

And it came to pass in the Commencement of the fifth Year 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,

Now this Amlici had by his Cunning drawn away much people after him even so much that they began to be very powerful & they began to endeavor Amlici to establish Amlici to be a King over the people

now this was this alarming to the people of the Church and also to all those who **173** had not been drawn away after the persuasions of Amlici for they knew that according to their Law that such things must be established by the Voice of the people

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 & privileges of the Church & for it was his intent to de-stroy the Church of God,

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

& thus they did assemble themselves together to cast in their voices Concerning the matter and they were laid before the Judges,

And it came to pass that the Voice of the people came against Amlici that he was not made King over the people

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,

CHAPTER 2

Amlici seeks to be king and is rejected by the voice of the people—His followers make him king—The Amlicites make war on the Nephites and are defeated—The Lamanites and Amlicites join forces and are defeated—Alma slays Amlici. About 87 B.C.

¹And it came to pass in the commencement of the fifth year 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[]—

²Now 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 [X] to establish Amlici to be a king over the people.

³Now this was [X] alarming to the people of the church, and also to all those who had not been drawn away after the persuasions of Amlici; for they knew that according to their law that such things must be established by the voice of the people.

⁴Therefore, 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 [X_]; for it was his intent to de[-]stroy the church of God.

⁵And 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[]ing much dispute and wonderful contentions one with another.

⁶And thus they did assemble themselves together to cast in their voices concerning the matter; and they were laid before the judges.

⁷And it came to pass that the voice of the people came against Amlici, that he was not made king over the people.

⁸Now this did cause much joy in the hearts of those who were against him; but Amlici did stir up those who were in his favor to anger against those who were not in his favor.

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And it came to pass that they gathered themselves together & did Consecrate Amlici to be their King,

now when Amlici was made King over them he Commanded them that they should take up Armes against their Brethren & this he done that he might subject them to him,

now the people of Amlici were distinguished by the name of Amlici being Called Amlikites & the remain-der were Called Nephites or the people of God

therefore the people of the Nephites was aware of the intent of the Amlikites & therefore they did prepare for to meet them yea they did arm themselves with swords & with simiters & With bows & with arrows & with stones & with slings & with all man-ner of weapons of war of every kind

& thus they were prepared to meet the Amlicites at the time of their Comeing, & there was appointed Captains & higher Captains & Chief Captains according to their numbers,

And it came to pass that Amlici did arm his men with all manner of weapons of war of every kind & he also appointed rulers & leaders over his people to lead them to war gainst their Brethren,

& 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 & there they began to make war with the Nepites,

Now Alma he being the Chief Judge & the Governor of the people of Nephi therefore he went up with his people, Yea with his Captains & Chief Captai(ns) Yea at the heads of his Armies against the Amlicites to Battle

& they began to Slay the Amlicites upon the hill East of Sidon & the Amlicites did contend with the Nephites with great strength in somuch that many of the Nephites did fall before the Amlicites,

Nevertheless the Lord did strengthen the hand of the **174** Nepites that they Slew the Amlicites with a great slaughter that they began to flee before them,

⁹And it came to pass that they gathered themselves together, **and** did **consecrate** Amlici to be their **king**.

¹⁰Now when Amlici was made **king** over them he **commanded** them that they should take up **arm[]s** against their **brethren**; **and** this he **did** that he might subject them to him.

¹¹Now the people of Amlici were distinguished by the name of Amlici, being **called** Amlicites; **and** the remain[-]der were **called** Nephites, or the people of God.

¹²Therefore the people of the Nephites **were** aware of the intent of the Amlicites, **and** therefore they did prepare **[X]** to meet them; yea, they did arm themselves with swords, **and** with **cimeters**, **and** with bows, **and** with arrows, **and** with stones, **and** with slings, **and** with all man[-]ner of weapons of war, of every kind.

¹³**And** thus they were prepa[]red to meet the Amlicites at the time of their **com[]ing**. **And** there **were** appointed **captains**, **and** higher **captains**, **and** **chief captains**, according to their numbers.

¹⁴And 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**.

¹⁵**And** it came to pass that the Amlicites came **[X]** 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 Nep**hites**.

¹⁶Now Alma, **[X]** 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**.

¹⁷**And** they began to **slay** the Amlicites upon the hill **east** of Sidon. **And** the Amlicites did contend with the Nephites with great strength, in[]somuch that many of the Nephites did fall before the Amlicites.

¹⁸Nevertheless the Lord did strengthen the hand of the Nep**hites**, that they **slew** the Amlicites with **[X]** great slaughter, that they began to flee before them.

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And it came to pass that the Nephites did persue the Amlicites all that day & did Slay them with much slaughter in somuch that there was Slain of the Amlicites twelve Thousand five hundred thirty & two Souls. And there was slain of the Nephites Six Thousand five hundred sixty & two Souls.

