
seed with thy brethren, that they may be cursed also.
- 115 “And again, will I set a mark upon him
that fighteth against thee and thy seed.
- 116 “And again I say, he that departeth from thee
shall no more be called thy seed;
And I will bless thee, etc., and whomsoever
shall be called thy seed, henceforth and forever.”
- And these were the promises of the Lord
unto Nephi and to his seed.
- 117 Now the Amlicites knew not that they were fulfilling
the words of God when they began to mark
themselves in their foreheads;
- 118 Nevertheless, as they had come out
in open rebellion against God,
Therefore, it was expedient that the curse
should fall upon them.
- 119 Now I would that ye should see that they
brought upon themselves the curse;
- 120 And even so doth every man that is cursed
bringeth upon himself his own condemnation.
- 121 Now it came to pass that not many days after the battle
which was fought in the Land of Zarahemla
by the Lamanites and the Amlicites,
That there was another army of the Lamanites
came in upon the people of Nephi in the same place
where the first army met the Amlicites.
- 122 And it came to pass that there was an army sent
to drive them out of their land;

- 123 Now Alma, himself being afflicted with a wound, did
not go up to battle at this time against the Lamanites,
but he sent up a numerous army against them;
- 124 And they went up and slew many of the Lamanites
and drove the remainder of them
out of the borders of their land;
- 125 And then they returned again and began to
establish peace in the land, being troubled
no more for a time with their enemies.
- 126 Now all these things were done, yea, all these wars
and contentions were commenced and ended
in the fifth year of the reign of the judges.
- 127 And in one year were thousands and tens of thousands
of souls sent to the eternal world,
- 128 That they might reap their rewards according
to their works—whether they were good
or whether they were bad,
To reap eternal happiness or eternal misery
according to the spirit which he listed to obey—
whether it be a good spirit or a bad one;
- 129 For every man receiveth wages of him
who he listeth to obey,
And this according to the words of the spirit of prophecy;
Therefore, let it be according to the truth.
- 130 And thus ended the ^afifth year of the reign of the judges.

a A 1:52-53

2 NOW IT came to pass in the ¹sixth year of the reign
of the judges over the people of Nephi, there were
no contentions nor wars in the Land of Zarahemla.

1 86 BC

- 2 And the people ²being afflicted, yea, greatly afflicted
for the loss of their brethren,
And also for the loss of their flocks and herds,
And also for the loss of their fields of grain which were
trodden underfoot and destroyed by the Lamanites—
- 3 And so great were their afflictions that every soul
had cause to mourn;
And they believed that it was the judgments of God
sent upon them because of their wickedness
and their abominations—
Therefore, they were awakened to a remembrance

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- of their duty,
 4 And they began to establish the church more fully;
 Yea, and many were baptized in the waters of Sidon
 and were joined to the church of God,
 5 Yea, they were baptized by the hand of Alma who
 had been consecrated the high priest over the people
 of the church by the hand of his father Alma.
- 1 85 BC 6 And it came to pass in the ¹seventh year of the reign of the
 judges there were about three thousand five hundred
 souls that united themselves to the church of God
 and were baptized;
 7 And thus ended the seventh year of the reign
 of the judges over the people of Nephi;
 And there was continual peace in all that time.
- 2 84 BC 8 And it came to pass in the ²eighth year of the reign
 of the judges that the people of the church
 began to wax proud,
 Because of their exceeding riches,
 and their fine silks and their fine-twined ^alinen,
 9 And because of their many flocks and herds,
 and their gold and their silver,
 and all manner of precious things which
 they had obtained by their industry;
 10 And in all these things were they lifted up in the pride of
 their eyes, for they began to wear very costly apparel.
- 11 Now this was the cause of much affliction to Alma, yea,
 and to many of the people which Alma had consecrated
 to be teachers and priests and elders over the church;
 12 Yea, many of them were sorely grieved for the wickedness
 which they saw had begun to be among their people,
 13 For they saw and beheld with great sorrow that the people
 of the church began to be lifted up in the pride
 of their eyes and to set their hearts upon riches
 and upon the vain things of the world,
 14 That they began to be scornful, one toward another,
 And they began to persecute those that did not believe,
 according to their own will and pleasure.
- 15 And thus in this eighth year of the reign of the judges
 there began to be great contentions
 among the people of the church;
 16 Yea, there were envyings and strifes and malice

and persecutions and pride, even to exceed the pride
of those who did not belong to the church of God.

17 And thus ended the eighth year of the reign of the judges;
And the wickedness of the church was a great stumbling
block to those who did not belong to the church;
And thus the church began to fail in its progress.

18 And it came to pass in the commencement of the ¹ninth
year, Alma ²seeing the wickedness of the church,
And ²seeing also that the example of the church began
to lead those who were unbelievers on from one piece
of iniquity to another, thus bringing on
the destruction of the people,

19 Yea, ²seeing great inequality among the people—

Some lifting themselves up with their pride,
despising others,
Turning their backs upon the needy and the naked,
and those which were hungry,
and those which were athirst,
and those which were sick and afflicted—

20 Now this was a great cause for lamentations
among the people;

While others were ^aabasing themselves, succoring
those who stood in need of their succor,
Such as imparting their substance to the poor
and the needy, feeding the hungry,
And suffering all manner of afflictions for Christ's sake,
which should come according to the spirit of prophecy,
looking forward to that day;

Thus retaining a remission of their sins,
21 Being filled with great joy because of the resurrection of the
dead according to the will and power and deliverance
of Jesus Christ from the bands of death—

22 And now it came to pass that Alma, having seen the
afflictions of the humble followers of God and the
persecutions which were heaped upon them by the
remainder of his people, and seeing all their inequality,
He began to be very sorrowful;
Nevertheless, the Spirit of the Lord did not fail him.

23 And he selected a wise man which was among the elders
of the church and gave him power,
according to the voice of the people,

1 83 BC
ends A 6:3
2 tenseless present
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a A 5:39

That he might have power to enact laws, according
to the laws which had been given,
And to put them in force, according to
the wickedness and the crimes of the people.

24 Now this man's name was Nephiah,
And he was appointed chief judge;
And he sat in the judgment seat to judge
and to govern the people.

25 Now Alma did not grant unto him the office
of being high priest over the church, but he
retained the office of high priest unto himself,
But he delivered the judgment seat unto Nephiah;

26 And this he did that he himself might go forth among
his people, or among the people of Nephi,
That he might preach the word of God unto them
to stir them up in remembrance of their duty,

27 And that he might pull down by the word of God
all the pride and craftiness and all the contentions
which were among his people,
Seeing no way that he might reclaim them, save it were
in bearing down in pure testimony against them.

28 And thus in the commencement of the ninth year
of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi,
Alma delivered up the judgment seat to Nephiah and
confined himself wholly to the high priesthood of the
holy order of God, to the testimony of the word
according to the spirit of revelation and prophecy.

3 *The words which Alma, the high priest according to the
holy order of God, delivered to the people in their cities
and villages throughout the land.*

1 **NOW** IT came to pass that Alma began to declare the
word of God unto the people, first in the Land of
Zarahemla and from thence throughout all the land;

2 And these are the words which he spake to the people
in the church which was established in the City of
Zarahemla, according to his own record, saying:

3 “I, Alma, having been consecrated by my father Alma
to be a high priest over the church of God, he having
power and authority from God to do these things,
Behold, I say unto you that he began to establish a church

- 4 in the land which was in the borders of Nephi—
 yea, the land was called the Land of Mormon—
 Yea, and he did baptize his brethren
 in the Waters of Mormon.
- 5 “And behold I say unto you, they were delivered
 out of the hands of the people of King Noah
 by the mercy and power of God.
- 6 “And behold, after that they were brought into bondage
 by the hands of the Lamanites in the wilderness,
 Yea, I say unto you, they were in captivity
 and again the Lord did ^adeliver them
 out of bondage by the power of His word;
- 7 And we were brought into this land and here we began to
 establish the church of God throughout this land also.
- 8 “And now behold I say unto you my brethren,
 you that belong to this church,
 Have you sufficiently retained in remembrance
 the captivity of your fathers?
- 9 Yea, and have you sufficiently retained in remembrance
 His mercy and longsuffering toward them?
- 10 And moreover, have ye sufficiently retained in remembrance
 that He hath ^bdelivered their souls from hell?
- 11 “Behold, He changed their hearts,
 Yea, He awaked them out of a deep sleep
 and they awake unto God;
- 12 Behold, they were in the midst of darkness,
 Nevertheless, their souls were illuminated
 by the light of the everlasting ^cword;
- 13 Yea, they were encircled about by the bands
 of death and the chains of hell,
 And an everlasting destruction did await them.
- 14 “And now I ask of you my brethren, were they destroyed?
 15 Behold I say unto you, nay, they were not.
- 16 “And again I ask, were the bands of death broken?
 And the chains of hell which encircled them about,
 were they loosed?
- 17 I say unto you, yea, they were loosed,
 And their souls did expand and they
 did sing redeeming love;
- 18 And I say unto you that they are saved.

a Mos 11:1-77

b Mos 3:3-9

c A 16:82-87

- 19 “And now I ask of you, on what conditions
are they saved?
Yea, what grounds had they to hope for salvation?
- 20 What is the cause of their being loosed from the bands
of death, yea, and also the chains of hell?
- 21 “Behold, I can tell you;
Did not my father Alma believe in the ^awords
which were delivered by the mouth of Abinadi?
And was he not a holy prophet?
- 22 Did he not speak the word of God
and my father Alma believed them?
- 23 And according to his faith there was a mighty change
wrought in his heart;
- 24 Behold, I say unto you that this is all true.
- 25 “And behold, he ^bpreached the word unto your fathers,
And a mighty change was also wrought in their hearts,
And they humbled themselves and put their trust
in the true and living God.
- 26 “And behold, they were faithful until the end,
herefore, they were saved.
- 27 “And now behold, I ask of you my brethren of the church,
Have ye spiritually been ^cborn of God?
- 28 Have ye received His image in your own countenances?
- 29 Have ye experienced this mighty change in your hearts?
- 30 Do ye exercise faith in the redemption of Him
who created you?
- 31 Do you look forward with an eye of faith and
view this mortal body raised in immortality?
And this corruption raised in incorruption, to stand
before God to be judged according to the deeds
which hath been done in the mortal body?
- 32 “I say unto you, can you imagine to yourselves that ye hear
the voice of the Lord saying unto you in that day:
‘Come unto Me, ye blessed,
For behold, your works have been the works
of righteousness upon the face of the earth’?
- 33 “Or do ye imagine to yourselves that ye can
lie unto the Lord at that day and say:
‘Lord, our works have been righteous works
upon the face of the earth,’

And that He will save you?

- 34 “Or otherwise, can ye imagine yourselves brought before
the tribunal of God with your souls filled with guilt
and remorse, having a ^aremembrance of all your guilt?
- 35 Yea, a perfect remembrance of all your wickedness?
Yea, a remembrance that ye have set at defiance
the commandments of God?
- 36 “I say unto you, can ye look up to God at that day
with a pure heart and clean hands?
- 37 “I say unto you, can you look up, having the image
of God engraven upon your countenances?
- 38 “I say unto you, can ye think of being saved when you
have yielded yourselves to become subjects to the devil?
- 39 “I say unto you, ye will know at that day
that ye cannot be saved,
For there can no man be saved
except his garments are washed white;
- 40 Yea, his garments must be purified until they are cleansed
from all stain through the blood of Him of whom
it hath been spoken by our fathers which should
come to redeem His people from their sins.
- 41 “And now I ask of you my brethren,
How will any of you feel if ye shall stand before
the bar of God, having your garments stained
with blood and all manner of filthiness?
- 42 Behold, what will these things testify against you?
- 43 Behold, will they not testify that ye are murderers?
Yea, and also that ye are guilty of all manner
of wickedness?
- 44 “Behold, my brethren, do ye suppose that such an one
can have a place to sit down in the kingdom of God
with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob?
And also all the holy prophets whose garments
are cleansed and are spotless, pure and white?
- 45 “I say unto you, nay, except ye make our Creator a liar
from the beginning, or suppose that He is a liar
from the beginning;
Or also, ye cannot suppose that such an one can have place

a 2N 6:34

- in the kingdom of heaven,
 But they shall be cast out, for they are the children
 of the kingdom of the devil.
- 46 “And now behold I say unto you my brethren,
 if ye have experienced a change of heart,
 And if ye have felt to sing the song of redeeming love,
 I would ask, can ye feel so now?
- 47 Have ye walked, keeping yourselves blameless before God?
- 48 Could ye say, if ye were called to die at this time, within
 yourselves that ye have been sufficiently humble?
- 49 That your garments have been cleansed and made white
 through the blood of Christ which will come to redeem
 His people from their sins?
- 50 “Behold, are ye stripped of pride?
 I say unto you, if ye are not, ye are not prepared
 to meet God.
- 51 “Behold, ye must prepare quickly, for the
 kingdom of heaven is soon at hand,
 And such an one hath not eternal life.
- 52 “Behold I say, is there one among you
 who is not stripped of envy?
- 53 I say unto you that such an one is not prepared;
 And I would that he should prepare quickly,
 for the hour is close at hand and he
 knoweth not when the time shall come,
 For such an one is not found guiltless.
- 54 “And again I say unto you, is there one among you
 that doth make a mock of his brother
 or that heapeth upon him persecutions?
- 55 Wo unto such an one! for he is not prepared,
 And the time is at hand that he must
 repent or he cannot be saved;
- 56 Yea, even wo unto all ye workers of iniquity!
 Repent, repent! for the Lord God hath spoken it.
- 57 “Behold, He sendeth an invitation unto all men,
 for the arms of mercy are extended toward them,
 And He saith, ‘Repent, and I will receive you’;
- 58 Yea, He saith, ‘Come unto Me and ye shall partake
 of the ^afruit of the tree of life;
 Yea, ye shall eat and drink of the bread
 and the waters of life freely;

^a 1N 2:49
 Ps 1:2-3

- 59 Yea, come unto Me and bring forth works of righteousness
and ye shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire.
- 60 ‘For behold, the time is at hand that whosoever
bringeth forth ^anot good fruit, or whosoever
doeth not the works of righteousness,
The same hath cause to wail and mourn.’
- 61 “O, ye workers of iniquity!
Ye that are puffed up in the vain things of the world!
Ye that have professed to have known
the ways of righteousness,
Nevertheless, ye have gone astray as sheep having
no shepherd, notwithstanding a ^bShepherd hath
called after you and art still calling after you,
but ye will not hearken unto His voice—
- 62 Behold, I say unto you that the Good Shepherd
doth call you,
Yea, and in His own name He doth call you,
which is the name of Christ.
- 63 “And if ye will not hearken unto the voice of the Good
Shepherd, to the name by which ye are called,
Behold, ye are not the sheep of the Good Shepherd;
- 64 And now if ye are not the sheep of the Good Shepherd,
of what fold are ye?
- 65 “Behold, I say unto you that the devil
is your shepherd and ye are of his fold;
And now who can deny this?
- 66 “Behold I say unto you, whosoever denieth this
is a liar and a child of the devil,
- 67 For I say unto you that whatsoever is ^cgood
cometh from God,
And whatsoever is evil cometh from the devil.
- 68 “Therefore, if a man bringeth forth good works,
he hearkeneth unto the voice of the Good Shepherd
and he doth follow Him;
- 69 But whosoever bringeth forth evil works, the same
becometh a child of the devil, for he hearkeneth
unto his voice and doth follow him,
- 70 And whosoever doeth this must receive his wages of him,
Therefore, for his wages he receiveth death as to
things pertaining unto righteousness, being dead
unto all good works.

a A 3:90

b Mos 5:86; 9:23

c Mi 7:10-17

- 71 “And now my brethren, I say unto you, I would that ye
should hear me, for I speak in the energy of my soul;
72 For behold, I have spoken unto you plain
that ye cannot err, or have spoken
according to the commandments of God,
73 For I am called to speak after this manner, according
to the holy order of God which is in Christ Jesus;
74 Yea, I am commanded to stand and testify unto this people
the things which have been spoken by our fathers
concerning the things which are to come.
- 75 “And this is not all—
Do ye suppose that I know not of these things myself?
76 Behold, I testify unto you that I do know that these things
whereof I have spoken are true.
- 77 “And how do ye suppose that I know of their ^asurety?
78 Behold I say unto you, they are made known unto me
by the Holy Spirit of God.
- 79 “Behold, I have fasted and prayed many days
that I might know these things of myself,
80 And now I do know of myself that they are true;
For the Lord God hath made them manifest unto me
by His Holy Spirit,
And this is the spirit of revelation which is in me.
- 81 “And moreover I say unto you, that as it has thus been
revealed unto me that the words which have been
spoken by our fathers are true,
82 Even so, according to the spirit of prophecy which is in me,
which is also by the manifestation of the Spirit of God,
I say unto you that I know of myself
that whatsoever I shall say unto you
concerning that which is to come is true;
83 And I say unto you that I know
that Jesus Christ shall come,
Yea, the Son of—the Only Begotten of—the Father,
full of grace and mercy and truth.
- 84 “And behold, it is He that cometh
to take away the sins of the world;
Yea, the sins of every man which steadfastly
believeth on His name.
- 85 “And now I say unto you, that this is the order

a Mos 3:3

- after which I am called,
 Yea, to preach unto my beloved brethren,
 Yea, and everyone that dwelleth in the land;
- 86 Yea, to preach unto all—
 both old and young,
 both bond and free;
 Yea, I say unto you—
 the aged and also the middle aged,
 and the rising generation—
 Yea, to cry unto them that they must repent
 and be ^aborn again.
- 87 “Yea, thus saith the Spirit:
 ‘Repent all ye ends of the earth, for the
 kingdom of heaven is soon at hand!’
 Yea, the Son of God cometh in His glory, in His might,
 majesty, power and dominion;
- 88 Yea, my beloved brethren, I say unto you
 that the Spirit saith:
 ‘Behold! The glory of the King of all the earth
 and also the King of heaven shall very soon
 shine forth among all the children of men!’
- 89 “And also the Spirit saith unto me, yea,
 crieth unto me with a mighty voice, saying:
 ‘Go forth and say unto this people, Repent!
 For except ye repent ye can in no wise
 inherit the kingdom of heaven.’
- 90 “And again I say unto you, the Spirit saith:
 ‘Behold, the ^baxe is laid at the root of the tree;
 Therefore, every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit
 shall be hewn down and cast into the fire,
 Yea, a fire which cannot be consumed,
 even an unquenchable fire.’
- 91 “Behold and remember the Holy One hath spoken it.
- 92 “And now my beloved brethren, I say unto you,
 can ye withstand these sayings?
 Yea, can ye lay aside these things and trample
 the Holy One under your feet?
- 93 Yea, can ye be puffed up in the pride of your hearts?
 Yea, will ye still persist in the wearing of costly apparel
 and setting your hearts upon the vain things
 of the world, upon your riches?

a Mos 11:187
 A 5:24
 John 3:3-7
 1 Pet 1:23

b Luke 3:14 [9]

- 94 Yea, will ye persist in supposing that ye are better,
one than another?
- 95 Yea, will ye persist in the persecutions of your brethren
who humble themselves and do walk after the holy
order of God wherewith they have been brought into
this church, having been sanctified by the Holy Spirit?—
And they do bring forth works
which are meet for repentance—
- 96 Yea, and will you persist in turning your backs
upon the poor and the needy and in
withholding your substance from them?
- 97 “And finally, all ye that will persist in your wickedness,
I say unto you that these are they which shall be hewn
down and cast into the fire except they speedily repent.
- 98 “And now I say unto you, all you that are desirous
to follow the voice of the Good Shepherd:
Come ye out from the wicked!
and be ye separate!
and touch not their unclean things!
- 99 “And behold, their names shall be blotted out,
that the names of the wicked shall not be numbered
among the names of the righteous, that the
word of God may be fulfilled which saith:
‘The names of the wicked shall not be mingled
with the names of My people,
- 100 For the names of the righteous shall be written
in the Book of Life,
And unto them will I grant an inheritance
at My right hand.’
- 101 “And now my brethren, what have ye to say against this?
- 102 I say unto you, if ye speak against it, it matters not,
for the word of God must be fulfilled;
- 103 For what shepherd is there among you having many sheep
doth not watch over them, that the wolves
enter not and devour his flock?
- 104 And behold, if a wolf enter his flock,
doth he not drive him out?
Yea, and at the last, if he can, he will destroy him.
- 105 “And now I say unto you that the Good Shepherd
doth call after you;
And if you will hearken unto His voice, He will

- bring you into His fold and ye are His sheep;
- 106 And He commandeth you that ye suffer no ravenous wolf to enter among you, that ye may not be destroyed.
- 107 “And now I, Alma, do command you in the language of Him who hath commanded me, that ye observe to do the words which I have spoken unto you;
- 108 I speak by way of command unto you that belong to the church.

