

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE
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Chapter 8th

Now these ore the words which Amulek preached unto the people which was in the land of Amonihah saying.

I am Am-ulek I am the son of Gidanah who was the son of Ishmael who was a descendant of Aminadi and it was that same Aminadi which interpret-ed the writing which was upon the wall of *the* Temple which was wr(i)ttten by the finger of God

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 Manassah who was the son **193** of Joseph which was sold into Egypt by the hands of his Brethren,

and *behold* I am also a man of no small reputation among all those who know me yea and behold I have many kindred and friends and I have also acquired much riches by the hand of my Industry

nevertheless after all this I never have known much of the ways of the Lord and his mysteries and marvelous power, I said I never had known much of these things but Behold I mistake for I have seen mu(c)h of his mys-teries and his myraculous power yea even in the preservation of the lives of this people

nevertheless I did harden my heart, for I was called many times and I would not hear, therefore knew concerning these things, yet I would not know 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 tenth year of the Reign of our Judges.

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 for he hath fasted many dyse becauese of the sins of this people and he is an hungered and thou shalt receive him into thy house and feed him and he shall bless thee and thy house,

CHAPTER 10 [X_ _ _ _ _]

Lehi descended from Manasseh—Amulek recounts the angelic command that he care for Alma—The prayers of the righteous cause the people to be spared—Unrighteous lawyers and judges lay the foundation of the destruction of the people. About 82 B.C.

¹Now these **are** the words which Amulek preached unto the people **who were** in the land of Ammonihah, saying:

²I am Am[-]ulek; I am the son of Gid**donah**, who was the son of Ishmael, who was a descendant of Aminadi; and it was that same Aminadi **who** interpret[-]ed the writing which was upon the wall of the **temple**, which was wr**itten** by the finger of God.

³And 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 Manasse**h**, who was the son of Joseph **who** was sold into Egypt by the hands of his **brethren**.

⁴And behold, I am also a man of no small reputation among all those who know me; yea, and behold, I have many kindred**s** and friends, and I have also acquired much riches by the hand of my **industry**.

⁵Nevertheless, after all this, I never have known much of the ways of the Lord, and his mysteries and marvelous power. I said I never had known much of these things; but **behold**, I mistake, for I have seen mu**ch** of his mys[-]teries and his **marvelous** power; yea, even in the preservation of the lives of this people.

⁶Nevertheless, 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; 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 tenth year of the **reign** of **the judges**.

⁷As I was [] 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, **who is** a chosen man of God; for he has[] fasted many **days** becau[]se of the sins of this people, and he is an 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**.

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and it came to pass that I obeyed the voice of the Angel and returned towards my house and as I was 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

& 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,

and again I know that the things whereof he hath testified are true for (bhold) 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 dwelt at my house,

for behold he hath Blessed mine house; he hath blessed me & my women and my Children and my Fa-ther and my kinsfolks yea even all my kindred hath he blessed and the bless-ing of the Lord hath rested upon us according to the words which he spake

& now when Amulek had spoken these words the people began to be astonished seeing there was more than one witness which testified of the things whereof they were accused and also of the things which was to come according to the spirit of pr-ophesy which was in them

nevertheless there were some among them which thou-ght 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 del-iver them to their Judges 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 on witness against them

now it was those men which **194** sought to destroy them which were Lawrers which were hired or appointed by the people to administer the law at their times of trials or at the trials of the cri-mes of the people before the Judges,

now these Lawyers were learned in all the arts and cunning of the people and this was to enable them that they might be skill-ful in their profession,

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

⁸And it came to pass that I obeyed the voice of the **angel**, and returned towards my house. **And** as I was going thither I found the man **whom** the **angel** said unto me: **Thou** shalt receive into thy house[]—and behold it was this same man **who** has[] been speaking unto you concerning the things of God.

⁹**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.

¹⁰**And** again, I know that the things **w**hereof he hath testified are true; for **behold** I say unto you, that as the Lord liveth, even so **has** he [X] sent his **angel** to make these things manifest unto me; and this he has[] done while this Alma hath dwelt at my house.

¹¹**F**or behold, he hath **b**lessed mine house, he hath blessed me, **and** my women, and my **children**, and my **fa**[-]ther and my kinsfolk[]; yea, even all my kindred hath he blessed, and the **ble**ss[-]ing of the Lord hath rested upon us according to the words which he spake.

¹²**And** now, when Amulek had spoken these words the people began to be astonished, seeing there was more than one witness **who** testified of the things whereof they were accused, and also of the things which **were** to come, according to the spirit of **pr**[-]ophecy which was in them.

¹³Nevertheless, there were some among them **who** thou[-]ght 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 del[-]iver them to their **j**udges that they might be **j**udged according to the **law**, and that they might be slain or cast into **p**rison, according to the crime which they could make appear **or** witness against them.