And it came to pass that when Alma could pe(u)rsue 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 w(i)th the sword & in this valley the Nepites did pitch their tents for the night,

& Alma sent spies to follow the~~m~~ remnant of the Amlicites that he might know of their plans & their plots whereby he might guard himself against (them)that he might preserve his People from being destroyed,

now those which he had sent out to watch the Camp of the Amlicites were called Zeram & Amnor & Manti & Limher these were they which went out with their men to watch the camp of the Amlicites,

& it came to pass thot on the morrow they returned into(the) Camp of the Nephites in great haste being greatly ast-onished & struck with much fear, Saying

Behold we followed the Camp of the Amlicites & to our great astonishment, in the land of Minon above the land of Zarahemla in the Course of the land of Nephi we saw a numerous host of the Lamanites, And behold the Amlicites have joined them

and they are upon our Brethren in that Land & they are fleeing before them with their Flocks and their wives & their children towards our City & except we make haste they obtain possession of our City & our Fathers & our wiv(es) and our Children be slain,

And it came to pass that the people of Ne-phi took their tents & departed out of the valley of Gideon towards their City which was the City of Zarahemla,

and behold as they were Crossing the River Sidon the Lamanites & the Amlicites being as numerous almost as it were as the Sands of the Sea coming upon them to destroy them,

¹⁹And it came to pass that the Nephites did **pursue** the Amlicites all that day, **and** did **slay** them with much slaughter, in[]somuch that there **were slain** of the Amlicites twelve **thousand** five hundred thirty **and** two **souls**; **and** there **were** slain of the Nephites **six thousand** five hundred sixty **and** two **souls**.

²⁰And it came to pass that when Alma could p[]**ursue** 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 **who** was slain by the hand of Nehor **with** the sword; **and** in this valley the Nep**h**ites did pitch their tents for the night.

²¹**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 **p**eople from being destroyed.

²²Now those **whom** he had sent out to watch the **camp** of the Amlicites were called Zeram, **and** Amnor, **and** Manti, **and** Limher; these were they **who** went out with their men to watch the camp of the Amlicites.

²³**And** it came to pass **that** on the morrow they returned into[]**the camp** of the Nephites in great haste, being greatly ast[-]onished, **and** struck with much fear, **saying**:

²⁴Behold, we followed the **camp** of the Amlicites, **and** to our great astonishment, in the land of Minon, above the land of Zarahemla, in the **course** of the land of Nephi, we saw a numerous host of the Lamanites; **and** behold, the Amlicites have joined them;

²⁵**And** they are upon our **brethren** in that **land**; **and** they are fleeing before them with their **flocks**, and their wives, **and** their children, towards our **city**; **and** except we make haste they obtain possession of our **city**, **and** our **fathers**, **and** our **wives**, and our children be slain.

²⁶And it came to pass that the people of Ne[-]phi took their tents, **and** departed out of the valley of Gideon towards their **city**, which was the **city** of Zarahemla.

²⁷**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**, **came**[_ _] upon them to destroy them.

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Nevertheless the Nephites being strengthened by the hond of the Lord having Prayed mightily to Him (that) he would deliver them out of the hands of their Enemies therefore the Lord did hear their Cries & did strengthen them & the Lamanites & the Amlicites did fall befor(e) them,

And it came to pass that Alma faught with Amlici with the Sword face to face & they did Contend mightily one with another.

and it came to pass that Alma he being a man of God being exercised with much faith & he Cried saying O Lord have mercy & spare my life that **175** I may be an instrument in thy hands to save and protect this people,

now when Alma had said these words he contended again Amlici & he was strengthnd in somuch ~~the~~ ~~slew~~ that he slew Amlici with the sword,

and he also contended with the King of the Lamanites but the King of the Lamanites fled back from bfore Alma and sent his guards to Contend with Alma

but Alma with his guards Contended with the guards of the King of the Lamanites until he slew & drave them back

& 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 the river Sidon that *thereby* his people might have room to Cross & Contend with the Lamanites & the Amlicites on the west side of the river Sidon

& it came to pass that when they had all Crossed the river Sidon that the Lamanites & the Amlic-ites began to flee before them notwithstanding they were so numerous that they Could not be numbered

& they fled before the Nephites towards the wilder-ness which was west & North away byond the borders of the land and the Nep-hites did pursue them w(i)th their might & did slay them

Yea they were met on every hond and slain & driven until they were scattered on the west & on the North until they had reached the wilderness which was Called Herm-ounts & it was that part of the wilderness which was infested by wild ~~beas(ts)~~ and ravenous beasts

²⁸Nevertheless, 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**, therefore the Lord did hear their **cries**, **and** did strengthen them, **and** the Lamanites **and** the Amlicites did fall before **them**.

²⁹And it came to pass that Alma **fought** with Amlici with the **sword**, face to face; **and** they did **contend** mightily, one with another.

³⁰And it came to pass that Alma, **[X]** being a man of God, being exercised with much faith, **[X_X]** **cried**, saying: O Lord, have mercy **and** spare my life, that I may be an instrument in thy hands to save and **preserve** this people.

³¹Now when Alma had said these words he contended again **with** Amlici; **and** he was **strengthened**, in **[_]** somuch **[X X]** that he slew Amlici with the sword.

³²And 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.

³³But Alma, with his guards, **contended** with the guards of the **king** of the Lamanites until he slew **and** **drove** them back.

³⁴And thus he **cleared** the ground, or rather the bank, which was on the west of the **river** Sidon, throwing the bodies of the Lamanites **who** had been slain **[_]** into the waters of **[X X]** 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.

³⁵And it came to pass that when they had all **crossed** the river Sidon that the Lamanites **and** the Amlic **[-]**ites began to flee before them, notwithstanding they were so numerous that they **could** not be numbered.

³⁶And they fled before the Nephites towards the wilder **[-]**ness which was west **and** **north**, away **beyond** the borders of the land; and the Nep **[-]**hites did pursue them **with** their might, **and** did slay them.

³⁷Yea, 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** Herm **[-]**ounts; **and** it was that part of the wilderness which was infested by wild **[X]** and ravenous beasts.

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& it came to pass that many died in the wilderness of their wounds & were devoured by those beasts & also the Vultures of the Air and their bones have been found & have been heaped up on the Earth

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³⁸**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 up on the **e**arth.