“And unto those which do not belong to the church, I speak by way of invitation, saying, Come and be baptized unto repentance that ye also may be partakers of the fruit of the ^atree of life.”

a 1N 2:49; 3:63-64
Ps 1:2-3

- 4** AND NOW it came to pass that after Alma had made an end of speaking unto the people of the church which was established in the City of Zarahemla, He ordained priests and elders by laying on his hands, according to the order of God, to preside and watch over the church.
- 2 And it came to pass that whomsoever did not belong to the church who repented of their sins was baptized unto repentance and was received into the church.
- 3 And it also came to pass that whomsoever did belong to the church that did not repent of their wickedness and humble themselves before God—
- 4 I mean those which were lifted up in the pride of their hearts—
The same were rejected and their names were blotted out, that their names were not numbered among those of the righteous.
- And thus they began to establish the order of the church in the City of Zarahemla.
- 5 Now I would that ye should understand that the word of God was liberal unto all, that no one was deprived of the privilege of assembling themselves together to hear the word of God;
- 6 Nevertheless, the children of God were commanded that they should gather themselves together oft and join in fasting and mighty prayer in behalf of the welfare of the souls of those who knew not God.

7 And now it came to pass that when
 Alma had made these regulations,
 He departed from them, yea,
 from the church which was in the City of Zarahemla,
 8 and went over upon the east of the River Sidon
 into the Valley of Gideon,
 There having been a city built which was called the City of
 Gideon, which was in the valley that was called Gideon,
 being called after the man which was slain
 by the hand of Nehor with the sword.

9 And Alma went and began to declare the word of God
 unto the church which was established
 in the Valley of Gideon,
 According to the revelation of the truth of the word
 which had been spoken by his fathers,
 10 And according to the spirit of prophecy which was in him,
 According to the testimony of Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
 which should come for to redeem His people
 from their sins,
 And the holy order by which he was called.
 And thus it is written. Amen.

5 *The words of Alma which he delivered to the people in
 Gideon, according to his own record.*

1 **BEHOLD, MY** beloved brethren, seeing
 that I have been permitted to come unto you,
 Therefore, I attempt to address you in my language,
 2 yea, by my own mouth,
 Seeing that it is the first time that I have spoken unto you
 by the words of my mouth,
 I having been wholly confined to the judgment seat, having
 had much business that I could not come unto you.

3 And even I could not have come now at this time,
 were it not that the judgment seat hath been
^agiven to another to reign in my stead;
 And the Lord in much mercy hath granted
 that I should come unto you.

4 And behold, I have come having great hopes
 and much desire that I should find that
 ye had humbled yourselves before God,

^a A 2:22-28

- And that ye had continued in the supplicating of His grace,
that I should find that ye were blameless before Him,
5 That I should find that ye were not in the awful dilemma
that our brethren were in at Zarahemla,
6 But, blessed be the name of God! that He hath given unto
me to know, yea, hath given unto me the exceeding
great joy of knowing that they are established again
in the way of His righteousness;
7 And I trust, according to the Spirit of God which is in me,
that I shall also have joy over you.
8 Nevertheless, I do not desire that my joy over you should
come by the cause of so much afflictions and sorrow
which I have had for the brethren at Zarahemla;
9 For behold, my joy cometh over them after wading
through much afflictions and sorrow.
10 But behold, I trust that ye are not in a state
of so much unbelief as were your brethren;
11 I trust that ye are not lifted up in the pride of your hearts;
Yea, I trust that ye have not set your hearts upon riches
and the vain things of the world;
12 Yea, I trust that you do not worship idols, but
that ye do worship the true and the living God,
And that ye look forward for the remission of your sins
with an everlasting faith which is to come.
13 For behold, I say unto you, there be many things to come;
And behold, there is one thing which is
of more importance than they all.
14 For behold, the time is not far distant that the Redeemer
liveth and cometh among His people.
15 Behold, I do not say that He will come among us at
the time of His dwelling in His mortal tabernacle,
For behold, the Spirit hath not said unto me
that this should be the case;
16 Now as to this thing, I do not know;
But this much I do know, that the Lord God hath power
to do all things which are according to His word.
17 But behold, the Spirit hath said this much unto me, saying:
“Cry unto this people, saying:
‘Repent ye, repent ye! and prepare the way of the Lord,
And walk in His paths which are strait.’”

- 18 For behold, the kingdom of heaven is at hand and
the Son of God cometh upon the face of the earth.
- a 1N 3:53-62
Mos 1:102
- 19 And behold, He shall be born of ^aMary at Jerusalem,
which is the land of our forefathers,
She being a virgin, a precious and chosen vessel,
who shall be overshadowed and conceive
by the power of the Holy Ghost,
And bring forth a son, yea, even the Son of God.
- b Mos 8:19-20
- 20 And He shall go forth, suffering pains and ^bafflictions
and temptations of every kind,
- 21 And this that the word might be fulfilled which saith
He will take upon Him the pains
and the sicknesses of His people;
And He will take upon Him death, that He may ^cloose
the bands of death which bind His people;
- c Isa 53:3-5
Mark 1:29-38
[32-43]
Luke 4:40-41
- 22 And He will take upon Him their infirmities, that His
bowels may be filled with mercy, according to the flesh,
That He may know, according to the flesh, how to succor
His people according to their infirmities.
- 23 Now the Spirit knoweth all things;
Nevertheless, the Son of God suffereth,
according to the flesh,
That He might take upon Him the sins of His people,
That He might blot out their transgressions
according to the power of His deliverance.
- And now behold, this is the testimony which is in me.
- d Mos 11:187
A 3:86
John 3:3-7
1 Pet 1:23
- 24 Now I say unto you, that ye must repent
and be ^dborn again,
For the Spirit saith:
“If ye are not born again,
ye cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven.”
- 25 Therefore, come and be baptized unto repentance,
that ye may be washed from your sins,
That ye may have faith on the Lamb of God which taketh
away the sins of the world, which is mighty to save
and to cleanse from all unrighteousness.
- 26 Yea, I say unto you, come and fear not,
And lay aside every sin which easily doth beset you,
which doth bind you down to destruction.

a 1N 3:230
 Mos 3:6-8;
 9:41, 44, 174
 A 5:27
 3N 2:96; 10:1

- 27 Yea, come and go forth and show unto your God
 that ye are willing to repent of your sins
 and enter into a ^acovenant with Him
 to keep His commandments,
 And witness it unto Him this day by going
 into the waters of baptism;
- 28 And whosoever doeth this and keepeth
 the commandments of God from thenceforth,
 The same will remember that I say unto him,
 yea, he will remember that I have said unto him,
 he shall have eternal life according to the testimony
 of the Holy Spirit which testifieth in me.
- 29 And now my beloved brethren,
 do you believe these things?
- 30 Behold, I say unto you, yea, I know that you believe them;
 And the way that I know that ye believe them is
 by the manifestations of the Spirit which is in me.
- 31 And now because your faith is strong concerning that,
 yea, concerning the things which I have spoken,
 great is my joy!
- 32 For as I said unto you from the beginning that
 I had much desire that ye were not in
 the state of dilemma like your brethren,
 Even so I have found that my desires have been gratified.
- 33 For I perceive that ye are in the paths of righteousness;
 I perceive that ye are in the path which leads
 to the kingdom of God;
- 34 Yea, I perceive that ye are making His paths strait;
 I perceive that it hath been made known unto you
 by the testimony of His word that
 He cannot walk in crooked paths,
- 35 Neither doth He vary from that which He hath said,
 Neither hath He a shadow of turning
 from the right to the left,
 Or from that which is right to that which is wrong,
 Therefore, His course is one eternal round.
- 36 And He doth not dwell in unholy temples;
 Neither can filthiness or anything which is unclean
 be received into the kingdom of God.
- 37 Therefore I say unto you, the time shall come, yea, and

- it shall be at the last day, that he which is filthy shall remain in his filthiness.
- 38 And now my beloved brethren, I have said these things unto you that I might awaken you to a sense of your duty to God, that ye may walk blameless before Him, That ye may walk after the holy order of God, after which ye have been received.
- a A 2:20 39 And now, I would that ye should be ^ahumble, and be submissive and gentle, easy to be entreated, full of patience and longsuffering, Being temperate in all things, Being diligent in keeping the commandments of God at all times,
- 40 Asking for whatsoever things ye stand in need, both spiritual and temporal, Always returning thanks unto God for whatsoever things ye do receive;
- b Mi ch 7
c Mos 3:21
Eth 5:4 41 And see that ye ^bhave faith, hope and charity, And then ye will always ^cabound in good works.
- 42 And may the Lord bless you and keep your garments spotless, That ye may at last be brought to sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the holy prophets which have been ever since the world began, Having your garments spotless, even as their garments are spotless, In the kingdom of heaven, to go no more out.
- 43 And now my beloved brethren, I have spoken these words unto you according to the Spirit which testifieth in me; And my soul doth exceedingly rejoice because of the exceeding diligence and heed which ye have given unto my word.
- 44 And now may the peace of God rest upon you, and upon your houses and lands, and upon your flocks and herds, and all that you possess, your women and your children, According to your faith and good works from this time, henceforth and forever.
- And thus I have spoken. Amen.

- 6 AND NOW it came to pass that Alma returned from the Land of Gideon after having taught the people of Gideon many things which cannot be written, Having established the order of the church according as he had before done in the Land of Zarahemla;
- 2 Yea, he returned to his own house at Zarahemla to rest himself from the labors which he had performed.
- 3 And thus ended the ¹ninth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi.
- 4 And it came to pass in the commencement of the ²tenth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi that Alma departed from thence and took his journey over into the Land of Melek on the west of the River Sidon, on the west by the borders of the wilderness;
- 5 And he began to teach the people in the Land of Melek according to the holy order of God by which he had been called; And he began to teach the people throughout all the Land of Melek.
- 6 And it came to pass that the people came to him throughout all the borders of the land which was by the wilderness side.
- 7 And it came to pass that they were baptized throughout all the land; So that when he had finished his work at Melek, he departed thence and traveled three days' journey on the north of the Land of Melek, And he came to a city which was called Ammonihah.
- 8 Now it was the custom of the people of Nephi to call their lands and their cities and their villages, yea, even all their small villages, after the name of him who first possessed them; And thus it was with the Land of Ammonihah.
- 9 And it came to pass that when Alma had come to the City of Ammonihah, he began to preach the word of God unto them.
- 10 Now satan had got great hold upon the hearts of the people of the City of Ammonihah;

1 began A 2:18

2 82 BC
ends A 10:111

- Therefore, they would not hearken
unto the words of Alma.
- 11 Nevertheless, Alma labored much in the spirit, wrestling
with God in mighty prayer that He would pour out
His Spirit upon the people which were in the city,
That He would also grant that he might baptize them
unto repentance.
- 12 Nevertheless, they hardened their hearts, saying unto him:
“Behold, we know that thou art Alma;
And we know that thou art high priest over the church
which thou hast established in many parts of the land,
according to your tradition;
- 13 And we are not of thy church,
And we do not believe in such foolish traditions.
- 14 “And now, we know that because we are not of thy
church, we know that thou hast no power over us;
- 15 And thou hast delivered up the judgment seat
unto Nephihah,
Therefore, thou art not the chief judge over us.”
- 16 Now when the people had said this and had withstood all
his words and reviled him and spit upon him and caused
that he should be cast out of their city,
1^{and he} departed thence and took his journey
toward the city which was called Aaron.
- 17 And it came to pass that while he was journeying thither—
being weighed down with sorrow, wading through
much tribulation and anguish of soul because
of the wickedness of the people which
were in the City of Ammonihah—
- 18 And it came to pass that while Alma was
thus weighed down with sorrow,
Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him, saying:
“Blessed art thou, Alma;
Therefore, lift up thy head and rejoice,
for thou hast great cause to rejoice,
- 19 For thou hast been faithful in keeping the commandments
of God from the time which thou received
thy first message from Him.
- 20 “Behold, I am he that ^adelivered it unto thee.
“And behold, I am sent to command thee that thou

1 and = then

a Mos 11:163-176

- return to the City of Ammonihah
and preach again unto the people of the city,
Yea, preach unto them,
- 21 yea, say unto them, except they repent,
the Lord God will ^adestroy them.
- 22 “For behold, they do study at this time that they may
destroy the liberty of thy people—for thus saith
the Lord—which is contrary to the statutes
and judgments and commandments
which He hath given unto His people.”
- 23 Now it came to pass that after Alma had received
his message from the angel of the Lord, he
returned speedily to the Land of Ammonihah.
- 24 And it came to pass that he entered the city
by another way, yea, by the way which was
on the south of the City Ammonihah.
- 25 And it came to pass that as he entered the city,
he was enhungered and he saith to a man:
“Will ye give to an humble servant of God
something to eat?”
- 26 And the man saith unto him:
“I am a Nephite and I know that thou art a holy prophet
of God, for thou art the man which an ^bangel
saith in a vision, ‘Thou shalt receive’;
- 27 Therefore, go with me into my house
and I will impart unto thee of my favor;
And I know that thou will be a blessing unto me
and my house.”
- 28 And it came to pass that the man received him
into his house,
And the man was called Amulek;
And he brought forth bread and meat and sat before Alma.
- 29 And it came to pass that Alma ate bread and he was filled;
And he blessed Amulek and his house,
And he gave thanks unto God.
- 30 And after he had eaten and was filled,
he saith unto Amulek:
“I am Alma and am the high priest over the churches

a A 11:2-3, 15

b A 8:10-14

of God throughout the land.

31 “And behold, I have been called to preach the word
of God among all this people, according to the spirit
of revelation and prophecy;

32 And I was in this land and they would not receive me,
but they cast me out.

33 “And I was about to set my back toward this land forever;
But behold, I have been commanded that I should turn
again and prophesy unto this people,
Yea, and to testify against them concerning their iniquities.

34 “And now Amulek, because thou hast fed me
and took me in, thou art blessed,
For I was enhungered for I had fasted many days.”

35 And it came to pass that Alma tarried many days with
Amulek before he began to preach unto the people.

36 And it came to pass that the people did wax more gross
in their iniquities.

37 And the word came to Alma, saying:
“Go and also say unto My servant Amulek,
‘Go forth and prophesy unto this people, saying:
Repent ye! for thus saith the Lord, except ye repent,
I will visit this people in Mine anger,
Yea, and I will not turn My fierce anger away.’”

38 And it came to pass that Alma went forth, and also
Amulek, among the people to declare
the words of God unto them;

39 And they had power given unto them, insomuch
that they could not be confined in dungeons,
Neither were it possible that any man could slay them;

a A 10:60-83

40 Nevertheless, they did not ^aexercise their power until
they were bound in bands and cast into prison;

41 Now this was done that the Lord might
show forth His power in them.

42 And it came to pass that they went forth and began to
preach and to prophesy unto the people, according to
the spirit and power which the Lord had given them.

7 ¹The words of Alma, and also the words of Amulek,
which were declared unto the people which were
in the Land of Ammonihah.

And also they are cast into prison and delivered by
the miraculous power of God which was in them,
according to the record of Alma.

1 **AND AGAIN**, I, Alma, having been commanded of God
that I should take Amulek and go forth and preach
again unto this people, or the people which were
in the City of Ammonihah,

And it came to pass as I began to preach unto them,
they began to contend with me, saying:

“Who art thou?”

2 Suppose ye that we shall believe the testimony of one man,
although he should preach unto us that the earth
should pass away?”

3 Now they understood not the words which they spake,
for they knew not that the earth should pass away.

4 And they saith also:

“We will not believe thy words if thou shouldst prophesy
that this great city should be ^adestroyed in one day.”

a A 11:14-16

5 Now they knew not that God could do
such marvelous works, for they were
a hard-hearted and a stiff-necked people.

6 And they saith:

“Who is God that sendeth no more authority than one
man among this people to declare unto them
the truth of such great and marvelous things?”

7 And they stood forth to lay their hands on me,
But behold, they did not.

8 And I stood with boldness to declare unto them,
yea, I did boldly testify unto them, saying:
“Behold, O ye wicked and perverse generation,
How have ye forgotten the tradition of your fathers?
Yea, how soon ye have forgotten
the commandments of God!

9 Do ye not remember that our father Lehi was
brought out of Jerusalem by the hand of God?

- 10 Do ye not remember that they were all
led by Him through the wilderness?
- 11 And have ye forgotten so soon how many times He
delivered our fathers out of the hands of their enemies
and preserved them from being destroyed,
even by the hands of their own brethren?
- 12 Yea, and if it had not been for His matchless power
and His mercy and His longsuffering toward us,
We should unavoidably have been cut off from the face of
the earth long before this period of time and perhaps
been consigned to a state of endless misery and wo.
- 13 “Behold now I say unto you, that He
commandeth you to repent;
And except ye repent, ye can in no wise
inherit the kingdom of God.
- 14 “But behold, this is not all—
He hath commanded you to repent or He will utterly
destroy you from off the face of the earth;
Yea, He will visit you in His anger,
And in His fierce anger He will not turn away.
- 15 “Behold, do ye not remember the words
which He spake unto Lehi, saying that:
‘Inasmuch as ye shall keep My commandments,
ye shall prosper in the land’?
- 16 And again, it is said that:
‘Inasmuch as ye will not keep My commandments,
ye shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord.’
- 17 “Now, I would that ye should remember that inasmuch
as the Lamanites have not kept the commandments
of God, they have been cut off
from the presence of the Lord.
- 18 “Now, we see that the word of the Lord
hath been verified in this thing,
And the Lamanites have been cut off from His presence
from the beginning of their transgressions in the land.
- 19 “Nevertheless, I say unto you that it shall be more tolerable
for them in the day of judgment than for you,
if ye remain in your sins,
- 20 Yea, and even more tolerable for them in this life,
than for you, except ye repent,

- For there are many promises which are extended to the Lamanites.
- 21 “For it is because of the ^atraditions of their fathers that causes them to remain in their state of ignorance, Therefore, the Lord will be merciful unto them and ^bprolong their existence in the land; a Jac 2:54-58
- 22 And at some period of time they will be brought to believe in His word and to know of the incorrectness of the traditions of their fathers; b En 1:19-21
- 23 And many of them will be saved, for the Lord will be merciful unto all who call on His name.
- 24 “But behold, I say unto you that if ye persist in your wickedness, that your days shall not be prolonged in the land, for the Lamanites shall be sent upon you;
- 25 And if ye repent not, they shall come in a time when you know not and ye shall be visited with utter ^cdestruction; c A 11:3
- 26 And it shall be according to the fierce anger of the Lord, For He will not suffer you that ye shall live in your iniquities to destroy His people.
- 27 “I say unto you, nay, He would rather suffer that the Lamanites might destroy all this ^dpeople which are called the people of Nephi, d A 21:9-15
If it were possible that they could fall into sins and transgressions after having had so much light and so much knowledge given unto them of the Lord their God,
- 28 Yea, after having been such a highly favored people of the Lord,
Yea, after having been favored above every other nation, kindred, tongue or people,
- 29 After having had all things made known unto them, according to their desires and their faith and prayers, of that which has been and which is and which is to come,
- 30 Having been visited by the Spirit of God,
Having conversed with angels,
And having been spoken unto by the voice of the Lord,
- 31 And having the spirit of prophecy and the spirit of revelation and also many gifts—the gift of speaking with tongues and the gift of preaching and the gift of the Holy Ghost and the gift of ^etranslation, e O 1:35
Mos 5:72-81;
12:15-22
- 32 Yea, and after having been delivered of God out of the Land of Jerusalem by the hand of the Lord,
- 33 Having been saved from famine and from sicknesses

- and all manner of diseases of every kind,
34 And they having been waxed strong in battle
that they might not be destroyed,
Having been brought out of bondage time after time,
And having been kept and preserved until now;
And they have been prospered until they are
rich in all manner of things.
- 35 “And now behold I say unto you, that if this people,
who have received so many blessings from the hand
of the Lord, should transgress contrary to the light
and knowledge which they do have—
36 I say unto you, that if this be the case—that if they
should fall into transgressions,
That it would be far more tolerable
for the Lamanites than for them.
- 37 “For behold, the promises of the Lord are extended to the
Lamanites, but they are not unto you if ye transgress;
38 For hath not the Lord expressly promised and firmly
decreed that if ye will rebel against Him, that ye shall
utterly be destroyed from off the face of the earth?
- 39 “And now for this cause—that ye may not be destroyed—
the Lord hath sent His angel to visit many of His
people, declaring unto them that they must go forth
and cry mightily unto this people, saying:
‘Repent ye, repent ye! for the kingdom of heaven
is nigh at hand;
40 And not many days hence, the Son of God
shall come in His glory;
And His glory shall be the glory
of the Only Begotten of the Father,
Full of grace, equity and truth,
Full of patience, mercy and longsuffering,
Quick to hear the cries of His people
and to answer their prayers.
- 41 ‘And behold, He cometh to redeem those who will be
baptized unto repentance through faith on His name.
- 42 ‘Therefore, prepare ye the way of the Lord,
For the time is at hand that every man shall reap a reward
of their works according to that which they have been:
43 If they have been righteous, they shall reap the salvation
of their souls according to the power and deliverance

- of Jesus Christ;
- 44 And if they have been evil, they shall reap the damnation of their souls according to the power and captivity of the devil.’
- 45 “Now behold, this is the voice of the angel crying unto the people.
- 46 “And now my beloved brethren, for ye are my brethren and ye had ought to be beloved, And ye had ought to bring forth works which are meet for repentance, Seeing that your hearts have been grossly hardened against the word of God and seeing that ye are a ^alost and a fallen people.”
- 47 Now it came to pass that when I, Alma, had spoken these words, Behold, the people were wroth with me because I said unto them that they were a hard-hearted and a stiff-necked people;
- 48 And also because I said unto them that they were a lost and a fallen people, they were angry with me and sought to lay their hands upon me, that they might cast me into prison.
- 49 But it came to pass that the Lord did not suffer them that they should take me at that time and cast me into prison.
- 50 And it came to pass that Amulek went and stood forth and began to preach unto them also.
- 51 And now the words of Amulek are not all written, Nevertheless, a part of his words are written in this book.

a A 9:38

- 8** NOW THESE are the words which Amulek preached unto the people which were in the Land of Ammonihah, saying:
- “I am Amulek;
I am the son of Gidanah, who was the son of Ishmael, who was a descendant of Aminadi;
- 2 And it was that same Aminadi which interpreted the writing which was upon the wall of the temple which was written by the finger of God;

a A 10:107

1 82 BC
A 6:4

- 3 And Aminadi was a descendant of Nephi,
 who was the son of Lehi,
 who came out of the Land of Jerusalem,
 who was a descendant of Manasseh,
 who was the son of Joseph,
 which was sold into Egypt by the hands of his brethren.
- 4 “And behold, I am also a man of no small reputation
 among all those who know me.
- 5 “Yea, and behold, I have ^amany kindred and friends
 and I have also acquired much riches
 by the hand of my industry;
- 6 Nevertheless, after all this, I never have known
 much of the ways of the Lord and
 His mysteries and marvelous power.
- 7 “I said I never had known much of these things,
 but behold I mistake, for I have seen much
 of His mysteries and His miraculous power,
 Yea, even in the preservation of the lives of this people.
- 8 “Nevertheless, I did harden my heart, for I was
 called many times and I would not hear;
 Therefore, I knew concerning these things
 yet I would not know.
- 9 “Therefore, I went on rebelling against God in the
 wickedness of my heart, even until the fourth day
 of this seventh month, which is in the ¹tenth year
 of the reign of our judges.
- 10 “As I was a journeying to see a very near kindred, behold,
 an angel of the Lord appeared unto me and said:
 ‘Amulek, return to thine own house, for thou shalt feed
 a prophet of the Lord, yea, a holy man which art
 a chosen man of God;
- 11 For he hath fasted many days because of the sins
 of this people and he is hungered;
 And thou shalt receive him into thy house and feed him,
 And he shall bless thee and thy house;
 And the blessing of the Lord shall rest upon thee
 and thy house.’
- 12 “And it came to pass that I obeyed the voice
 of the angel and returned toward my house;
- 13 And as I was a going thither, I found the man which the

angel said unto me, 'Thou shalt receive into thy house';
 And behold, it was this same man which hath been
 speaking unto you concerning the things of God.