¹⁴**N**ow it was those men **who** sought to destroy them, **who** were **lawyers**, **who** were hired or appointed by the people to administer the law at their times of trials, or at the trials of the cri[-]mes of the people before the **j**udges.

¹⁵**N**ow these **lawyers** were learned in all the arts and cunning of the people; and this was to enable them that they might be **skil**[][-]ful in their profession.

¹⁶**A**nd 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.

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now they knew not that Amulek could know of their designs, but it came to pass as they began to question him he perceived their thoughts and he saith unto them, O. ye wi(c)ked and per-verse Generation ye lawyers and hypocrites for ye are laying the foun-dations of the Devil for ye are laying traps and snares to catch the holy won-es 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 peo-ple,

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 yea well did he say that if the time should come that the voice of this people should cause iniquity that is if the time should come that this people sh-ould fall into transgression they would be ripe for destruction

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

yea well doth he cry by the voice of his Angels that I will come down among my pe-ople with equity and Justice in my hands

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 yet it would not be by flood as were the peo-ple in the days of Noah but it would be by famine and by pestilence and the sw-ord

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 anger he will come out against you then ye shall be sm-itten by famine and by pestilence and by the sword and the time is soon at hand except ye repent.

And now it came to pass that the people were more an-gry 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

¹⁷Now they knew not that Amulek could know of their designs. **But** it came to pass as they began to question him, he perceived their thoughts, and he said~~[-]~~ unto them: O~~[-]~~ ye **wicked** and per~~[-]~~verse generation, ye lawyers and hypocrites, for ye are laying the foun~~[-]~~dations of the **devil**; for ye are laying traps and snares to catch the holy ~~[-]~~on~~[-]~~es of God.

¹⁸**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 peo~~[-]~~ple.

¹⁹**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— yea, well did he say that if the time should come that the voice of this people should **choose** iniquity, that is, if the time should come that this people sh~~[-]~~ould fall into transgression, they would be ripe for destruction.

²⁰**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.

²¹**Yea**, well doth he cry, by the voice of his **angels** that: I will come down among my pe~~[-]~~ople, with equity and **justice** in my hands.

²²**Yea**, and I say unto you that if it were not for the prayers of the righteous, **who** are now in the land, that ye would even now be visited with utter destruction; yet it would not be by flood, as were the peo~~[-]~~ple in the days of Noah, but it would be by famine, and by pestilence, and the sw~~[-]~~ord.

²³**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 anger he will come out against you; then ye shall be sm~~[-]~~itten by famine, and by pestilence, and by the sword; and the time is soon at hand except ye repent.

²⁴**And** now it came to pass that the people were more an~~[-]~~gry with Amulek, and they cried out, saying: **This** man doth revile against our laws which are just, and our wise **lawyers** **whom** we have selected.

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but Amulek stretched forth his hand and cried the mightier unto them say-ing 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 **195** over you to blind your eyes that ye will not understand words which are spoken according their truth,

for Behold have I testified against your law ye do not uderstond ye say that I have spoken against your law, but I have not, but I have spoken in fa-vor of your law to your condemnation

and now Behold I say unto you that the foundation of the destruction of this people is ◇ beginning to be laid by the unrig-hteousness of your lawyers and your Judges

and now it came to pass that when Amulek had spoken these words the people cried out against him now we know that this man is a child of the Devil for he hath *lie(e)d* unto us for he hath spoken against our Law and now he saith that he hath not spo-ken it

and again he hath reviled against our Lawyers and our Judges &^s

and it come to pass that the Lawyers put it into their hearts that they should remember these things against him

and it came *to pass that* there was one among them whose name was Zeezrom *now he being* the foremost to accuse Amulek and Alma he being one of *the most expert* among them having much business *to do among the people*

now the object of these Lawyers were to get *gain & they gat gain according to their* employ

²⁵But Amulek stretched forth his hand, and cried the mightier unto them, say[-]ing: 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?

²⁶For behold, have I testified against your law? Ye do not understand; ye say that I have spoken against your law; but I have not, but I have spoken in fa[-]vor of your law, to your condemnation.

²⁷And now behold, I say unto you, that the foundation of the destruction of this people is [-] beginning to be laid by the unrig[-]hteousness of your lawyers and your judges.

²⁸And 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 lie[-]d unto us; for he hath spoken against our law. And now he says that he has[-] not spo[-]ken against it.

²⁹And again, he has[-] reviled against our lawyers, and our judges [X_ _].

³⁰And it came to pass that the lawyers put it into their hearts that they should remember these things against him.

³¹And [X_X_X_X_X] there was one among them whose name was Zeezrom. Now he was the foremost to accuse Amulek and Alma, he being one of the most expert among them, having much business to do among the people.

³²Now the object of these lawyers was to get gain; and they got gain according to their employ.