- 14 "And the angel said unto me:
 'He is a holy man';
 Wherefore, I know he is a holy man
 because it was said by an angel of God.
- 15 "And again, I know that the things
 whereof he hath testified are true;
 For behold I say unto you, that as the Lord liveth,
 even so He hath sent His angel to make
 these things manifest unto me;
 And this He hath done while this Alma
 hath ^adwelt at my house.
- 16 "For behold, he hath blessed mine house;
 He hath blessed me and my women and my children
 and my father and my kinsfolk,
- 17 Yea, even all my kindred hath he blessed;
 And the blessing of the Lord hath rested upon us
 according to the words which he spake."
- 18 And now when Amulek had spoken these words,
 the people began to be astonished,
 Seeing there was ^bmore than one witness which testified
 of the things whereof they were accused, and also
 of the things which were to come, according
 to the spirit of prophecy which was in them.
- 19 Nevertheless, there were some among them
 which thought to question them,
 That by their cunning devices they might
 catch them in their words,
 That they might find witness against them,
 That they might deliver them to the judges,
- 20 That they might be judged according to the law,
 And that they might be slain or cast into prison according
 to the crime which they could make appear,
 or witness against them.
- 21 Now, it was those men which sought to destroy them
 which were lawyers which were hired, or appointed by
 the people to administer the law at their times of trials,
 or at the trials of the crimes of the people

a A 6:25-35

b A 7:6
Matt 18:16

- before the judges.
- 22 Now these lawyers were learned in all the arts
and cunning of the people;
And this was to enable them that they
might be skillful in their profession.
- 23 And it came to pass that they began to question Amulek
that thereby they might make him cross his words,
or contradict the words which he should speak.
- 24 Now, they knew not that Amulek
could know of their design;
- 25 But it came to pass as they began to question him,
he perceived their thoughts and he saith unto them:
“O ye wicked and perverse generation!
Ye lawyers and hypocrites!
For ye are laying the foundations of the devil;
- 26 For ye are laying traps and snares
to catch the holy ones of God;
Ye are laying plans to pervert the ways of the righteous
and to bring down the wrath of God upon your heads,
even to the utter destruction of this people.
- 27 “Yea, well did Mosiah say, who was our last king,
when he was about to deliver up the kingdom—
having no one to confer it upon, causing that this
people should be governed by their own voices—
- 28 Yea, well did he say, that if the time should come
that the ^avoice of this people should choose iniquity,
That is, if the time should come that this people should fall
into transgression, they would be ripe for destruction.
- 29 “And now I say unto you, that well doth
the Lord judge of your iniquities;
Well doth He cry unto this people by the voice
of His angels, ‘Repent ye! repent,
for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!’
- 30 Yea, well doth He cry by the voice of His angels
that ‘I will come down among My people
with equity and justice in My hands!’
- 31 “Yea, and I say unto you that if it were not for the prayers
of the righteous which are now in the land, that ye
would even now be visited with utter destruction;
- 32 Yet it would not be by flood, as were the people

^a Mos 13:37-38
H 2:64

- in the days of Noah, but it would be by famine
and by pestilence and the sword;
- 33 But it is by the prayers of the righteous that ye are spared.
“Now therefore, if ye will cast out the righteous from
among you, then will not the Lord stay His hand,
but in His fierce ^aanger He will come out against you;
- 34 Then ye shall be smitten by famine
and by pestilence and by the sword;
And the time is soon at hand except ye repent.”
- 35 And now it came to pass that the people were more angry
with Amulek and they cried out, saying:
“This man doth revile against our laws, which are just,
and our wise lawyers which we have selected.”
- 36 But Amulek stretched forth his hand
and cried the mightier unto them, saying:
“O ye wicked and perverse generation!
Why hath satan got such great hold upon your hearts?
Why will ye yield yourselves unto him, that he may
have power over you to blind your eyes, that ye
will not understand the words which are spoken
according to their truth?
- 37 “For behold, have I testified against your law?
38 Ye do not understand;
39 Ye say that I have spoken against your law, but I have not;
But I have spoken in favor of your law,
to your condemnation.
- 40 “And now behold, I say unto you that the ^bfoundation of
the destruction of this people is beginning to be laid by
the unrighteousness of your lawyers and your judges.”
- 41 And now it came to pass that when Amulek had spoken
these words, the people cried out against him, saying:
“Now we know that this man is a child of the devil, for he
hath lied unto us, for he hath spoken against our law,
42 And now he saith that he hath not spoken against it.”
- 43 And again:
“He hath reviled against our lawyers
and our judges,” etc.
- 44 And it came to pass that the lawyers put it into their hearts
that they should remember these things against him.

a A 7:13-14

b A 6:20-22

1 tenseless present
participle which
may = was

- 45 And it came to pass that there was one among them
whose name was Zeezrom,
- 46 Now he ¹being the foremost to accuse Amulek and Alma,
he being one of the most expert among them,
having much business to do among the people.
- 47 Now the object of these lawyers was to get gain;
And they got gain according to their employ.
- 48 Now it was in the law of Mosiah that every man
which was a judge of the law, or which were appointed
to be judges, should receive wages according to the time
which they labored to judge those which were brought
before them to be judged.
- 49 Now if a man oweth another and he would not pay that
which he did owe, he was complained of to the judge;
- 50 And the judge executed authority and sent forth officers
that the man should be brought before him;
- 51 And he judgeth the man according to the law and
the evidences which are brought against him;
And thus the man is compelled to pay that which he oweth,
or be ²striped, or be cast out from among the people
as a thief and a robber.
- 52 And the judge receiveth for his wages according
to his time—a ^asenine of gold for a day, or a senum
of silver which is equal to a senine of gold;
And this is according to the law which was given.
- 53 Now these are the names of the different pieces of their
gold and of their silver, according to their value;
- 54 And the names are given by the Nephites, for they
did not reckon after the manner of the Jews
which were at Jerusalem;
Neither did they measure after the manner of the Jews,
- 55 But they altered their reckoning and their measure
according to the minds and the circumstances of the people
in every generation until the reign of the judges,
they having been established by King Mosiah.
- 56 Now, the reckoning is thus:
A senine of gold, a seon of gold, a shum of gold
and a limnah of gold;
- 57 A senum of silver, an amnor of silver, an ezrum of silver
and an onti of silver;

2 striped = lashed
Deut 25:1-3

a 3N 5:74-75

- 58 A senum of silver was equal to a senine of gold,
And either for a measure of barley and also
for a measure of every kind of grain.
- 59 Now, the amount of a seon of gold
was twice the value of a senine;
And a shum of gold was twice the value of a seon;
And a limnah of gold was the value of them all;
- 60 And an amnor of silver was as great as two senums;
And an ezrum of silver was as great as four senums;
And an onti was as great as them all.
- 61 Now this is the value of the lesser numbers
of their reckoning:
A shiblon is half of a senum, therefore
a shiblon for half a measure of barley;
And a shilum is a half of a shiblon
and a Leah is the half of a shilum.
- 62 Now an antion of gold is equal to three shiblons.
- 63 Now this is their number according to their reckoning.
- 64 Now it was for the sole purpose for to get gain, because
they received their wages according to their employ,
- 65 Therefore, they did stir up the people to riotings
and all manner of disturbances and wickedness,
That they might have more employ
- 66 and that they might get money according
to the suits which were brought before them;
Therefore, they did stir up the people
against Alma and Amulek.
- 67 And this Zeezrom began to question Amulek, saying:
“Will ye answer me a few questions
which I shall ask you?”
- 68 Now Zeezrom was a man which was expert in the devices
of the devil, that he might destroy that which was good;
Therefore, he saith unto Amulek:
“Will ye answer the questions which I shall put unto you?”
- 69 And Amulek saith unto him:
“Yea, I will, if it be according to the Spirit of the Lord
which is in me, for I shall say nothing which is
contrary to the Spirit of the Lord.”

- 70 And Zeezrom saith unto him:
 “Behold, here are six onties of silver,
 And all these will I give unto thee if thou wilt
 deny the existence of a Supreme Being.”
- 71 Now Amulek saith:
 “O thou child of hell!
 Why tempt ye me?
- 72 Knowest thou that the righteous yieldeth
 to no such temptations?
- 73 “Believest thou that there is no God?
 74 I say unto you, nay, thou knowest that there is a God,
 but thou lovest that lucre more than Him.
- 75 “And now thou hast lied before God unto me,
 76 For thou saidst unto me, ‘Behold these six ^aonties which
 are of great worth, I will give unto thee,’ when
 thou had it in thy heart to retain them from me;
 77 And it was only thy desire that I should deny the true and
 living God, that thou mightest have cause to destroy me.
- 78 “And now behold, for this great evil,
 thou shalt have thy reward.”
- 79 And Zeezrom saith unto him:
 “Thou sayest there is a true and a living God?”
- 80 And Amulek saith:
 “Yea, there is a true and a living God.”
- 81 Now Zeezrom saith:
 “Is there more than one God?”
- 82 And he answered:
 “No.”
- 83 Now Zeezrom saith unto him again:
 “How knowest thou these things?”
- 84 And he saith:
 “An angel hath made them known unto me.”
- 85 And Zeezrom saith again:
 “Who is He that shall come? Is it the Son of God?”
- 86 And he said unto him:
 “Yea.”

- 87 And Zeezrom saith again:
“Shall He save His people in their sins?”
- 88 And Amulek answered and said unto him:
“I say unto you He shall not, for it is impossible
for Him to deny His word.”
- 89 Now Zeezrom saith unto the people:
“See that ye remember these things,
for he saith there is but one God;
Yet he saith that the Son of God shall come,
but He shall not save His people, as though
he had authority to command God.”
- 90 Now Amulek said again unto him:
“Behold, thou hast lied, for thou sayest that I spake
as though I had authority to command God because
I said He shall not save His people in their sins.
- 91 “And I say unto you again that He cannot save them
in their sins, for I cannot deny His word,
And He hath said that no unclean thing
can inherit the kingdom of heaven;
- 92 Therefore, how can ye be saved except
ye inherit the kingdom of heaven?
Therefore, ye cannot be saved in your sins.”
- 93 Now Zeezrom saith again unto him:
“Is the Son of God the Very Eternal Father?”
- 94 And Amulek saith unto him:
“Yea, He is the Very Eternal Father of heaven
and of earth and all things which in them is;
- 95 He is the beginning and the end, the first and the last;
- 96 And He shall come into the world to redeem His people;
And He shall take upon Him the transgressions
of those who believe on His name,
And these are they that shall have eternal life;
And salvation cometh to none else.
- 97 “Therefore, the wicked remain as though there
had been no redemption made, except it be
the loosing of the bands of death.
- 98 “For behold, the day cometh that all shall rise
from the dead and stand before God and be judged
according to their works.

- 99 “Now there is a death which is called temporal death;
 And the death of Christ shall loose the bands
 of this temporal death, that all shall be raised
 from this temporal death;
- 100 The spirit and the body shall be reunited again
 in its perfect form;
 Both limb and joint shall be restored to its proper frame,
 even as we now are at this time;
- 101 And we shall be brought to stand before God,
 knowing even as we know now, and have
 a bright recollection of all our guilt.
- 102 “Now this restoration shall come to all—
 both old and young,
 both bond and free,
 both male and female,
 both the wicked and the righteous;
- 103 And even there shall not so much as a hair
 of their heads be lost,
 But all things shall be restored to its perfect frame,
 as it is now, or in the body,
- 104 And shall be brought and be arraigned before the bar
 of Christ the Son and God the Father and the
 Holy Spirit, which is one Eternal God,
 To be judged according to their works, whether
 they be good or whether they be evil.
- 105 “Now behold, I have spoken unto you concerning
 the death of the mortal body, and also concerning
 the resurrection of the mortal body;
- 106 I say unto you that this mortal body
 is raised to an immortal body,
 That is, from death, even from the first death unto life,
 that they can die no more,
 Their spirits uniting with their bodies, never to be divided,
- 107 Thus, the whole becoming spiritual and immortal,
 that they can no more see corruption.”
- 108 Now, when Amulek had finished these words,
 the people began again to be astonished,
 and also Zeezrom began to tremble.
- 109 And thus ended the words of Amulek,
 Or this is all that I have written.

- 9 NOW ALMA, seeing that the words of Amulek had silenced Zeezrom, for he beheld that Amulek had caught him in his lying and deceiving to ^adestroy him, And seeing that he began to tremble under a consciousness of his guilt, He opened his mouth and began to speak unto him and to establish the words of Amulek and to explain things beyond, or to unfold the scriptures beyond that which Amulek had done.
- 2 Now the words that Alma spake unto Zeezrom were heard by the people round about, for the multitude was great.
- And he spake on this wise:
- 3 “Now Zeezrom, seeing that thou hast been taken in thy lyings and craftiness, for thou hast not lied unto men only, but thou hast lied unto God,
- 4 For behold, He ^bknows all thy thoughts; And thou seest that thy thoughts are made known unto us by His Spirit;
- 5 And thou seest that we know that thy plan was a very subtle plan, as to the subtlety of the devil, for to lie and to deceive this people, That thou mightest set them against us, to revile us and to cast us out.
- 6 “Now this was a plan of thine adversary and he hath exercised his power in thee.
- 7 “Now I would that ye should remember that what I say unto thee, I say unto all.
- 8 “And behold, I say unto you all that this was a snare of the adversary which he hath laid to catch this people,
- 9 That he might bring you into subjection unto him, That he might encircle you about with his chains, That he might chain you down to everlasting destruction, according to the power of his captivity.”
- 10 Now when Alma had spoken these words, Zeezrom began to tremble more exceedingly, for he was convinced more and more of the power of God;
- 11 And he was also convinced that Alma and Amulek had a knowledge of him, for he was convinced that they knew the thoughts and intents of his ^cheart,

a A 16:51

b 2N 6:44

c A 12:110

- 12 For power was given unto them that they might know of these things according to the spirit of prophecy.
- 13 And Zeezrom began to inquire of them diligently, that he might know more concerning the kingdom of God.
- 14 And he saith unto Alma:
 “What does this mean which Amulek hath spoken concerning the resurrection of the dead, That all shall rise from the dead, both the just and the unjust, and are brought to stand before God to be judged according to their works?”
- 15 And now Alma began to expound these things unto him, saying:
 “It is given unto many to know the mysteries of God,
- 16 Nevertheless, they are laid under a strict command that they shall not impart ¹only according to the portion of His word which He doth grant unto the children of men, according to the heed and diligence which they give unto Him.
- 17 “And therefore, he that will harden his heart, the same receiveth the lesser portion of the word,
- 18 And he that will ^anot harden his heart, to him is given the greater portion of the word until it is given unto him to know the mysteries of God, until they know them in full;
- 19 And he that will harden his heart, to him is given the lesser portion of the word until they know nothing concerning His mysteries;
- 20 And then they are taken captive by the devil and led by his will down to destructions;
- 21 Now this is what is meant by the chains of hell.
 “And Amulek hath spoken plainly concerning death, And being raised from this mortality to a state of immortality, And being brought before the bar of God to be judged according to our works.
- 22 “Then if our hearts have been hardened, yea, if we have hardened our hearts against the word insomuch that it hath not been found in us, Then will our state be awful, for then we shall be condemned;

¹ only = except
 3N 12:1-5

^a 3N 9:92

- 23 For our work will condemn us, yea,
all our work will condemn us—
We shall not be found spotless;
- 24 And our thoughts will also condemn us;
And in this awful state, we shall not durst look up
to our God;
- 25 And we would fain be glad if we could
command the rocks and the mountains
to fall upon us to hide us from His presence.
- 26 “But this cannot be;
We must come forth and stand before Him
in His glory and in His power and in His might,
majesty and dominion,
And acknowledge to our everlasting shame
that all His judgments are just,
- 27 That He is just in all His works,
And that He is merciful unto the children of men,
And that He hath all power to save every man
that believeth on His name and bringeth forth fruit
meet for repentance.
- 28 “And now behold, I say unto you, then cometh a death,
even a second death which is a spiritual death;
- 29 Then is a time that whosoever dieth in his sins, as to
the temporal death, shall also die a spiritual death;
Yea, he shall die as to things pertaining unto righteousness.
- 30 “Then is the time when their torments
shall be as a lake of fire and brimstone
whose flames ascendeth up forever and ever.
- 31 “And then is the time that they shall be chained down
to an everlasting destruction according to the power
and captivity of satan, he having subjected them
according to his will.
- 32 “Then, I say unto you, they shall be as though
there had been no redemption made,
For they cannot be redeemed according to God’s justice,
And they cannot die, seeing there is no more corruption.”
- 33 Now it came to pass that when Alma had made
an end of speaking these words,
the people began to be more astonished;
- 34 But there was one, Antionah, who was a chief ruler

a A 3:108

b A 16:228-237;
19:81, 91, 94
Mn 4:94

- among them, came forth and said unto him:
 “What is this that thou hast said, that man should rise
 from the dead and be changed from this mortal
 to an immortal state, that the soul can never die?”
- 35 “What does this scripture mean which saith that God
 placed cherubim and a flaming sword on the east of the
 Garden of Eden, lest our first parents should enter and
 partake of the fruit of the tree of life and live forever?”
- 36 And thus we see that there was no possible chance
 that they should live forever.”
- 37 Now Alma saith unto him:
 “This is the thing which I was about to explain.
- 38 “Now, we see that Adam did fall by partaking of the
 forbidden fruit, according to the word of God;
 And thus we see that by his fall that all mankind
 became a lost and a fallen people.
- 39 “And now behold I say unto you, that if it had been
 possible for Adam for to have partaken of the fruit
 of the ^atree of life at that time, that there
 would have been no death and the word
 would have been void, making God a liar,
 For He said:
 ‘If thou eat thereof, thou shalt surely die.’
- 40 “And we see that death comes upon mankind,
 yea, the death which has been spoken of by Amulek,
 which is the temporal death;
 Nevertheless, there was a space granted unto man
 in which he might repent.
- 41 “Therefore, this life became a ^bprobationary state,
 a time to prepare to meet God,
 A time to prepare for that endless state
 which has been spoken of by us,
 which is after the resurrection of the dead.
- 42 “Now if it had not been for the plan of redemption
 which was laid from the foundation of the world,
 there could have been no resurrection of the dead;
- 43 But there was a plan of redemption laid
 which shall bring to pass the resurrection
 of the dead of which has been spoken.

- 44 “And now behold, if it were possible that our first parents
could have gone forth and partaken of the tree of life,
they would have been forever miserable,
having no preparatory state;
- 45 And thus the plan of redemption
would have been frustrated,
And the word of God would have been void,
taking none effect.
- 46 “But behold, it was not so, but it was appointed
unto man that they must die;
And after death they must come to judgment,
even that same judgment of which we have spoken,
which is the end.
- 47 “And after God had appointed that these things
should come unto man,
Behold, then He saw that it was expedient that man
should know concerning the things whereof
He had appointed unto them.
- 48 “Therefore, He sent angels to converse with them
which caused men to behold of His glory;
- 49 And they began from that time forth to call on His name.
- “Therefore, God conversed with men and made known
unto them the plan of redemption which had been
prepared from the ^afoundation of the world;
- 50 And this He made known unto them according to
their faith and repentance and their holy works.
- 51 “Wherefore, He gave commandments unto men,
they having first transgressed the first commandments
as to things which were temporal and becoming
as gods, knowing good from evil,
Placing themselves in a state to act, or being placed
in a state to act, according to their wills and pleasures,
whether to do evil or to do good.
- 52 “Therefore, God gave unto them commandments, after
having made known unto them the plan of redemption,
that they should not do evil,
The penalty thereof being a second death
which was an everlasting death
as to things pertaining unto righteousness,

a Rev 13:8

- 53 For on such the plan of redemption could have no power,
for the works of justice could not be destroyed
according to the supreme goodness of God.
- 54 “But God did call on men in the name of His Son, this
being the plan of redemption which was laid, saying:
‘If ye will repent and harden not your hearts, then will I
have mercy upon you through Mine Only Begotten Son;
- 55 Therefore, whosoever repenteth and hardeneth not his
heart, he shall have claim on mercy through Mine
Only Begotten Son unto a remission of their sins,
And these shall enter into My rest;
- 56 And whosoever will harden his heart and will do iniquity,
behold, I swear in My wrath that they
shall not enter into My rest.’
- 57 “And now my brethren, behold I say unto you,
that if ye will harden your hearts ye
shall not enter into the rest of the Lord;
- 58 Therefore, your iniquity provoketh Him, that He sendeth
down His wrath upon you as in the first provocation,
- 59 Yea, according to His word in the last provocation,
as well as in the first, to the everlasting ^adestruction
of your souls,
Therefore, according to His word, unto the last death
as well as the first.
- 60 “And now my brethren, seeing we know these things
and they are true,
Let us repent and harden not our hearts, that we provoke
not the Lord our God to pull down His wrath upon us
in these His second commandments
which He hath given unto us,
- 61 But let us enter into the rest of God
which is prepared according to His word.
- 62 “And again my brethren, I would cite your minds
forward to the time which the Lord God
gave these commandments unto His children;
- 63 And I would that ye should remember that the Lord God
ordained priests after His holy order which was after the
order of His Son, to teach these things unto the people;
- 64 And those priests were ordained after the order of His Son
in a manner that thereby the people might know in what
manner to look forward to His Son for redemption.

^a 1N 3:208
2N 6:40

65 “And this is the manner after which they were ordained,
 being called and prepared from the foundation
 of the world according to the foreknowledge of God,
 On account of their exceeding faith and good works,
 in the first place being left to choose good or evil—

66 “Therefore they, having chosen good and exercising
 exceeding great faith, are called with a holy calling,
 Yea, with that holy calling which was prepared with,
 and according to, a preparatory redemption for such,

67 And thus they having been called to this holy calling
 on account of their faith—

“While others would reject the Spirit of God
 on account of the hardness of their hearts
 and blindness of their minds,
 While, if it had not been for this, they might have
 had as great privilege as their brethren;

68 Or in fine, in the first place they were on the
 same standing with their brethren—

“Thus this holy calling being prepared from the foundation
 of the world for such as would not harden their hearts,
 Being in and through the atonement of the Only Begotten
 Son which was prepared;

69 And thus being called by this holy calling and ordained
 unto the high priesthood of the holy order of God,
 to teach His commandments unto the children of men,
 that they also might enter into His rest,

70 This high priesthood being after the order of His Son,
 which order was from the foundation of the world,

71 Or in other words, being without beginning of days or end
 of years, being prepared from eternity to all eternity
 according to His foreknowledge of all things—

72 “Now they were ordained after this manner, being called
 with a holy calling and ordained with a holy ordinance,
 And taking upon themselves the high priesthood of the
 holy order, which calling and ordinance and high
 priesthood is without beginning or end.

73 “Thus they become high priests forever after the order
 of the Son of—the Only Begotten of—the Father,
 which is without beginning of days or end of years,
 which is full of grace, equity and truth.

“And thus it is. Amen.”

- 10 “NOW AS I said concerning the holy order, or this high priesthood, there were many which were ordained and became high priests of God;
- 2 And it was on account of the exceeding faith and repentance and their righteousness before God, they choosing to repent and work righteousness ^arather than to perish,
- 3 Therefore, they were called after this holy order and were sanctified,
And their garments were washed ^bwhite through the blood of the Lamb.
- 4 “Now they, after being sanctified by the Holy Ghost, having their garments made white, being pure and spotless before God, could not look upon sin save it were with ^cabhorrence.
- 5 “And there were many, an exceeding great many, which were made pure and entered into the rest of the Lord their God.
- 6 “And now my brethren, I would that ye should humble yourselves before God and bring forth fruit meet for repentance, that ye may also enter into that rest;
- 7 Yea, humble yourselves even as the people in the days of Melchizedek, who was also a high priest after this same order which I have spoken, who also took upon him the high priesthood forever;
- 8 And it was this same Melchizedek to whom Abraham paid tithes,
Yea, even our father Abraham paid tithes of one tenth part of all he possessed.
- 9 “Now these ordinances were given after this manner, that thereby the people might look forward on the Son of God, it being a type of His order, or it being His order;
- 10 And this that they might look forward to Him for a remission of their sins, that they might enter into the rest of the Lord.
- 11 “Now this Melchizedek was a king over the Land of Salem; And his people had waxed strong in iniquity and abominations, yea, they had all gone astray—they were full of all manner of wickedness;

a 3N 2:87-88

b 1N 3:117-119

c 2N 6:98
A 21:18

- 12 But Melchizedek, having exercised mighty faith
and received the office of the high priesthood
according to the holy order of God,
did preach repentance unto his people,
- 13 And behold, they did repent;
And Melchizedek did establish peace
in the land in his days,
- 14 Therefore, he was called the prince of peace,
For he was the king of Salem and he did reign
under his father.
- 15 “Now there were many before him and also there
were many afterward, but none were greater,
Therefore, of him they have more particularly
made mention;
- 16 Now I need not rehearse the matter;
What I have said may suffice;
- 17 Behold, the scriptures are before you;
If ye will wrest them, it shall be to your own destruction.”
- 18 And now it came to pass that when Alma had said these
words unto them, he stretched forth his hand unto them
and cried with a mighty voice, saying:
“Now is the time to repent!
for the day of salvation draweth nigh.
- 19 “Yea, and the voice of the Lord, by the mouth of angels,
doth declare it unto all nations,
Yea, doth declare it, that they may have glad tidings
of great joy.
- 20 “Yea, and He doth sound these glad tidings among
all His people, yea, even to them that are
scattered abroad upon the face of the earth;
Wherefore, they have come unto us
- 21 and they are made known unto us in ^aplain terms
that we may understand, that we cannot err,
And this because of our being wanderers in a strange land;
- 22 Therefore, we are thus highly favored, for we have
these glad tidings declared unto us
in all parts of our vineyard.
- 23 “For behold, angels are declaring it unto many
at this time in our land,
And this is for the purpose of preparing the hearts

a 2N 11:5-11

of the children of men for to receive His word
at the time of His coming in His glory.

- 24 “And now we only wait to hear the joyful news—declared
unto us by the mouth of angels of His coming,
for the time cometh, we know not how soon;
- 25 Would to God that it might be in my day,
but let it be sooner or later, in it I will rejoice.
- 26 “And it shall be made known unto just and holy men
by the mouth of angels at the time of His coming,
That the words of our fathers might be fulfilled according
to that which they have spoken concerning Him,
which was according to the spirit of prophecy
which was in them.
- 27 “And now my brethren, I wish from the inmost part
of my ^aheart, yea, with great anxiety even unto pain,
That ye would hearken unto my words and cast off your
sins and not procrastinate the day of your repentance;
- 28 But that ye would humble yourselves before the Lord and
call on His holy name and watch and pray continually,
That ye may not be tempted above that which ye can bear;
And thus be led by the Holy Spirit,
becoming humble, meek, submissive, patient,
full of love and all longsuffering,
having faith on the Lord,
- 29 having a hope that ye shall receive eternal life,
having the love of God always in your hearts,
That ye may be lifted up at the last day
and enter into His rest.
- 30 “And may the Lord grant unto you repentance,
That ye may not bring down His wrath upon you,
That ye may not be bound down by the chains of hell,
That ye may not suffer the second death.”
- 31 And it came to pass that Alma spake many more words
unto the people which are not written in this book.
- 32 And it came to pass that after he had made an end
of speaking unto the people,
Many of them did believe on his words and began
to repent and to search the scriptures;
- 33 But the more part of them were desirous
that they might destroy Alma and Amulek,

a A 12:110

- For they were angry with Alma because of the plainness
of his words unto Zeezrom;
- 34 And they also said that Amulek had lied unto them
and had reviled against their law,
And also against their lawyers and judges;
- 35 And they were also angry with Alma and Amulek;
And because they had testified so plainly against their
wickedness, they sought to put them away privily.
- 36 But it came to pass that they did not,
But they took them and bound them with strong cords
and took them before the ^achief judge of the land.
- 37 And the people went forth and witnessed against them,
testifying that they had reviled against their law
and their lawyers and judges of the land,
And also all the people that were in the land;
- 38 And also testified that there was but one God,
And that He should send His Son among the people,
but He should not save them;
And many such things did the people testify
against Alma and Amulek.
- 39 And it came to pass that it was done
before the chief judge of the land.
- 40 And it also came to pass that Zeezrom was astonished
at the words which had been spoken,
And he also knew concerning the blindness of the minds
which he had caused among the people
by his ^blying words;
- 41 And his soul began to be harrowed up
under a consciousness of his own guilt,
Yea, he began to be encircled about by the pains of hell.
- 42 And it came to pass that he began
to cry unto the people, saying:
“Behold, I am guilty and these men are spotless
before God!”
- 43 And it came to pass that he began to plead for them
from that time forth, but they reviled him, saying:
“Art thou also possessed with the devil?”
- 44 And it came to pass that they spit upon him
and cast him out from among them,

a A 2:24-28

b A 8:45-46, 67-93

- And also all those who believed in the words
which had been spoken by Alma and Amulek;
And they cast them out and sent men
to cast stones at them;
- 45 And they brought their wives and children together,
And whosoever have believed, or had been taught
to believe in the word of God, they caused
that they should be cast into the fire;
- 46 And they also brought forth their records which contained
the holy scriptures and cast them into the fire also,
that they might be burned and destroyed by fire.
- 47 And it came to pass that they took Alma and Amulek
and carried them forth to the place of martyrdom,
that they might witness the destruction
of those which were consumed by fire.
- 48 And it came to pass that when Amulek saw the pains of
the women and children which were consuming in the
fire, he was also pained and he saith unto Alma:
“How can we witness this awful scene?
- 49 Therefore, let us stretch forth our hands
and exercise the power of God which is in us
and save them from the flames.”
- 50 But Alma saith unto him:
“The Spirit constraineth me that I must not
stretch forth mine hand,
For behold, the Lord receiveth them up
unto Himself in glory;
- 51 And He doth suffer that they may do this thing, or that
the people may do this thing unto them according to
the hardness of their hearts, that the judgments which
He shall exercise upon them in His wrath may be just;
- 52 And the blood of the innocent shall stand as a witness
against them, yea, and cry mightily against them
at the last day.”
- 53 Now Amulek saith unto Alma:
“Behold, perhaps they will burn us also.”
- 54 And Alma saith:
“Be it according to the will of the Lord;
But behold, our work is not finished,
therefore, they burn us not.”

- 55 Now it came to pass that when the bodies of those
which had been cast into the fire were consumed,
and also the records which were cast in with them,
The chief judge of the land came and stood
before Alma and Amulek, as they were bound,
- 56 And he smote them with his hand upon their cheeks
and saith unto them:
“After what ye have seen, will ye preach again
unto this people that they shall be cast
into a lake of fire and brimstone?”
- 57 “Behold, ye see that ye had not power to save these
which had been cast into the fire,
Neither hath God saved them because
they were of thy faith.”
- 58 And the judge smote them again upon their cheeks
and asked:
“What say ye for yourselves?”
- 59 Now this judge was after the order and faith of Nehor
which slew Gideon.
- 60 And it came to pass that Alma and Amulek
answered him nothing;
And he smote them again and delivered them
to the officers to be cast into prison.
- 61 And it came to pass that when they had been cast
into prison three days, there came many lawyers
and judges and priests and teachers
which were of the profession of Nehor;
- 62 And they came in unto the prison to see them,
And they questioned them about many words,
but they answered them nothing.
- 63 And it came to pass that the judge stood before them
and saith:
“Why do ye not answer the words of this people?”
- 64 Know ye not that I have power to deliver ye up
unto the flames?”
- 65 And he commanded them to speak,
but they answered nothing.
- 66 And it came to pass that they departed and went
their ways, but came again on the morrow;

- 67 And the judge also smote them again on their cheeks,
 And many came forth also and smote them, saying:
 “Will ye stand again and judge this people
 and condemn our law?”
- 68 If ye have such great power,
 why do ye not deliver yourselves?”
- 69 And many such things did they say unto them, gnashing
 their teeth upon them and spitting upon them and
 saying, “How shall we look when we are damned?”
- 70 And many such things, yea, all manner of such things
 did they say unto them;
 And thus they did mock them for many days.
- 71 And they did withhold food from them,
 that they might hunger,
 And water, that they might thirst;
- 72 And they also did take from them their clothes,
 that they were naked;
 And thus they were bound with strong cords
 and confined in prison.
- 73 And it came to pass after they had thus suffered for many
 days—and it was on the twelfth day, in the tenth month,
 in the ¹tenth year of the reign of the judges
 over the people of Nephi—
 That the chief judge over the Land of Ammonihah,
 and many of their teachers and their lawyers,
 went in unto the prison where Alma and Amulek
 were bound with cords;
- 74 And the chief judge stood before them
 and smote them again and saith unto them:
 “If ye have the power of God,
 deliver yourselves from these bands;
 And then we will believe that the Lord will destroy
 this people, according to your words.”
- 75 And it came to pass that they all went forth and smote
 them, saying the same words, even until the last;
- 76 And when the last had spoken unto them, the power
 of God was upon Alma and Amulek
 and they arose and stood upon their feet;
 And Alma cried, saying:
 “How long shall we suffer these great afflictions, O Lord?
- 77 O Lord! give us strength according to our faith

1 82 BC
 A 6:4; 8:9

which is in Christ, even unto deliverance.”

And they brake the cords with which they were bound;
And when the people saw this, they began to flee,
for the fear of destruction had come upon them.

- 78 And it came to pass that so great was their fear
that they fell to the earth and did not obtain
the outer door of the prison;
- 79 And the earth shook mightily and the walls of the prison
were rent in twain so that they fell to the earth;
- 80 And the chief judge and the lawyers and priests
and teachers which smote upon Alma and Amulek
were slain by the fall thereof.
- 81 And Alma and Amulek came forth out of the prison and
they were not hurt, for the Lord had granted unto them
power according to their faith which was in Christ;
- 82 And they straightway came forth out of the prison
and they were loosed from their bands.
- 83 And the prison had fallen to the earth,
And every soul which was within the walls thereof,
save it were Alma and Amulek, were slain;
And they straightway came forth into the city.
- 84 Now the people, having heard a great noise, came running
together by multitudes to know the cause of it;
- 85 And when they saw Alma and Amulek coming forth out of
the prison and the walls thereof had fallen to the earth,
They were struck with great fear and fled from the
presence of Alma and Amulek, even as a goat
fleeth with her young from two lions;
And thus they did flee from the presence
of Alma and Amulek.
- 86 And it came to pass that Alma and Amulek
were commanded to depart out of that land;
And they departed and came out even
into the Land of Sidom;
- 87 And behold, there they found all the people
which had departed out of the Land of Ammonihah,
who had been cast out and stoned because
they believed in the words of Alma;
- 88 And they related unto them all that had happened
unto their wives and children,

- And also concerning themselves
and of their power of deliverance.
- 89 And also Zeezrom lay sick at Sidom with a burning fever
which was caused by the great tribulations of his mind
on account of his wickedness,
For he supposed that Alma and Amulek were no more,
And he supposed that they had been slain
by the cause of his iniquity;
- 90 And this great sin, and his many other sins, did harrow up
his mind until it did become exceeding sore,
having no deliverance;
Therefore, he began to be scorched with a burning heat.
- 91 Now when he heard that Alma and Amulek were
in the Land of Sidom, his heart began to take courage,
And he sent a message immediately unto them,
desiring them to come unto him.
- 92 And it came to pass that they went immediately,
obeying the message which he had sent unto them;
And they went in unto the house unto Zeezrom,
- 93 And they found him upon his bed sick,
being very low with a burning fever,
And his mind also was exceeding sore
because of his ^ainiquities;
- 94 And when he saw them, he stretched forth his hand
and besought them that they would heal him.
- 95 And it came to pass that Alma said unto him,
taking him by the hand:
“Believest thou in the power of Christ unto salvation?”
- 96 And he answered and said:
“Yea, I believe all the words that thou hast taught.”
- 97 And Alma saith:
“If thou believest in the redemption of Christ,
thou canst be healed.”
- 98 And he saith:
“Yea, I believe according to thy words.”
- 99 And then Alma cried unto the Lord, saying:
“O Lord our God, have mercy on this man and heal him
according to his faith which is in Christ!”

a A 10:40-42

- 100 And it came to pass that when Alma had said these words,
that Zeezrom leaped upon his feet and began to walk;
- 101 And this was done to the great astonishment
of all the people;
And the knowledge of this went forth
throughout all the Land of Sidom.
- 102 And Alma baptized Zeezrom unto the Lord;
And he began from that time forth
to preach unto the people.
- 103 And Alma established a church in the Land of Sidom,
And consecrated ^apriests and teachers in the land to baptize
unto the Lord whosoever were desirous to be baptized.
- 104 And it came to pass that they were many,
for they did flock in from all the region
round about Sidom and were baptized.
- 105 But as to the people that were in the Land of Ammonihah,
they yet remained a hard-hearted
and a stiff-necked people;
- 106 And they repented not of their sins, ascribing
all the power of Alma and Amulek to the devil,
For they were of the profession of ^bNehor and did
not believe in the repentance of their sins.
- 107 And it came to pass that Alma and Amulek—
Amulek having ^cforsaken all his gold and his silver
and his precious things which were in the Land
of Ammonihah for the word of God,
He being rejected by those which were once his friends,
and also by his father and his kindred—
- 108 Therefore, after Alma having established the church
at Sidom, seeing a great check,
Yea, seeing that the people were checked as to the pride of
their hearts and began to humble themselves before God,
- 109 And began to assemble themselves together at their
sanctuaries to worship God before the altar,
Watching and praying continually that they might
be delivered from satan and from death
and from destruction—
- 110 Now as I said, Alma having seen all these things,
Therefore, he took Amulek and came over
to the Land of Zarahemla,

a Mi 6:2

b A 1:3-24

c A 8:5

And took him to his own house and did administer unto him in his tribulations and strengthened him in the Lord.

¹ began A 6:4

111 And thus ended the ¹tenth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi.

² 81 BC

11 AND IT came to pass in the ²eleventh year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi, on the fifth day of the second month—

There having been much peace in the Land of Zarahemla, There having been no wars nor contentions for a certain number of years, even until the fifth day of the second month in the eleventh year—

2 There was a cry of war heard throughout the land; For behold, the armies of the Lamanites had come in on the wilderness side into the borders of the land, even into the City of Ammonihah, and began to slay the people and to destroy the city.

^a A 7:24-27;
11:15; 14:60

3 And now it came to pass, before the Nephites could raise a sufficient army to drive them out of the land, They had ^adestroyed the people which were in the City of Ammonihah, and also some around the borders of Noah, and taking others captive into the wilderness.

4 Now it came to pass that the Nephites were desirous to obtain those which had been carried away captive into the wilderness,

5 Therefore, he that had been appointed chief captain over the armies of the Nephites—and his name was Zoram and he had two sons, Lehi and Aha—

6 Now Zoram and his two sons, knowing that Alma was high priest over the church and having heard that he had the spirit of prophecy,

7 Therefore, they went unto him and desired of him to know whither the Lord would that they should go into the wilderness in search of their brethren who had been taken captive by the Lamanites.

8 And it came to pass that Alma inquired of the Lord concerning the matter,

9 And Alma returned and said unto them:
“Behold, the Lamanites will cross the River Sidon

- in the South Wilderness, away up beyond
the borders of the Land of Manti;
- 10 And behold, there shall ye meet them
on the east of the River Sidon;
And there the Lord will deliver unto thee thy brethren
which have been taken captive by the Lamanites.”
- 11 And it came to pass that Zoram and his sons
crossed over the River Sidon with their armies,
And marched away beyond the borders of Manti
into the South Wilderness which was
on the east side of the River Sidon;
- 12 And they came upon the armies of the Lamanites,
And the Lamanites were scattered and driven
into the wilderness;
And they took their brethren which had been taken captive
by the Lamanites and there was not one soul of them
which had been lost that were taken captive;
- 13 And they were brought by their brethren
to possess their own lands.
- 14 And thus ended the eleventh year of the judges,
the Lamanites having been driven out of the land
and the people of Ammonihah were destroyed,
- 15 Yea, every living soul of the Ammonihahites were
destroyed, and also their great city which they said
God could not ^adestroy because of its greatness;
- 16 But behold, in one ^aday it was left desolate,
And their carcasses were mangled by dogs
and by wild beasts of the wilderness.
- 17 Nevertheless, after many days, their dead bodies
were heaped up upon the face of the earth
and they were covered with a shallow covering;
- 18 And now so great was the scent thereof that the people
did not go in to possess the Land of Ammonihah
for many years;
- 19 And it was called Desolation of Nehors, for they were
of the profession of ^bNehor which were slain,
And their lands remained desolate.
- 20 And it came to pass that the Lamanites did not come again
to war against the Nephites until the ¹fourteenth year
of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi;
- 21 And thus, for three years did the people of Nephi

a A 7:4-5

b A 1:3-24

1 78 BC

- have continual peace in all the land.
- 22 And Alma and Amulek went forth preaching repentance unto the people in their temples and in their sanctuaries, and also in their synagogues, which were built after the manner of the Jews;
- 23 And as many as would hear their words, unto them they did impart the word of God without any respect of persons, continually.
- 24 And thus did Alma and Amulek go forth—and also many more which had been chosen for the work—to preach the word ^athroughout all the land;
- 25 And the establishment of the church became general throughout the land, in all the region round about, among all the people of the Nephites.
- 26 And there was no inequality among them,
For the Lord did pour out His Spirit on all the face of the land for to prepare the minds of the children of men—or to prepare their hearts to receive the word which should be taught among them at the time of His coming—
- 27 That they might not be hardened against the word,
That they might not be unbelieving
and go on to destruction,
- 28 But that they might receive the word with joy and,
as a branch, be grafted into the True Vine,
That they might enter into the rest of the Lord their God.
- 29 Now those priests which did go forth among the people did preach against all lyings and deceivings and envyings and strifes and malice and revilings and stealing, robbing, plundering, murdering, committing adultery and all manner of lasciviousness,
Crying that these things ought not so to be;
- 30 Holding forth things which must shortly come—
Yea, holding forth the coming of the Son of God,
His sufferings and death,
And the resurrection of the dead.
- 31 And many of the people did inquire concerning the place where the Son of God should come;
And they were taught that He would appear unto them after His resurrection;
And this the people did hear with great joy and gladness.

- 32 And now, after the church having been established throughout all the land, having got the victory over the devil,
And the word of God being preached in its purity
in all the land and the Lord pouring out
His blessings upon the people,
33 And thus ended the fourteenth year of the reign
of the judges over the people of Nephi.

12 *An ¹account of the sons of Mosiah which rejected their rights to the kingdom for the word of God and went up to the Land of Nephi to preach to the Lamanites. Their sufferings and deliverance, according to the record of Alma.*

¹ chs 12-15:29 =
flashback
Mos 12:13

- 1 **AND NOW** it came to pass that as Alma was journeying from the Land of Gideon southward,
away to the Land of Manti,
Behold, to his astonishment, he met the ^asons of Mosiah
a journeying toward the Land of Zarahemla.
- 2 Now these sons of Mosiah were with Alma at the time
the angel ^bfirst appeared unto him, therefore,
Alma did rejoice exceedingly to see his brethren;
- 3 And what added more to his joy, they were still his
brethren in the Lord, yea, and they had waxed strong
in the knowledge of the truth,
- 4 For they were men of a sound understanding
and they had searched the scriptures diligently,
that they might know the word of God.
- 5 But this is not all—
They had given themselves to much prayer and fasting,
Therefore, they had the ^cspirit of prophecy
and the spirit of revelation,
And when they taught, they taught with power and
authority, even as with the power and authority of God.
- 6 And they had been teaching the word of God
for the space of ²fourteen years among the Lamanites,
having had much success in bringing many
to the knowledge of the truth;
- 7 Yea, by the power of their words many were brought
before the altar of God to call on His name
and confess their sins before Him.

a Mos 11:203

b Mos 11:163-176

c 2N 11:5
Jac 3:7-8

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 Mos 12:1; 13:65
 A 1:1

- 8 Now these are the circumstances which attended them
 in their journeyings, for they had many afflictions—
- 9 They did suffer much, both in body and in mind,
 such as hunger, thirst and fatigue,
 And also much labor in the spirit.
- 10 Now these were their journeyings,
 Having taken leave of their father Mosiah
 in the ¹first year of the reign of the judges,
 Having refused the kingdom which their father
 was desirous to confer upon them, and also
 this was the minds of the people;
- 11 Nevertheless, they departed out of the Land of Zarahemla
 and took their swords and their spears and their bows
 and their arrows and their slings;
- 12 And this they did that they might provide food
 for themselves while in the wilderness;
- 13 And thus they departed into the wilderness with their
 numbers which they had selected, to go up to
 the Land of Nephi to preach the word of God
 unto the Lamanites.
- 14 And it came to pass that they journeyed many days
 in the wilderness;
 And they fasted much and prayed much, that the Lord
 would grant unto them a portion of His Spirit
 to go with them and abide with them,
- 15 That they might be an instrument in the hands of God
 to bring, if it were possible, their brethren the Lamanites
 to the knowledge of the truth,
- 16 To the knowledge of the baseness of the traditions
 of their fathers, which were not correct.
- 17 And it came to pass that the Lord did visit them
 with His Spirit and said unto them:
 “Be comforted;”
 And they were comforted.
- 18 And the Lord said unto them also:
 “Go forth among the Lamanites, thy brethren,
 and establish My word;
- 19 Yet ye shall be patient in longsuffering and afflictions, that
 ye may show forth good examples unto them in Me,
 And I will make an instrument of thee in My hands
 unto the salvation of many souls.”

- 20 And it came to pass that the hearts of the sons of Mosiah,
and also those which were with them, took courage
to go forth unto the Lamanites to declare unto them
the word of God.
- 21 And it came to pass when they had arrived in the borders
of the land of the Lamanites,
That they separated themselves and departed one
from another, trusting in the Lord that they
should meet again at the close of their harvest,
For they supposed that great was the work
which they had undertaken.
- 22 And assuredly it was great, for they had undertaken
to preach the word of God to a wild
and a hardened and a ferocious people,
A people which delighted in murdering the Nephites,
and robbing and plundering them;
- 23 And their hearts were set upon riches, or upon gold
and silver and precious stones,
- 24 Yet they sought to obtain these things by murdering
and plundering, that they might not labor for them
with their own hands.
- 25 Thus they were a very indolent people,
many of whom did worship idols;
And the curse of God had fallen upon them
because of the traditions of their fathers,
Notwithstanding the promises of the Lord were extended
unto them on the conditions of repentance.
- 26 Therefore, this was the cause for which the sons of Mosiah
had undertaken the work:
That perhaps they might bring them unto repentance,
That perhaps they might bring them to know
of the plan of redemption;
- 27 Therefore, they separated themselves one from another and
went forth among them, every man alone, according to
the word and power of God which was given unto him.
- 28 Now Ammon being the chief among them,
or rather he did minister unto them,
And he departed from them after having blessed them
according to their several stations, having imparted
the word of God unto them, or administered unto them

- before his departure;
And thus they took their several journeys
throughout the land.
- 29 And Ammon went to the Land of Ishmael,
the land being called after the sons of Ishmael
which also became Lamanites.
- 30 And as Ammon entered the Land of Ishmael,
the Lamanites took him and bound him, as was
their custom to bind all the Nephites which fell
into their hands and carry them before the king;
- 31 And thus it was left to the pleasure of the king—
to slay them,
or to retain them in captivity,
or to cast them into prison,
or to cast them out of his land—
according to his will and pleasure.
- 32 And thus Ammon was carried before the king
which was over the Land of Ishmael;
And his name was Lamoni,
And he was a descendant of Ishmael.
- 33 And the king inquired of Ammon if it were his desires
to dwell in the land among the Lamanites,
or among his people.
- 34 And Ammon said unto him:
“Yea, I desire to dwell among this people for a time,
yea, and perhaps until the day I die.”
- 35 And it came to pass that King Lamoni was much pleased
with Ammon and caused that his bands
should be loosed;
And he would that Ammon should take one
of his daughters to wife.
- 36 But Ammon saith unto him:
“Nay, but I will be thy servant;”
Therefore, Ammon became a servant to King Lamoni.
- 37 And it came to pass that he was set among other servants
to watch the flocks of Lamoni according to the custom
of the Lamanites.
- 38 And it came to pass that after he had been in the service of
the king three days, that as he was with the Lamanitish

servants a going forth with their flocks to the place
of water which was called the Waters of Sebus—
and all the Lamanites drive their flocks hither
that they might have water—

- 39 Therefore, as Ammon and the servants of the king
were driving forth their flocks to this place of water,
Behold, a certain number of the Lamanites who had been
with their flocks to water stood and scattered the flocks
of Ammon and the servants of the king;
And they scattered them insomuch
that they fled many ways.
- 40 Now the servants of the king began to murmur, saying:
“Now the king will slay us as he has our brethren
because their flocks were scattered
by the wickedness of these men.”
- 41 And they began to weep exceedingly, saying:
“Behold, our flocks are scattered already.”
- 42 Now they wept because of the fear of being slain;
43 Now when Ammon saw this, his heart was swollen
within him with joy, for, said he:
“I will show forth my power unto these my fellow
servants, or the power which is in me,
in restoring these flocks unto the king,
That I may win the hearts of these my fellow servants,
That I may lead them to believe in my words.”
- 44 Now these were the thoughts of Ammon when he saw the
affliction of those which he termed to be his brethren.
- 45 And it came to pass that he flattered them
by his words, saying:
“My brethren, be of good cheer
and let us go in search of the flocks,
And we will gather them together
and bring them back unto the place of water,
46 And thus we will ^apreserve the flocks unto the king
and he will not slay us.”
- 47 And it came to pass that they went in search of the flocks
and they did follow Ammon,
And they rushed forth with much swiftness and did head
the flocks of the king and did gather them together
again to the place of water.

a A 12:63

- 48 And those men again stood to scatter their flocks;
 But Ammon saith unto his brethren:
 “Encircle the flocks round about, that they flee not;
 And I go and contend with these men
 which do scatter our flocks.”
- 49 Therefore, they did as Ammon commanded them;
 And he went forth and stood to contend with those
 which stood by the Waters of Sebus;
- 50 And they were not in number a very few,
 therefore, they did not fear Ammon,
 For they supposed that one of their men
 could slay him according to their pleasure,
 For they knew not that the Lord had promised Mosiah
 that he would ^adeliver his sons out of their hands,
 Neither did they know anything concerning the Lord;
- 51 Therefore, they delighted in the destruction
 of their brethren,
 And for this cause they stood to scatter
 the flocks of the king.
- 52 But Ammon stood forth and began to cast stones at them
 with his sling, yea, with mighty power
 he did sling stones amongst them;
- 53 And thus he slew a certain number of them insomuch
 that they began to be astonished at his power;
- 54 Nevertheless, they were angry because of the slain of their
 brethren and they were determined that he should fall;
- 55 Therefore, seeing that they could ^bnot hit him with their
 stones, they came forth with clubs to slay him.
- 56 But behold, every man that lifted his club to smite Ammon,
 he smote off their arms with his sword,
- 57 For he did withstand their blows by smiting their arms
 with the edge of his sword, insomuch that they began
 to be astonished and began to flee before him,
- 58 yea, and they were not few in number,
 And he caused them to flee by the strength of his arm—
- 59 Now six of them had fallen by the sling, but he slew none
 save it were their leader—
 And he smote off as many of their arms as were
 lifted against him, and they were not a few.
- 60 And when he had driven them afar off, he returned;
 And they watered their flocks and returned them

a Mos 12:9-11

b H 5:111-113

- to the pasture of the king,
And then went in unto the king, bearing the arms
which had been smote off by the sword of Ammon
of those who sought to slay him;
- 61 And they were carried in unto the king for a testimony
of the things which they had done.
- 62 And it came to pass that King Lamoni caused that his
servants should stand forth and testify to all the things
which they had seen concerning the matter.
- 63 And when they had all testified to the things
which they had seen,
And he had learned of the faithfulness of Ammon
in preserving his flocks,
And also of his great power in contending
against those who sought to slay him,
He was astonished exceedingly and saith:
“Surely this is more than a man;
- 64 Behold, is not this the Great Spirit which doth send
such great punishments upon this people
because of their murders?”
- 65 And they answered the king and said:
“Whether he be the Great Spirit or a man, we know not;
But this much we do know, that he cannot be slain
by the enemies of the king,
- 66 Neither can they scatter the king’s flocks when he is
with us because of his expertness and great strength;
Therefore, we know that he is a friend to the king;
- 67 And now, O king, we do not believe that a man hath such
great power, for we know that he cannot be slain.”
- 68 And now when the king heard these words,
he said unto them:
“Now I know that it is the Great Spirit,
And he hath come down at this time to preserve your lives,
that I might not slay you as I did your brethren;
- 69 Now this is the Great Spirit of which
our fathers have spoken.”
- 70 Now this was the tradition of Lamoni which he had
received from his father, that there was a Great Spirit;
- 71 Notwithstanding they believed in a Great Spirit,
they supposed that whatsoever they did was right.

- 72 Nevertheless, Lamoni began to fear exceedingly with fear,
lest he had done wrong in slaying his servants,
- 73 For he had slain many of them because their brethren
had scattered their flocks at the place of water;
And thus, because they had had their flocks scattered,
they were slain.
- 74 Now it was the practice of the Lamanites to stand by the
Waters of Sebus to scatter the flocks of the people,
That thereby they might drive away many that were
scattered unto their own land, it being a practice
of plunder among them.
- 75 And it came to pass that King Lamoni
inquired of his servants, saying:
“Where is this man that hath such great power?”
- 76 And they saith unto him:
“Behold, he is feeding thy horses.”
- 77 Now the king had commanded his servants previous
to the time of the watering of their flocks that they
should prepare his horses and his chariots
and conduct him forth to the Land of Nephi,
- 78 For there had been a great feast appointed
at the Land of Nephi by the father of Lamoni,
who was king over all the land.
- 79 Now when King Lamoni heard that Ammon was preparing
his horses and his chariots, he was more astonished
because of the faithfulness of Ammon, saying:
- 80 “Surely there has not been any servant among
all my servants that has been so faithful as this man,
for even he doth remember all my commandments
to execute them;
- 81 Now I surely know that this is the Great Spirit;
And I would desire him that he come in unto me,
but I durst not.”
- 82 And it came to pass that when Ammon had made ready
the horses and the chariots for the king and his servants,
he went in unto the king and he saw that
the countenance of the king was changed;
Therefore, he was about to return out of his presence,
- 83 And one of the king’s servants said unto him:
“Rabbanah”—which is, being interpreted, “powerful” or

- “great king,” considering their kings to be powerful—
84 And thus he said unto him:
“Rabbanah, the king desireth thee to stay.”
- 85 Therefore, Ammon turned himself unto the king
and saith unto him:
“What wilt thou that I should do for thee, O king?”
- 86 And the king answered him not for the space of an hour
according to their time, for he knew not
what he should say unto him.
- 87 And it came to pass that Ammon said unto him again:
“What desirest thou of me?”
But the king answered him not.
- 88 And it came to pass that Ammon, being filled
with the Spirit of God, therefore,
he perceived the thoughts of the king,
89 And he saith unto him:
“Is it because that thou hast heard that I defended
thy servants and thy flocks and slew seven of their
brethren with the sling and with the sword and smote
off the arms of others in order to defend thy flocks
and thy servants?
Behold, is it this that causeth thy marvelings?
- 90 “I say unto you, what is it,
that thy marvelings are so great?
- 91 “Behold, I am a man and am thy servant;
Therefore, whatsoever thou desirest which is right,
that will I do.”
- 92 Now when the king had heard these words, he marveled
again, for he beheld that Ammon could discern
his thoughts.
- 93 But notwithstanding this, King Lamoni
did open his mouth and said unto him:
“Who art thou?
Art thou that Great Spirit which knows all things?”
- 94 Ammon answered and said unto him:
“I am not.”
- 95 And the king saith:

- 96 “How knowest thou the thoughts of my ^aheart?
Thou mayest speak boldly and tell me
concerning these things;
And also tell me by what power ye slew and smote off
the arms of my brethren that scattered my flocks.
- 97 “And now, if thou wilt tell me concerning these things,
whatsoever thou desirest I will give unto thee;
98 And if it were needed, I would guard thee with my armies,
but I know that thou art more powerful than all they,
Nevertheless, whatsoever thou desirest of me,
I will grant it unto thee.”
- 99 Now Ammon being wise, yet harmless,
he saith unto Lamoni:
“Wilt thou hearken unto my words if I tell thee
by what power I do these things?
And this is the thing that I desire of thee.”
- 100 And the king answered him and said:
“Yea, I will believe all thy words;”
And thus he was caught with guile.
- 101 And Ammon began to speak unto him
with boldness and said unto him:
“Believest thou that there is a God?”
- 102 And he answered and said unto him:
“I do not know what that meaneth.”
- 103 And then Ammon saith:
“Believest thou that there is a Great Spirit?”
- 104 And he saith:
“Yea.”
- 105 And Ammon saith:
“This is God.”
- 106 And Ammon saith unto him again:
“Believest thou that this Great Spirit, which is God,
created all things which are in heaven and in the earth?”
- 107 And he saith:
“Yea, I believe that He created all things which are
in the earth, but I do not know the heavens.”

- 108 And Ammon saith unto him:
 “The heavens is a place where God dwells
 and all His holy angels.”
- 109 And King Lamoni saith:
 “Is it above the earth?”
- 110 And Ammon saith:
 “Yea, and He looketh down upon all the children of men;
 And He knows all the thoughts and intents of the ^aheart,
 for by His hand were they all created
 from the beginning.”
- 111 And King Lamoni saith:
 “I believe all these things which thou hast spoken;
 Art thou sent from God?”
- 112 Ammon saith unto him:
 “I am a man,
 And man in the beginning was created
 after the image of God;
 And I am called by His Holy Spirit to teach these things
 unto this people, that they may be brought
 to a knowledge of that which is just and true;
- 113 And a portion of that Spirit dwelleth in me which giveth
 me knowledge, and also power, according to my faith
 and desires which are in God.”
- 114 Now when Ammon had said these words, he began to the
 creation of the world, and also to the creation of Adam,
 And told him all the things concerning the fall of man;
- 115 And rehearsed and laid before him the records and the
 holy scriptures of the people, and which had been
 spoken by the prophets, even down to the time
 that their father Lehi left Jerusalem.
- 116 And he also rehearsed unto them—for it was unto the king
 and to his servants—all the journeyings of their fathers
 in the wilderness,
 And all their sufferings with hunger and thirst
 and their travail, etc.
- 117 And he also rehearsed unto them concerning the rebellions
 of Laman and Lemuel and the sons of Ishmael,
 Yea, all their rebellions did he relate unto them.

a 1N 1:29, 48; 3:38
 2N 3:29-30; 6:63;
 9:88; 13:16
 Mos 3:3, 17; 7:2;
 9:41, 179
 Eth 1:112
 Matt 12:30;
 15:17-18
 Mark 7:20
 Luke 6:45
 Acts 8:22
 Eph 6:6
 Heb 4:12

- 118 And he expounded unto them all the records and scriptures
from the time that Lehi left Jerusalem
down to the present time.
- 119 But this is not all—
For he expounded unto them the plan of redemption
which was prepared from the foundation of the world;
- 120 And he also made known unto them
concerning the coming of Christ;
And all the works of the Lord did he make known
unto them.
- 121 And it came to pass that after he had said all these things
and expounded them to the king,
that the king believed all his words.
- 122 And he began to cry unto the Lord, saying:
“O Lord, have mercy!
According to Thy abundant mercy, which Thou hast had
upon the people of Nephi, have upon me
and my people!”
- 123 And now when he had said this, he fell unto the earth
as if he were dead.
- 124 And it came to pass that his servants took him and carried
him in unto his wife and laid him upon a bed;
And he lay as if he were dead for the space of two days
and two nights;
- 125 And his wife and his sons and his daughters mourned
over him after the manner of the Lamanites,
greatly lamenting his loss.
- 126 And it came to pass that after two days and two nights,
They were about to take his body and lay it in a sepulcher
which they had made for the purpose
of burying their dead.
- 127 Now the queen, having heard of the fame of Ammon,
Therefore, she sent and desired
that he should come in unto her.
- 128 And it came to pass that Ammon did as he was
commanded and went in unto the queen and desired
to know what she would that he should do.
- 129 And she saith unto him:

- “The servants of my husband have made it known unto me
 that thou art a prophet of a Holy God and that thou
 hast power to do many mighty works in His name;
 130 Therefore, if this is the case, I would that ye should go in
 and see my husband, for he has been laid upon his bed
 for the space of two days and two nights;
 131 And some say that he is not dead,
 But others say that he is dead and that he stinketh
 and that he ought to be placed in the sepulcher;
 But as for myself, to me he doth not stink.”
- 132 Now this was what Ammon desired, for he knew
 that King Lamoni was under the power of God;
 133 He knew that the dark veil of unbelief
 being cast away from his mind,
 And the light which did light up his mind,
 which was the light of the glory of God
 which was a marvelous light of His goodness—
 134 Yea, this light had infused such joy into his soul,
 the cloud of darkness having been dispelled—
 And the light of everlasting light was lit up in his soul,
 135 Yea, he knew that this had ^aovercome his natural frame
 and he was carried away in God;
 Therefore, what the queen desired of him
 was his only desire.
- 136 Therefore, he went in to see the king
 according as the queen had desired him;
 And he saw the king and he knew that he was not dead.
- 137 And he saith unto the queen:
 “He is not dead, but he sleepeth in God
 and on the morrow he shall rise again,
 Therefore, bury him not.”
- 138 And Ammon saith unto her:
 “Believest thou this?”
- 139 And she said unto him:
 “I have had no witness,
 save thy word and the word of our servants,
 Nevertheless, I believe that it shall be
 according as thou hast said.”
- 140 And Ammon said unto her:
 “Blessed art thou because of thy exceeding faith;

a 1N 1:6-7; 5:152
 Jac 5:36
 Mos 11:177-185
 3N 8:14-22

- I say unto thee woman, there has not been such great faith among all the people of the Nephites.”
- 141 And it came to pass that she watched over the bed of her husband from that time even until that time on the morrow which Ammon had appointed that he should rise.
- 142 And it came to pass that he arose according to the words of Ammon; And as he arose, he stretched forth his hand unto the woman and said:
 “Blessed be the name of God! and blessed art thou,
- 143 For as sure as thou livest, behold, I have seen my Redeemer! And He shall come forth and be born of a woman, And He shall redeem all mankind who believe on His name.”
- 144 Now when he had said these words, his heart was swollen within him and he sunk again with joy; And the queen also sank down, being overpowered by the Spirit.
- 145 Now Ammon seeing the Spirit of the Lord poured out according to his prayers upon the Lamanites, his brethren, which had been the cause of so much mourning among the Nephites, or among all the people of God because of their iniquities and their traditions,
- 146 And Ammon fell upon his knees and began to pour out his soul in prayer and thanksgiving to God for what He had done for his brethren;
- 147 And he was also overpowered with joy; And thus they all three had sunk to the earth.
- 148 Now when the servants of the king had seen that they had fallen, they also began to cry unto God, for the fear of the Lord had come upon them also,
- 149 For it was they which had stood before the king and testified unto him concerning the great power of Ammon.
- 150 And it came to pass that they did call on the name of the Lord in their might, even until they had all fallen to the earth,

Save it were one of the Lamanitish women
 whose name was Abish, she having been converted
 unto the Lord for many years on account of
 a remarkable vision of her father,
 Thus having been converted to the Lord,
 never had made it known.

- 151 Therefore, when she saw that all the servants of Lamoni
 had fallen to the earth, and also her mistress, the queen,
 And the king and Ammon lay prostrate upon the earth,
 She knew that it was the power of God;
- 152 And supposing that this opportunity, by making known
 unto the people what had happened among them,
 that by beholding this scene it would cause them
 to believe in the power of God,
- 153 Therefore, she ran forth from house to house,
 making it known unto the people;
 And they began to assemble themselves together
 unto the house of the king.
- 154 And there came a multitude;
 And to their astonishment they beheld the king and the
 queen and their servants prostrate upon the earth;
 And they all lay there as though they were dead;
- 155 And they also saw Ammon,
 And behold, he was a Nephite.
- 156 And now the people began to murmur among themselves,
 Some saying that it was a great evil that had come upon
 them, or upon the king and his house because he had
 suffered that the Nephite should remain in the land.
- 157 But others rebuked them, saying:
 “The king hath brought this evil upon his house because
 he slew his servants who had had their flocks scattered
 at the Waters of Sebus.”
- 158 And they were also rebuked by those men which had
 stood at the Waters of Sebus and scattered the flocks
 which belonged to the king,
- 159 For they were angry with Ammon because of the number
 which he had slain of their brethren at the Waters
 of Sebus while defending the flocks of the king.
- 160 Now one of them whose brother had been slain with the
 sword of Ammon, being exceeding angry with Ammon,

drew his sword and went forth that he might let it fall upon Ammon to slay him;
And as he lifted the sword to smite him,
behold, he fell dead.

a Mos 12:11

- 161 Now we see that Ammon could ^anot be slain,
for the Lord had said unto Mosiah, his father:
“I will spare him and it shall be unto him
according to thy faith;”
Therefore, Mosiah trusted him unto the Lord.
- 162 And it came to pass that when the multitude beheld
that the man had fallen dead who lifted the sword
to slay Ammon, fear came upon them all,
And they durst not put forth their hands to touch him
or any of those which had fallen.
- 163 And they began to marvel again among themselves
what could be the cause of this great power,
or what all these things could mean.
- 164 And it came to pass that there were many among them
who said that Ammon was the Great Spirit;
And others said he was sent by the Great Spirit;
- 165 But others rebuked them all, saying that,
“He was a monster which hath been sent
from the Nephites to torment us;”
- 166 And there were some which said that Ammon was sent
by the Great Spirit to afflict them
because of their iniquities,
And that it was the Great Spirit that had always attended
the Nephites, which had even delivered them
out of their hands,
- 167 And they said that it was this Great Spirit which had
destroyed so many of their brethren, the Lamanites;
And thus the contention began to be exceeding sharp
among them.
- 168 And while they were thus contending, the woman servant,
which had caused the multitude to be gathered together,
came;
And when she saw the contention which was among the
multitude, she was exceeding sorrowful, even unto tears.
- 169 And it came to pass that she went and took the queen
by the hand, that perhaps she might raise her

- from the ground;
 And as soon as she touched her hand, she arose and stood
 upon her feet and cried with a loud voice, saying:
- 170 “O blessed Jesus who has saved me from an awful hell!
 O blessed God, have mercy on this people!”
- 171 And when she had said this, she clapped her hands,
 being filled with joy, speaking many words
 which were not understood.
- 172 And when she had done this, she took the king, Lamoni,
 by the hand and behold, he arose
 and stood upon his feet;
- 173 And he immediately, seeing the contention among his
 people, went forth and began to rebuke them
 and to teach them the words which he had heard
 from the mouth of Ammon;
 And as many as heard his words believed
 and were converted unto the Lord;
- 174 But there were many among them who would not hear
 his words, therefore, they went their way.
- 175 And it came to pass that when Ammon arose,
 he also administered unto them,
 And also did all the servants of Lamoni;
- 176 And they did all declare unto the people the selfsame
 thing—that their ^ahearts had been changed,
 that they had no more desire to do evil;
- 177 And behold, many did declare unto the people that they
 had seen angels and had conversed with them;
 And thus they had told them things of God
 and of His righteousness.
- 178 And it came to pass that there were many
 that did believe in their words;
 And as many as did believe were baptized;
 And they became a righteous people and they did establish
 a church among them;
- 179 And thus the work of the Lord did commence
 among the Lamanites;
 Thus the Lord did begin to pour out His Spirit upon them.
- 180 And we see that His arm is extended to all people
 who will repent and ^bbelieve on His name.
- 181 And it came to pass that when they had established

a 1N 1:48
 2N 7:40
 A 16:151
 Matt 15:17-18
 Mark 7:20

b H 5:67

a church in that land, that King Lamoni desired that Ammon should go with him to the Land of Nephi, that he might show him unto his father.

- 182 And it came to pass that the voice of the Lord came to Ammon, saying:
 “Thou shalt not go up to the Land of Nephi, for behold, the king will seek thy life; But thou shalt go to the Land of Middoni, for behold, thy brother Aaron and also Muloki and Ammah are in ^aprison.”
- 183 Now it came to pass that when Ammon had heard this, he saith unto Lamoni:
 “Behold, my brother and brethren are in prison at Middoni and I go that I may deliver them.”
- 184 Now Lamoni saith unto Ammon:
 “I know in the strength of the Lord thou canst do all things; But behold, I will go with thee to the Land of Middoni, for the king of the Land of Middoni, whose name is Antiomno, is a friend unto me;
- 185 Therefore, I go to the Land of Middoni that I may flatter the king of the land; And he will cast thy brethren out of prison.”
- 186 Now Lamoni saith unto him:
 “Who told thee that thy brethren were in prison?”
- 187 And Ammon saith unto him:
 “No one hath told me, save it be God; And He said unto me: ‘Go and deliver thy brethren, or they are in prison in the Land of Middoni.’”
- 188 Now when Lamoni had heard this, he caused that his servants should make ready his horses and his chariots;
- 189 And he saith unto Ammon:
 “Come, I will go with thee down to the Land of Middoni and there I will plead with the king, that he will cast thy brethren out of prison.”
- 190 And it came to pass that as Ammon and Lamoni were a journeying thither, that they met the father of Lamoni

a A 13:18-19

who was king over all the land.

- 191 And behold, the father of Lamoni saith unto him:
“Why did ye not come to the feast on that great day when
I made a feast unto my sons and unto my people?”
- 192 And he also saith:
“Whither art thou going with this Nephite
which is one of the children of a liar?”
- 193 And it came to pass that Lamoni rehearsed unto him
whither he was going, for he feared to offend him.
- 194 And he also told him all the cause of his tarrying in his
own kingdom, that he did not go unto his father
to the feast which he had prepared.
- 195 And now when Lamoni had rehearsed unto him all
these things, behold, to his astonishment his father
was angry with him and saith:
“Lamoni, thou art going to deliver these Nephites
which are sons of a liar!
- 196 Behold, he robbed our fathers,
And now his children are also come amongst us that they
may by their cunning and their lyings deceive us,
that they again may rob us of our property.”
- 197 Now the father of Lamoni commanded him
that he should slay Ammon with the sword,
- 198 And he also commanded him that he should not go
to the Land of Middoni, but that he should return
with him to the Land of Ishmael.
- 199 But Lamoni saith unto him:
“I will not slay Ammon, neither will I return
to the Land of Ishmael,
But I go to the Land of Middoni that I may release
the brethren of Ammon, for I know that they
are just men and holy prophets of the true God.”
- 200 Now when his father heard these words, he was
angry with him and he drew his sword,
that he might smite him to the earth.
- 201 But Ammon stood forth and saith unto him:
“Behold, thou shalt not slay thy son;

- 202 Nevertheless, it were better that he should fall than thee,
 For behold, he hath repented of his sins;
 But if thou shouldst fall at this time in thine anger,
 thy soul could not be saved.
- 203 “And again, it is expedient that thou shouldst forbear;
 For if thou shouldst slay thy son—he being an innocent
 man—his blood would cry from the ground to the Lord
 his God for vengeance to come upon thee,
 And perhaps thou wouldst lose thy soul.”
- 204 Now when Ammon had said these words unto him,
 he answered him, saying:
 “I know that if I should slay my son that I should shed
 innocent blood, for it is thou that hast sought
 to destroy him.”
- And he stretched forth his hand to slay Ammon,
- 205 But Ammon withstood his blows and also smote his arm,
 that he could not use it.
- 206 Now when the king saw that Ammon could slay him,
 he began to plead with Ammon
 that he would spare his life;
- 207 But Ammon raised his sword and said unto him:
 “Behold, I will smite thee except thou wilt grant unto me
 that my brethren may be cast out of prison.”
- 208 Now the king, fearing that he should lose his life, said:
 “If thou wilt spare me, I will grant unto thee whatsoever
 thou wilt ask, even to the half of the kingdom.”
- 209 Now when Ammon saw that he had wrought upon the
 old king according to his desire, he saith unto him:
 “If thou wilt grant that my brethren may be cast out of
 prison, and also that Lamoni may retain his kingdom,
 And that ye be not displeased with him, but grant
 that he may do according to his own ^adesires
 in whatsoever thing he thinketh,
 And then will I spare thee;
 Otherwise, I will smite thee to the earth.”
- 210 Now when Ammon had said these words,
 the king began to rejoice because of his life;
- 211 And when he saw that Ammon
 had no desires to destroy him,

a A 13:24-28

- And when he also saw the great love he had for his son Lamoni, he was astonished exceedingly and saith:
- 212 “Because this is all that thou hast desired, that I would release thy brethren and suffer that my son Lamoni should retain his kingdom,
Behold, I will grant unto you that my son may retain his kingdom from this time and forever;
And I will govern him no more.
- 213 “And I will also grant unto thee that thy brethren may be cast out of prison and thou and thy brethren may come unto me in my kingdom, for I shall greatly desire to see thee.”
- 214 For the king was greatly astonished at the words which he had spoken, and also at the words which had been spoken by his son Lamoni;
Therefore, he was desirous to learn them.
- 215 And it came to pass that Ammon and Lamoni proceeded on their journey toward the Land of Middoni.
- 216 And it came to pass that Lamoni found favor in the eyes of the king of the land, therefore, the brethren of Ammon were brought forth out of prison.
- 217 And when Ammon did meet them he was exceeding sorrowful,
For behold, they were naked and their skins were worn exceedingly because of being bound with strong cords.
- 218 And they also had suffered hunger, thirst and all kind of afflictions;
Nevertheless, they were patient in all their sufferings.
- 219 And as it happened, it was their lot to have fallen into the hands of a more hardened and a more stiff-necked people;
- 220 Therefore, they would not hearken unto their words,
And they had cast them out and had smote them and had driven them from house to house and from place to place even until they had arrived to the Land of Middoni.
- 221 And there they were taken and cast into prison and bound with strong cords and kept in prison for many days,
And were delivered by Lamoni and Ammon.

13 *An account of the preaching of Aaron and Muloki and their brethren to the Lamanites.*

a A 12:21

1 **NOW WHEN** Ammon and his brethren ^aseparated themselves in the borders of the land of the Lamanites, Behold, Aaron took his journey toward the land which was called by the Lamanites, Jerusalem, calling it after the land of their fathers' nativity; And it was away joining the borders of Mormon;

2 Now the Lamanites and the Amalekites and the people of Amulon had built a great city which was called Jerusalem.

3 Now the Lamanites of themselves were sufficiently hardened, but the Amalekites and the Amulonites were still harder; Therefore, they did cause the Lamanites that they should harden their hearts, that they should wax stronger in wickedness and their abominations.

4 And it came to pass that Aaron came to the City of Jerusalem and firstly began to preach to the Amalekites; 5 And he began to preach to them in their synagogues, for they had built synagogues after the order of the Nehors, for many of the Amalekites and the Amulonites were after the order of the Nehors.

6 Therefore, as Aaron entered into one of their synagogues to preach unto the people, and as he was speaking unto them,

Behold, there arose an Amalekite and began to contend with him, saying:

7 "What is that, that thou hast testified?

Hast thou seen an angel?

Why do not angels appear unto us?

Behold, are not this people as good as thy people?

Thou also sayest except we repent, we shall perish;

b A 12:110

8 How knowest thou the thought and intent of our ^bheart?

How knowest thou that we have cause to repent?

How knowest thou that we are not a righteous people?

9 Behold, we have built sanctuaries and we do assemble ourselves together to worship God;

We do believe that God will save all men."

10 Now Aaron said unto him:

"Believest thou that the Son of God shall come
to redeem mankind from their sins?"

- 11 And the man saith unto him:
"We do not believe that thou knowest any such thing;
We do not believe in these foolish traditions;
- 12 We do not believe that thou knowest of things to come;
Neither do we believe that thy fathers and also
that our fathers did know concerning the things
which they spake, of that which is to come."
- 13 Now Aaron began to open the scripture unto them
concerning the coming of Christ, and also
concerning the resurrection of the dead,
And that there could be no redemption for mankind
save it were through the death and sufferings
of Christ and the atonement of His blood.
- 14 And it came to pass that as he began to expound
these things unto them, they were angry with him
and began to mock him,
And they would not hear the words which he spake;
- 15 Therefore, when he saw that they would not hear his
words, he departed out of the synagogue and came
over to a village which was called Ani-Anti;
And there he found Muloki a preaching the word
unto them, and also Ammah and his brethren,
And they contended with many about the word.
- 16 And it came to pass that they saw that the people
would harden their hearts,
Therefore, they departed and came over
into the Land of Middoni;
- 17 And they did preach the word unto many and few believed
on the words which they taught.
- 18 Nevertheless, Aaron and a certain number of his brethren
were taken and cast into prison,
And the remainder of them fled out of the Land
of Middoni unto the regions round about;
- 19 And those which were cast into prison
suffered many things;
And they were delivered by the hand of Lamoni
and Ammon,
And they were fed and clothed,

- 20 And they went forth again to declare the word;
And thus they were delivered for the first time
out of prison;
And thus they had suffered.
- 21 And they went forth whithersoever they were led by the
Spirit of the Lord, preaching the word of God in every
synagogue of the Amalekites, or in every assembly
of the Lamanites where they could be admitted.
- 22 And it came to pass that the Lord began to bless them
insomuch that they brought many
to the knowledge of the truth,
Yea, they did convince many of their sins and of the
tradition of their fathers which were not correct.
- 23 And it came to pass that Ammon and Lamoni returned
from the Land of Middoni to the Land of Ishmael,
which was the land of their inheritance;
- 24 And King Lamoni would not suffer that Ammon
should serve him or be his servant;
But he caused that there should be synagogues
built in the Land of Ishmael,
And he caused that his people, or the people which were
under his reign, should assemble themselves together;
- 25 And he did rejoice over them and he did teach them
many things.
- 26 And he did also declare unto them that they were a people
which were under him and that they were a free people,
that they were free from the oppressions of the king,
his father,
For that his father had granted unto him that he might
reign over the people which were in the Land of Ishmael
and in all the land round about.
- 27 And he also declared unto them that they might have the
liberty of worshipping the Lord their God according to
their desires in whatsoever place they were in, if it were
in the land which was under the reign of King Lamoni;
- 28 And Ammon did preach unto the people of King Lamoni.
And it came to pass that he did teach them all things
concerning things pertaining to righteousness;
- 29 And he did exhort them daily, with all diligence;
And they gave heed unto his word and they were zealous

for keeping the commandments of God.

- 30 Now as Ammon was thus teaching the people of Lamoni continually, we will return to the account of Aaron and his other brethren—
- 31 For after he departed from the Land of Middoni, he was led by the Spirit to the Land of Nephi, even to the house of the king which was over all the land, save it were the Land of Ishmael; And he was the father of Lamoni.
- 32 And it came to pass that he went in unto him, into the king's palace with his brethren, and bowed himself before the king and said unto him:
 “Behold, O king, we are the brethren of Ammon whom thou hast delivered out of prison; And now, O king, if thou wilt spare our lives, we will be thy servants.”
- 33 And the king saith unto them:
 “Arise, for I will grant unto you your lives, And I will not suffer that ye shall be my servants, but I will insist that ye shall administer unto me;
- 34 For I have been somewhat troubled in mind because of the generosity and the greatness of the words of thy brother Ammon, And I desire to know the cause why he has not come up out of Middoni with thee.”
- 35 And Aaron saith unto the king:
 “Behold, the Spirit of the Lord hath called him another way; He hath gone to the Land of Ishmael to teach the people of Lamoni.”
- 36 Now the king saith unto them:
 “What is this that ye have said concerning the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, this is the thing which doth trouble me;
- 37 And also, what is this that Ammon said, 'If ye will repent, ye shall be saved, And if ye will not repent, ye shall be cast off at the last day?'"
- 38 And Aaron answered him and said unto him:
 “Believest thou that there is a God?"

- 39 And the king saith:
“I know that the Amalekites say that there is a God,
And I have granted unto them that they should build
sanctuaries, that they might assemble themselves
together to worship Him;
And if now thou sayest there is a God,
behold, I will believe.”
- 40 And now when Aaron heard this, his heart
began to rejoice and he saith:
“Behold, assuredly as thou livest, O king, there is a God.”
- 41 And the king saith:
“Is God that Great Spirit that brought our fathers
out of the Land of Jerusalem?”
- 42 And Aaron said unto him:
“Yea, He is that Great Spirit;
And He created all things, both in heaven and in earth;
Believest thou this?”
- 43 And he saith:
“Yea, I believe that the Great Spirit created all things,
And I desire that ye should tell me
concerning all these things,
And I will believe thy words.”
- 44 And it came to pass that when Aaron saw that the king
would believe his words, he began from the creation
of Adam, reading the scriptures unto the king—
How God created man after His own image,
And that God gave him commandments,
And that because of transgression, man had fallen.
- 45 And Aaron did expound unto him the scriptures
from the creation of Adam,
Laying the fall of man before him, and their carnal state,
And also the plan of redemption which was prepared
from the foundation of the world through Christ
for all whosoever would believe on His name;
- 46 And since man had fallen, he could not merit anything
of himself;
But the sufferings and death of Christ atoneth for their sins
through faith and repentance, etc.,
- 47 And that He breaketh the bands of death,
that the grave shall have no victory,

And that the ^asting of death should be swallowed up
in the hopes of glory;
And Aaron did expound all these things unto the king.

a Mos 8:80-81
Mn 3:27
1 Cor 15:56

48 And it came to pass that after Aaron had expounded
these things unto him, the king saith:
“What shall I do that I may have this eternal life
of which thou hast spoken?”

49 Yea, what shall I do that I may be ^bborn of God,
having this wicked spirit rooted out of my breast,
And receive His Spirit, that I may be filled with joy,
that I may not be cast off at the last day?”

b Mos 11:188
A 3:27; 17:5
1 John 3:9; 4:7

50 Behold, saith he:
“I will give up all that I possess;
Yea, I will forsake my kingdom
that I may receive this great joy.”

51 But Aaron saith unto him:
“If thou desirest this thing, if thou will bow down
before God,
Yea, if thou repent of all thy sins and will ^cbow down
before God and call on His name in faith,
^dbelieving that ye shall receive,
Then shalt thou receive the hope which thou desirest.”

c 1N 2:78

d En 1:24
Mos 2:36
3N 8:51; 13:6
Mn 4:84
Mi 7:26

52 And it came to pass that when Aaron had said
these words, the king did bow down
before the Lord upon his knees,
Yea, even he did prostrate himself upon the earth
and cried mightily, saying:

“O God, Aaron hath told me that there is a God;
53 And if there is a God and if Thou art God,
wilt Thou make Thyself known unto me?
And I will give away all my sins to know Thee
and that I may be raised from the dead
and be saved at the last day!”

54 And now when the king had said these words,
he was struck as if he were dead.

55 And it came to pass that his servants ran and told
the queen all that had happened unto the king
and she came in unto the king;

56 And when she saw him lay as if he were dead, and also
Aaron and his brethren standing as though they

had been the cause of his fall,
 She was angry with them and commanded that
 her servants, or the servants of the king,
 should take them and slay them.

57 Now the servants had seen the cause of the king's fall,
 Therefore, they durst not lay their hands on Aaron
 and his brethren

58 and they pled with the queen, saying:
 "Why commandest thou that we should slay these men
 when behold, one of them is mightier than us all?
 Therefore, we shall fall before them."

59 Now when the queen saw the fear of the servants,
 she also began to fear exceedingly,
 lest there should some evil come upon her,

60 And she commanded her servants that they should
 go and call the people, that they might
 slay Aaron and his brethren.

61 Now when Aaron saw the determination of the queen—
 and he also, knowing the hardness of the hearts of the
 people, feared lest that a multitude should assemble
 themselves together and there should be a great
 contention and a disturbance among them—

62 Therefore, he put forth his hand and raised the king
 from the earth and said unto him, "Stand!"

And he stood upon his feet, receiving his strength;

63 Now this was done in the presence of the queen
 and many of his servants,
 And when they saw it, they greatly marveled
 and began to fear;

64 And the king stood forth and began to minister unto them,
 And he did minister unto them insomuch that his whole
 household were converted unto the Lord.

65 Now there was a multitude gathered together
 because of the commandment of the queen;
 And there began to be great murmurings among them
 because of Aaron and his brethren,

66 But the king stood forth among them
 and administered unto them.

And it came to pass that they were pacified toward Aaron
 and his brethren which were with him.

- 67 And it came to pass that when the king saw that the people were pacified, he caused that Aaron and his brethren should stand forth in the midst of the multitude and that they should preach the word unto them.
- 68 And it came to pass that the king sent a proclamation throughout all the land, amongst all his people which were in all his land, which were in all the regions round about,
¹Which was bordering even to the sea on the east and on the west and which was divided from the Land of Zarahemla by a narrow strip of wilderness,
 69 Which ran from the Sea East even to the Sea West and round about on the borders of the seashore and the borders of the wilderness which was on the north by the Land of Zarahemla, Through the borders of Manti, by the head of the River Sidon, running from the east toward the west; And thus were the Lamanites and the Nephites divided.
- 70 Now the more idle part of the Lamanites lived in the wilderness and dwelt in tents; And they were spread through the wilderness on the west in the Land of Nephi,
- 71 Yea, and also on the west of the Land of Zarahemla, in the borders by the seashore, And on the west in the Land of Nephi in the place of their fathers' first inheritance, and thus bordering along by the seashore;
- 72 And also there were many Lamanites on the east by the seashore whither the Nephites had driven them; And thus the Nephites were nearly surrounded by the Lamanites.
- 73 Nevertheless, the Nephites had taken possession of all the northern parts of the land bordering on the wilderness at the head of the River Sidon, from the east to the west, round about on the wilderness sides on the north, Even until they came to the land which they called Bountiful;
- 74 And it bordered upon the land which they called Desolation, It being so far northward that it came into the land which had been peopled and had been destroyed—

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- of whose ^abones we have spoken—which was discovered by the people of Zarahemla, It being the place of their first landing; And they came from there up into the South Wilderness;
- 75 Thus the land on the northward was called Desolation, And the land on the southward was called Bountiful, It being the wilderness which was filled with all manner of wild animals of every kind, a part of which had come from the Land Northward for food.
- 76 And now it was only the distance of a day and a half's journey for a Nephite on the line Bountiful and the Land Desolation, from the east to the West Sea;
- 77 And thus the Land of Nephi and the Land of Zarahemla were nearly surrounded by water, there being a Small Neck of Land between the Land Northward and the Land Southward.
- 78 And it came to pass that the Nephites had inhabited the Land Bountiful, even from the east unto the West Sea;
- 79 And thus the Nephites in their wisdom, with their guards and their armies, had hemmed in the Lamanites on the south, That thereby they should have no more possession on the north, that they might not overrun the Land Northward;
- 80 Therefore, the Lamanites could have no more possessions, only in the Land of Nephi and the wilderness round about.
- 81 Now this was wisdom in the Nephites; As the Lamanites were an enemy to them, they would not suffer their afflictions on every hand, And also that they might have a country whither they might flee according to their desires.
- 82 And now I, after having said this, return again to the account of Ammon and Aaron, Omner and Himni and their brethren.

14 BEHOLD, NOW it came to pass that the king of the Lamanites sent a proclamation among all his people that they should not lay their hands on Ammon or Aaron or Omner or Himni, Nor neither of their brethren which should go forth

preaching the word of God in whatsoever place
they should be, in any part of their land.

2 Yea, he sent a decree among them that they
should not lay their hands on them to bind them
or to cast them into prison,
Neither should they spit upon them,
nor smite them,
nor cast them out of their synagogues,
nor scourge them,

3 Neither should they cast stones at them;
But that they should have free access to their houses,
and also their temples and their sanctuaries,
4 And thus they might go forth and preach the word
according to their desires.

For the king had been converted unto the Lord
and all his household;

5 Therefore, he sent this proclamation throughout the land
unto his people that the word of God
might have no obstruction,
But that it might go forth throughout all the land
that his people might be convinced concerning
the wicked traditions of their fathers,
6 And that they might be convinced
that they were all brethren,
And that they had not ought to murder,
nor to plunder,
nor to steal,
nor to commit adultery,
nor to commit any manner of wickedness.

7 And now it came to pass that when the king had sent forth
this proclamation, that Aaron and his brethren went
forth from city to city and from one house of worship
to another,
8 Establishing churches and consecrating priests and teachers
throughout the land among the Lamanites, to preach
and to teach the word of God among them.

And thus they began to have great success,
9 And thousands were brought to the knowledge
of the Lord,
Yea, thousands were brought to believe in the traditions
of the Nephites;

a A 15:31
H 5:91-98

- And they were taught the records and the prophecies which were handed down, even to the present time.
- 10 And as sure as the Lord liveth, so sure as many as believed—or as many as were brought to the knowledge of the truth through the preaching of Ammon and his brethren, according to the spirit of revelation and of prophecy and the power of God working miracles in them—
- 11 Yea, I say unto you, as the Lord liveth, as many of the Lamanites as believed in their preaching and were converted unto the Lord ^anever did fall away, for they became a righteous people;
- 12 They did lay down the weapons of their rebellion that they did not fight against God anymore, neither against any of their brethren.
- 13 Now these are they which were converted unto the Lord—
The people of the Lamanites
which were in the Land of Ishmael,
And also of the people of the Lamanites
which were in the Land of Middoni,
And also of the people of the Lamanites
which were in the City of Nephi,
And also of the people of the Lamanites
which were in the Land of Shilom,
And which were in the Land of Shemlon,
And in the City of Lemuel,
And in the City of Shimnilon—
- 14 And these are the names of the cities of the Lamanites which were converted unto the Lord;
And these are they that laid down the weapons of their rebellion, yea, all their weapons of war;
And they were all Lamanites.
- 15 And the Amalekites were not converted, save only one, neither were any of the Amulonites,
But they did harden their hearts, and also the hearts of the Lamanites in that part of the land whithersoever they dwelt, yea, and all their villages and all their cities;
- 16 Therefore, we have named all the cities of the Lamanites in which they did repent and come to the knowledge of the truth and were converted.
- 17 And now it came to pass that the king and those people

- which were converted were desirous that they might have a name, that thereby they might be distinguished from their brethren,
- 18 Therefore, the king consulted with Aaron and many of their priests concerning the name that they should take upon them, that they might be distinguished;
- 19 And it came to pass that they called their name Anti-Nephi-Lehis;
And they were called by this name and were no more called Lamanites.
- 20 And they began to be a very industrious people, Yea, and they were friendly with the Nephites, Therefore, they did open a correspondence with them and the curse of God did no more follow them.
- 21 And it came to pass that the Amalekites and the Amulonites and the Lamanites— Which were in the Land of Amulon, and also in the Land of Helam, and which were in the Land of Jerusalem and, in fine, in all the land round about, Which had not been converted and had not taken upon them the name of Anti-Nephi-Lehi— Were stirred up by the Amalekites and by the Amulonites to anger against their brethren;
- 22 And their hatred became exceeding sore against them, Even insomuch that they began to rebel against their king, insomuch that they would not that he should be their king; Therefore, they took up arms against the people of Anti-Nephi-Lehi.
- 23 Now the king conferred the kingdom upon his son and he called his name Anti-Nephi-Lehi;
- 24 And the king died in that ¹selfsame year that the Lamanites began to make preparations for war against the people of God.
- 25 Now when Ammon and his brethren and all those which had come up with him saw the preparations of the Lamanites to destroy their brethren, they came forth to the Land of Midian, And there Ammon met all his brethren;
- 26 And from thence they came to the Land of Ishmael, that they might hold a council with Lamoni,

¹ 78 BC
A 11:20

- and also with his brother Anti-Nephi-Lehi, what they should do to defend themselves against the Lamanites.
- 27 Now there was not one soul among all the people which had been converted unto the Lord that would take up arms against their brethren,
- 28 Nay, they would not even make any preparations for war; Yea, and also their king commanded them that they should not.
- 29 Now these are the words which he said unto the people concerning the matter:
 “I thank my God, my beloved people, that our great God has in goodness sent these our brethren, the Nephites, unto us to preach unto us and to convince us of the traditions of our wicked fathers.
- 30 “And behold, I thank my great God that He has given us a portion of His Spirit to soften our hearts, that we have opened a correspondence with these brethren, the Nephites.
- 31 “And behold, I also thank my God that by opening this correspondence,
 We have been convinced of our sins and of the many murders which we have committed.
- 32 “And I also thank my God, yea, my great God, that He hath granted unto us that we might repent of these things,
 And also that He hath forgiven us of these our many sins and murders which we have committed,
 And took away the guilt from our hearts through the merits of His Son.
- 33 “And now behold, my brethren, since it has been all that we could do—as we were the most lost of all mankind—to repent of all our sins and the many murders which we have committed and to get God to take them away from our hearts—
 For it was all we could do to repent sufficiently before God that He would take away our stain—
- 34 Now, my best beloved brethren, since God hath taken away our stains and our swords have become bright, then let us stain our swords no more with the blood of our brethren.

- 35 “Behold, I say unto you, Nay;
Let us retain our swords, that they be not stained
with the blood of our brethren,
- 36 For perhaps if we should stain our swords again,
They can no more be washed bright through the blood
of the Son of our great God which shall be shed
for the atonement of our sins.
- 37 “And the great God has had mercy on us and made these
things known unto us, that we might not perish;
- 38 Yea, and He hath made these things known unto us
beforehand because He loveth our souls, as well as
He loveth our children;
Therefore, in His mercy He doth visit us by His angels,
that the plan of salvation might be made known
unto us, as well as unto future generations;
O how merciful is our God!
- 39 “And now behold, since it has been as much as we could
do to get our stains taken away from us
and our swords are made bright,
- 40 Let us hide them away, that they may be kept bright as a
testimony to our God at the last day—or at the day that
we shall be brought to stand before Him to be judged—
that we have not stained our swords in the blood
of our brethren since He imparted His word
unto us and has made us clean thereby.
- 41 “And now my brethren, if our brethren seek to destroy us,
behold, we will ^ahide away our swords,
Yea, even we will bury them deep in the earth,
that they may be kept bright as a testimony
that we have never used them, at the last day;
And if our brethren destroy us, behold, we shall
go to our God and shall be saved.”
- 42 And now it came to pass that when the king had made
an end of these sayings and all the people
were assembled together,
They took their swords and all the weapons which
were used for the shedding of man’s blood
and they did bury them up deep in the earth;
- 43 And this they did, it being in their view a testimony to
God, and also to men, that they never would use
weapons again for the shedding of man’s blood;

a A 24:63-66

a Mos 13:28
 A 21:82, 87, 97;
 23:5
 Eth 4:31

- 44 And this they did, vouching and covenanting with God
 that rather than to shed the blood of their brethren,
 they would give up their own lives,
- 45 And rather than to take away from a brother,
 they would give unto him,
 And rather than to spend their days in idleness,
 they would labor abundantly with their hands.
- 46 And thus we see that when these Lamanites were brought
 to believe and to know the truth, that they were firm
 and would suffer even unto death
 rather than to commit sin;
- 47 And thus we see that they buried the weapons of peace,
 or they buried the weapons of war for peace.
- 48 And it came to pass that their brethren, the Lamanites,
 made preparations for war and came up to the Land
 of Nephi for the purpose of ^adethroning the king and
 to place another in his stead, and also of destroying
 the people of Anti-Nephi-Lehi out of the land.
- 49 And it came to pass that when the people saw that they
 were coming against them, they went out to meet them
 and prostrated themselves before them to the earth
 and began to call on the name of the Lord;
- 50 And thus they were in this attitude when the Lamanites
 began to fall upon them and began to slay them
 with the sword;
 And thus without meeting any resistance,
 they did slay a thousand and five of them;
 And we know that they are blessed, for they
 have gone to dwell with their God.
- 51 Now when the Lamanites saw that their brethren would
 not flee from the sword, neither would they turn aside
 to the right hand or to the left,
 But that they would lay down and perish and praised God,
 even in the very act of perishing under the sword—
 Now when the Lamanites saw this,
 they did forbear from slaying them;
- 52 And there were many whose hearts had swollen in them
 for those of their brethren who had fallen
 under the sword, for they repented
 of the things which they had done.

- 53 And it came to pass that they threw down their weapons
of war and they would not take them again, for they
were stung for the murders which they had committed;
And they came down, even as their brethren,
relying upon the mercies of those
whose arms were lifted to slay them.
- 54 And it came to pass that the people of God were joined
that day by more than the number which had been slain;
And those which had been slain were righteous people,
therefore we have no reason to doubt
but what they are saved;
- 55 And there was not a wicked man slain among them,
but there were more than a thousand
brought to the knowledge of the truth;
Thus we see that the Lord worketh in many ways
to the salvation of His people.
- 56 Now the greatest number of those of the Lamanites
which slew so many of their brethren were Amalekites
and Amulonites, the greatest number of whom
were after the order of the Nehors;
- 57 Now among those which joined the people of the Lord
there were none which were Amalekites or Amulonites
or which were after the order of Nehor, but they
were actual descendants of Laman and Lemuel.
- 58 And thus we can plainly discern that after a people have
been once enlightened by the Spirit of God and hath had
great knowledge of things pertaining to righteousness
and then have fallen away into sin and transgression,
They become more hardened;
And thus their state becometh worse than as though
they had never known these things.
- 59 And behold, now it came to pass that those Lamanites
were more angry because they had slain their brethren,
Therefore, they swore vengeance upon the Nephites;
- 60 And they did no more attempt to slay the people
of Anti-Nephi-Lehi at that time,
But they took their armies and went over into the borders
of the Land of Zarahemla and fell upon the people
which were in the Land of Ammonihah
and ^adestroyed them;
- 61 And after that, they had many battles with the Nephites

a A 11:2-3, 14-17

in the which they were driven and slain.

- 62 And among the Lamanites which were slain were almost all the seed of Amulon and his brethren, which were the priests of Noah, And they were slain by the hands of the Nephites;
- 63 And the remainder, having fled into the East Wilderness and having usurped the power and authority over the Lamanites, caused that many of the Lamanites should perish by fire because of their belief.
- 64 For many of them, after having suffered too much loss and so many afflictions, they began to be stirred up in remembrance of the words which Aaron and his brethren had preached to them in their land;
- 65 Therefore, they began to disbelieve the traditions of their fathers and to believe in the Lord and that He gave great power unto the Nephites, And thus there were many of them converted in the wilderness.
- 66 And it came to pass that those rulers which were the remnant of the children of Amulon caused that they should be put to death, yea, all those that believed in these things;
- 67 Now this martyrdom caused that many of their brethren should be stirred up to anger and there began to be contention in the wilderness; And the Lamanites began to hunt the seed of Amulon and his brethren and began to slay them; And they fled into the East Wilderness,
- 68 And behold, they are hunted at this day by the Lamanites.
- a Mos 9:21-24 Thus the ^awords of Abinadi were brought to pass which he said concerning the seed of the priests which caused that he should suffer death by fire;
- b Mos 7:110 69 For he said unto them, “What ye shall do unto me shall be a ^btype of things to come.”
- 70 And now Abinadi was the first that suffered death by fire because of his belief in God; Now this is what he meant, that many should suffer death by fire according as he had suffered;
- 71 And he said unto the priests of Noah that their seed should cause many to be put to death

- in the like manner as he was,
And that they should be scattered abroad and slain,
even as a sheep having no shepherd is driven
and slain by wild beasts;
- 72 And now behold, these words were verified,
for they were driven by the Lamanites
and they were hunted and they were smitten.
- 73 And it came to pass that when the Lamanites saw
that they could not overpower the Nephites,
they returned again to their own land;
And many of them came over to dwell in the Land
of Ishmael and the Land of Nephi and did join
themselves to the people of God, which were
the people of Anti-Nephi-Lehi,
- 74 And they did also bury their weapons of war
according as their brethren had;
And they began to be a righteous people,
And they did walk in the ways of the Lord and did
observe to keep His commandments and His statutes,
Yea, and they did keep the law of Moses, for it was
expedient that they should keep the law of Moses
as yet, for it was not all fulfilled.
- 75 But notwithstanding the law of Moses, they did look
forward to the coming of Christ, considering
that the law of Moses was a type of His coming,
And believing that they must keep those outward
performances until the time that He should be
revealed unto them.
- 76 Now they did not suppose that salvation came
by the law of Moses, but the law of Moses
did serve to strengthen their faith in Christ;
- 77 And thus they did retain a hope, through faith, unto
eternal salvation, relying upon the spirit of prophecy
which spake of those things to come.
- 78 And now behold, Ammon and Aaron and Omner
and Himni and their brethren did rejoice exceedingly
for the success which they had had among the
Lamanites, seeing that the Lord had granted
unto them according to their prayers,
And that He had also verified His word
unto them in every particular.

- 79 And now these are the words of Ammon to his brethren,
which saith thus:
“My brothers and my brethren, behold I say unto you,
how great reason have we to rejoice,
For could we have supposed when we started
from the Land of Zarahemla that God would
have granted unto us such great blessings?
- 80 “And now I ask, what great blessings
hath He bestowed upon us?
Can ye tell?
- 81 Behold, I answer for you—
For our brethren, the Lamanites, were in darkness,
yea, even in the darkest abyss,
But behold how many of them are brought to behold
the marvelous light of God!
- 82 And this is the blessing which hath been bestowed
upon us—that we have been made instruments
in the hands of God to bring about this great work.
- 83 “Behold, thousands of them do rejoice
and have been brought into the fold of God;
- 84 Behold, the field was ripe,
And blessed are ye, for ye did thrust in the sickle
and did reap with your mights,
Yea, all the day long did ye labor.
- 85 “And behold the number of your sheaves,
And they shall be gathered into the garners,
that they are not wasted,
Yea, they shall not be beaten down by the storm
at the last day,
- 86 Yea, neither shall they be harrowed up by the whirlwinds;
But when the storm cometh, they shall be gathered
together in their place, that the storm cannot
penetrate to them;
Yea, neither shall they be driven with fierce winds
whithersoever the enemy listeth to carry them;
- 87 But behold, they are in the hands of the Lord
of the harvest and they are His
and He will ^araise them up at the last day.
- 88 “Blessed be the name of our God!
Let us sing to His praise,
Yea, let us give thanks to His holy name,

^a Mos 11:24

For He doth work righteousness forever.

89 “For if we had not come up out of the Land of Zarahemla, these, our dearly beloved brethren which have so dearly beloved us, would still have been racked with hatred against us, Yea, and they would also have been strangers to God.”

90 And it came to pass that when Ammon had said these words, his brother Aaron rebuked him, saying: “Ammon, I fear that thy joy doth carry thee away unto boasting!”

91 But Ammon saith unto him: “I do not boast in my own strength or in my own wisdom, But behold, my joy is full! Yea, my heart is brim with joy and I will rejoice in my God!

92 Yea, I know that I am nothing; As to my strength, I am weak; Therefore, I will not boast of myself, but I will boast of my God, For in His ^astrength I can do all things.

a Phil 4:13

“Yea, behold how many mighty miracles we have wrought in this land, for which we will praise His name forever!

93 “Behold how many thousands of our brethren hath He loosed from the pains of hell and they are brought to sing redeeming love! And this because of the power of His word which is in us, Therefore, have we not great reason to rejoice?

94 “Yea, we have reason to praise Him forever! For He is the Most High God and has loosed our brethren from the chains of hell;

95 Yea, they were encircled about with everlasting darkness and destruction, But behold, He hath brought them into His everlasting light, yea, into everlasting salvation, And they are encircled about with the matchless bounty of His love.

96 “Yea, and we have been instruments in His hands of doing this great and ^bmarvelous work,

b 2N 12:42

Therefore, let us glory—yea, we will glory in the Lord!
 Yea, we will rejoice, for our joy is full!
 Yea, we will praise our God forever!

- 97 “Behold, who can glory too much in the Lord?
 Yea, who can say too much of His great power
 and of His mercy and of His longsuffering
 toward the children of men?
 Behold I say unto you, I cannot say
 the smallest part which I feel.
- 98 “Who could have supposed that our God would have
 been so merciful as to have snatched us
 from our awful sinful and polluted state?
- 99 Behold, we went forth, even in wrath, with mighty
 threatenings, to destroy His church;
 O then, why did He not consign us
 to an awful destruction?
 Yea, why did He not let the sword of His justice
 fall upon us and doom us to eternal despair?
- 100 O my soul almost, as it were, fleeth at the thought!
- 101 Behold, He did not exercise His justice upon us,
 But in His great mercy hath brought us over
 that everlasting gulf of death and misery,
 even to the salvation of our souls.
- a Mos 1:119-120 102 “And now behold, my brethren, what ^anatural man
 is there that knoweth these things?
 I say unto you, there is none that knoweth these things,
 save it be the penitent—
- 103 Yea, he that repenteth,
 and exerciseth faith,
 and bringeth forth good works,
 and prayeth continually without ceasing,
 Unto such it is given to know the mysteries of God;
 Yea, unto such it shall be given to reveal things
 which never have been revealed;
- 104 Yea, and it shall be given unto such
 to bring thousands of souls to repentance,
 Even as it hath been given unto us
 to bring these our brethren to repentance.
- 105 “Now do ye remember, my brethren, that we said unto
 our brethren in the Land of Zarahemla, ‘We go up
 to the Land of Nephi to preach unto our brethren,

- the Lamanites,
 And they laughed us to scorn?
 106 For they said unto us:
 ‘Do ye suppose that ye can bring the Lamanites
 to the knowledge of the truth?’
 107 Do ye suppose that ye can convince the Lamanites
 of the incorrectness of the traditions of their fathers,
 as stiff-necked a people as they are?
 Whose hearts delighteth in the shedding of blood?
 Whose days have been spent in the grossest iniquity?
 Whose ways have been the ways of a transgressor
 from the beginning?’
 108 “Now my brethren, ye remember
 that this was their language;
 109 And moreover, they did say:
 ‘Let us take up arms against them, that we destroy them
 and their iniquity out of the land, lest they overrun us
 and destroy us.’
 110 “But behold, my beloved brethren, we came into the
 wilderness, not with the intent to destroy our brethren,
 but with the intent that perhaps we might save
 some few of their souls.
 111 “Now when our hearts were depressed and we were about
 to turn back, behold, the Lord comforted us and said:
 ‘Go amongst thy brethren the Lamanites
 and bear with patience thine afflictions,
 And I will give unto thee success.’
 112 “And now behold, we have come
 and been forth amongst them,
 And we have been patient in our sufferings,
 And we have suffered every privation;
 Yea, we have traveled from house to house, relying
 upon the mercies of the world—not upon the mercies
 of the world alone, but upon the mercies of God;
 113 And we have entered into their houses and taught them,
 And we have taught them in their streets,
 Yea, and we have taught them upon their hills,
 And we have also entered into their temples
 and their synagogues and taught them;
 114 And we have been cast out and mocked and spit upon
 and smote upon our cheeks,

- And we have been stoned and taken and bound
with strong cords and cast into prison,
And through the power and wisdom of God,
we have been delivered again;
- 115 And we have suffered all manner of afflictions;
And all this that perhaps we might be the means
of saving some soul,
And we supposed that our joy would be full if perhaps
we could be the means of saving some.
- 116 “Now behold, we can look forth
and see the fruits of our labors;
And are they few?
- 117 I say unto you, nay, they are many;
Yea, and we can witness of their sincerity because of
their love toward their brethren and also toward us.
- 118 “For behold, they had rather sacrifice their lives
than even to take the life of their enemy;
a A 14:34-46 And they have ^aburied their weapons of war deep in the
earth because of their love toward their brethren.
- 119 “And now behold I say unto you, has there been
so great love in all the land?
- 120 Behold I say unto you, nay, there has not,
even among the Nephites;
- 121 For behold, they would take up arms against their
brethren, they would not suffer themselves to be slain;
- b A 14:50 122 But behold how many of these have laid down their ^blives;
And we know that they have gone to their God
because of their love and of their hatred to sin.
- 123 “Now have we not reason to rejoice?
Yea, I say unto you, there never were men that had
so great reason to rejoice as we since the world began;
- 124 Yea, and my joy is carried away,
even unto boasting in my God,
For He has all power, all wisdom and all understanding;
c 2N 6:44 He ^ccomprehendeth all things;
And He is a merciful Being, even unto salvation,
to those who will repent and believe on His name.
- 125 “Now if this is boasting, even so will I boast,
For this is my life and my light, my joy and my salvation
and my redemption from everlasting wo.

126 “Yea, blessed is the name of my God who hath been mindful of this people which are a ^abranch of the tree of Israel and hath been lost from its body in a strange land!

a Jac 3:30-39

Yea, I say blessed be the name of my God who hath been mindful of us ^bwanderers in a strange land!

b Jac 5:43

127 “Now my brethren, we see that God is mindful of every people in whatsoever land they may be in; Yea, He numbereth His people and His bowels of mercy are over all the earth;

128 Now this is my joy and my great thanksgiving! Yea, and I will give thanks unto my God forever. Amen.”

15 NOW IT came to pass that when the Lamanites which had gone to war against the Nephites had found—after their many struggles for to destroy them—that it was in vain to seek their destruction, they returned again to the Land of Nephi.

2 And it came to pass that the Amalekites, because of their loss, were exceeding angry;
3 And when they saw that they could not seek revenge from the Nephites, they began to stir up the people in anger against their brethren, the people of Anti-Nephi-Lehi; Therefore, they began again to destroy them.

4 Now this people again refused to take their arms, And they suffered themselves to be slain according to the desires of their enemy.

5 Now when Ammon and his brethren saw this work of destruction among those who they so dearly beloved and among those who had so dearly beloved them—for they were treated as though they were angels sent from God to save them from everlasting destruction—
6 Therefore, when Ammon and his brethren saw this great work of destruction, they were moved with compassion and they said unto the king:

“Let us gather together this people of the Lord, And let us go down to the Land of Zarahemla to our brethren the Nephites and flee out of the hands of our enemies, that we be not destroyed.”

- 7 But the king saith unto them:
“Behold, the Nephites will destroy us because of the many murders and sins we have committed against them.”
- 8 And Ammon saith:
“I will go and inquire of the Lord;
And if He saith unto us, ‘Go down unto our brethren,’
will ye go?”
- 9 And the king saith unto him:
“Yea, if the Lord saith unto us, ‘Go,’ we will
go down unto our brethren,
And we will be their slaves until we repair unto them
the many murders and sins which we
have committed against them.”
- 10 But Ammon saith unto him:
“It is against the law of our brethren,
which was established by my father,
that there should be any slaves among them;
Therefore, let us go down and rely
upon the mercies of our brethren.”
- 11 But the king saith unto him:
“Inquire of the Lord and if He saith unto us,
‘Go,’ we will go;
Otherwise, we will perish in the land.”
- 12 And it came to pass that Ammon went and inquired
of the Lord and the Lord said unto him:
“Get this people out of this land, that they perish not,
For satan hath great hold on the hearts of the Amalekites
which do stir up the Lamanites to anger
against their brethren to slay them,
Therefore, get thee out of this land;
And blessed art this people in this generation,
for I will preserve them.”
- 13 And now it came to pass that Ammon went and told the
king all the words which the Lord had said unto him.
- 14 And it came to pass that they gathered together
all their people, yea, all the people of the Lord,
And did gather together all their flocks and herds
and departed out of the land,
And came into the wilderness which divided

the Land of Nephi from the Land of Zarahemla
and came over near the borders of the land.

- 15 And it came to pass that Ammon saith unto them:
“Behold, I and my brethren will go forth into the Land
of Zarahemla and ye shall remain here until we return;
And we will try the hearts of our brethren, whether
they will that ye shall come into their land.”
- 16 And it came to pass that as Ammon was going forth
into the land, that he and his brethren met Alma
over in the ^aplace of which has been spoken;
And behold, this was a joyful meeting.
- 17 Now the joy of Ammon was so great, even that he was full,
Yea, he was swallowed up in the joy of his God,
even to the exhausting of his strength,
And he fell again to the earth;
- 18 Now was not this exceeding joy!
Behold, this is joy which none receiveth, save it be
the truly penitent and humble seeker of happiness;
- 19 Now the joy of Alma in meeting his brethren
was truly great,
And also the joy of Aaron, of Omner and Himni;
But behold, their joy was not that to exceed their strength.
- 20 And now it came to pass that Alma conducted his brethren
back to the Land of Zarahemla, even to his own house.
- 21 And it came to pass that they went and told the chief judge
all the things which had happened unto them in the
Land of Nephi among their brethren, the Lamanites.
- 22 And it came to pass that the chief judge sent a proclamation
throughout all the land, desiring the voice of the
people concerning the admitting their brethren
which were the people of Anti-Nephi-Lehi.
- 23 And it came to pass that the voice
of the people came, saying:
“Behold, we will give up the Land of Jershon which is
on the east by the sea, which joins the Land Bountiful,
which is on the south of the Land Bountiful;
And this Land Jershon is the land which we will give
unto our brethren for an inheritance.

a A 12:1-7

- 24 “And behold, we will set our armies between the
Land Jershon and the Land Nephi, that we may
protect our brethren in the Land of Jershon;
- 25 And this we do for our brethren on account of their fear
to take up arms against their brethren,
lest they should commit sin;
And this their great fear came because of their sore
repentance which they had on account of their
many murders and their awful wickedness.
- 26 “And now behold, this will we do unto our brethren
that they may inherit the Land Jershon;
And we will guard them from their enemies by our armies
on ^aconditions that they will give us a portion
of their substance to assist us,
that we may maintain our armies.”
- 27 Now it came to pass that when Ammon had heard this,
he returned to the people of Anti-Nephi-Lehi,
and also Alma with him, into the wilderness
where they had pitched their tents and
made known unto them all these things;
- 28 And Alma also related unto them his ^bconversion
with Ammon and Aaron and his brethren.
And it came to pass that it did cause great joy
among them.
- 29 And it came to pass that they went down into the Land
of Jershon and took possession of the Land of Jershon.
And they were called by the Nephites,
the people of Ammon,
- 30 Therefore, they were distinguished by that name ever after;
And they were numbered among the people of Nephi,
and also numbered among the people
which were of the church of God.
- 31 And they were also distinguished for their zeal toward
God, and also toward men, for they were perfectly
honest and upright in all things;
And they were firm in the faith of Christ,
even unto the ^cend.
- 32 And they did look upon shedding the blood of their
brethren with the greatest abhorrence;

a A 20:14

b Mos 11:162-186
A 17:5-22

c A 14:11

- And they never could be prevailed upon to take up arms
against their brethren.
- 33 And they never did look upon death with any degree
of terror, for their hope and views of Christ
and the resurrection;
Therefore, death was swallowed up to them
by the victory of Christ over it;
- 34 Therefore, they would suffer death in the most aggravating
and distressing manner which could be inflicted by their
brethren before they would take the sword
or the scimitar to smite them;
- 35 And thus they were a zealous and beloved people,
a highly favored people of the Lord.
- 36 And now it came to pass that after the people of Ammon
were established in the Land of Jershon, and a church
also established in the Land of Jershon,
And the armies of the Nephites were set round about
the Land of Jershon, yea, in all the borders
round about the Land of Zarahemla,
Behold, the armies of the Lamanites had followed
their brethren into the wilderness;
- 37 And thus *there was* a tremendous battle, yea, even such
an one as ^anever had been known among all the people
in the land from the time Lehi left Jerusalem;
Yea, and tens of thousands of the Lamanites
were slain and scattered abroad,
- 38 Yea, and also there was a tremendous slaughter
among the people of Nephi;
Nevertheless, the Lamanites were driven and scattered
and the people of Nephi returned again to their land.
- 39 And now this was a time that there was a great mourning
and lamentation heard throughout all the land
among all the people of Nephi,
- 40 Yea, the cry of widows mourning for their husbands,
and also of fathers mourning for their sons,
and the daughter for the brother,
yea, the brother for the father—
- 41 And thus the cry of mourning was heard among every
one of them, a mourning for their kindred
which had been slain;
- 42 And now surely this was a sorrowful day, yea, a time

a 3N 2:56

- of solemnity and a time of much fasting and prayer.
- And thus ended the fifteenth year of the reign
of the judges over the people of Nephi.
- 43 And this is the account of Ammon and his brethren—
their journeyings in the Land of Nephi,
their sufferings in the land,
their sorrows and their afflictions,
and their incomprehensible joy,
and the reception and safety of the brethren in the
Land of Jershon;
- 44 And now may the Lord, the Redeemer of all men,
bless their souls forever.
- 45 And this is the account of the wars and contentions
among the Nephites, and also the wars
between the Nephites and the Lamanites;
And the fifteenth year of the reign of the judges is ended.
- 1 91 BC - 77 BC
Mos 13:65
A 1:1
- 46 And from the ¹first year to the fifteenth has brought to
pass the destruction of many thousand lives, yea, it has
brought to pass an awful scene of bloodshed;
- 47 And the bodies of many thousands are laid low in the
earth, while the bodies of many thousands are
^amoldering in heaps upon the face of the earth;
- a A 11:17-20
- 48 Yea, and many thousands are mourning for the loss
of their kindred because they have reason to fear,
according to the promises of the Lord, that they
are consigned to a state of endless wo;
- 49 While many thousands of others truly mourn for the loss
of their kindred, yet they rejoice and exult in the hope,
yea, and even know, according to the promises of the
Lord, that they are raised to dwell at the right hand
of God in a state of never-ending happiness.
- 50 And thus we see how great the inequality of man is
because of sin and transgression,
And the power of the devil which comes by the cunning
plans which he hath devised to ensnare
the hearts of men;
- 51 And thus we see the great call of the diligence of men
to labor in the vineyards of the Lord;
And thus we see the great reason of sorrow,
and also of rejoicing—

Sorrow, because of death and destruction among men,
And joy, because of the light of Christ unto life.

- 52 O that I were an angel and could have
the wish of mine ^aheart! a A 12:110
That I might go forth and speak with the trump of God,
With a voice to shake the earth and cry repentance
unto every people!
- 53 Yea, I would declare unto every soul as with the voice
of thunder, repentance and the plan of redemption,
That they should repent and come unto our God,
That there might be no more sorrow
upon all the face of the earth.
- 54 But behold, I am a man and do sin in my wish,
For I had ought to be content with the things
which the Lord hath allotted unto me;
- 55 I had not ought to harrow up in my desires
the firm decree of a just God,
For I know that He ^bgranteth unto men according to
their desires, whether it be unto death or unto life, b 3N 8:51; 13:6
Yea, I know that He alloteth unto man, yea, decreeth unto
them decrees which are unalterable according to their
wills, whether it be unto salvation or unto destruction.
- 56 Yea, and I know that ^cgood and evil
hath come before all men— c Mi 7:14
Or he that knoweth not good from evil is blameless,
But he that knoweth good and evil,
to him it is given according to his desires,
Whether he desireth good or evil,
life or death,
joy or remorse of conscience.
- 57 Now seeing that I know these things, why should I
desire more than to perform the work
to which I have been called?
- 58 Why should I desire that I was an angel, that I could speak
unto all the ends of the earth?
- 59 For behold, the Lord doth grant unto all nations, of their
own nation and tongue, to teach His word, yea, in
wisdom all that He seeth ^dfit that they should have; d A 9:15-20
3N 12:5
Therefore, we see that the Lord doth counsel in His
wisdom according to that which is just and true.

- 60 I know that which the Lord hath commanded me
and I glory in it;
I do not glory of myself, but I glory in that
which the Lord hath commanded me;
- 61 Yea, and this is my glory, that perhaps I may be
an instrument in the hands of God
to bring some soul to repentance;
And this is my joy.
- 62 And behold, when I see many of my brethren truly
penitent and coming to the Lord their God,
then is my soul filled with joy,
Then do I remember what the Lord has done for me,
yea, even that He hath heard my prayer,
Yea, then do I remember His merciful arm
which He extended toward me.
- 63 Yea, and I also remember the captivity of my fathers,
For I surely do know that the Lord did deliver them
out of bondage and by this did establish His church;
Yea, the Lord God—the God of Abraham,
the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—
did deliver them out of bondage;
- 64 Yea, I have always remembered the captivity of my fathers,
And that same God who delivered them out of the hands
of the Egyptians did deliver them out of bondage,
Yea, and that same God did establish His church
among them.
- 65 Yea, and that same God hath called me by a ^aholy calling
to preach the word unto this people,
And hath given me much ^bsuccess,
in the which my joy is full;
But I do not joy in my own success alone, but my joy
is more full because of the success of my brethren
which have been up to the Land of Nephi;
- 66 Behold, they have labored exceedingly
and have brought forth much fruit;
And how great shall be their reward.
- 67 Now when I think of the success of these my brethren,
my soul is carried away,
Even to the separation of it from the body, as it were,
so great is my joy;
- 68 And now may God grant unto these, my brethren,

a A 3:3

b A 12:1-7

- that they may sit down in the kingdom of God, yea,
and also all those which are the fruit of their labor,
That they may go no more out, but that they may
praise Him forever;
- 69 And may God grant that it may be done according to
my words, even as I have spoken. Amen.

- 16** BEHOLD, NOW it came to pass that after the people
of Ammon were established in the Land of Jershon,
Yea, and also after the Lamanites were driven
out of the land and their dead were buried
by the people of the land—
- 2 Now their dead were not numbered because
of the greatness of their numbers, neither
were the dead of the Nephites numbered—
- 3 But it came to pass that after they had buried their dead,
and also after the days of fasting and mourning and
prayer—and it was in the ¹sixteenth year of the reign
of the judges over the people of Nephi—there began
to be continual peace throughout all the land,
Yea, and the people did observe to keep
the commandments of the Lord;
- 4 And they were strict in observing the ordinances of God
according to the law of Moses, for they were taught
to keep the law of Moses ^auntil it should be fulfilled;
- 5 And thus the people did have no disturbance in all the
sixteenth year of the reign of the judges
over the people of Nephi.
- 6 And it came to pass in the commencement
of the ²seventeenth year of the reign of the judges,
there was continual peace;
- 7 But it came to pass in the latter end of the seventeenth
year, there came a man into the Land of Zarahemla,
And he was antichrist, for he began to preach unto the
people against the prophecies which had been spoken
by the prophets concerning the coming of Christ.
- 8 Now there was no ^blaw against a man's belief,
for it was strictly contrary to the commandments
of God that there should be a law which should
bring men on to unequal grounds,
- 9 For thus saith the scripture, ^c“Choose ye this day
whom ye will serve.”

1 76 BC

a Jar 1:24-25

2 75 BC
ends A 16:253

b A 1:25-26

c Josh 24:15