

& it *came to pass* (that) the Amelicites & the Amulon--ites & the Lamanites which were in the Land of Amulon & also in the land of Helam & which was in the Land of Jerusalem & in fine in all the land round about which *had not been converted* & had not taken upon them the name of AntiNephiLehi were *stired up* by the Amalekites & (by) the Amulonites to *angar against their Brethren*

& their hatred became exceding *sore againts them even* (in)somuch that *they began* to rebell against their king *insomuch* that they would not that ~~they~~ he *should* be their king therefore they took up arms against the People of AntiNephiLehi

now the king confere*d the Kingdom upon his Son* & he called *his name* AntiNephiLehi

& *the King died* in that *selfsame year* that the Lamanites began to make *preperations for war* against the people of (God) [his speach to his](#)

now when Ammen & his Brethren (&) all *those* which had come up with him saw *the preperations of the Lamanites to destroy* their brethren they came forth to the land of Midian & there Ammon met all his brethren & from thence they came to the land of Ishmael that they *might* hold a council with **233** Lamoni & also with his Brother AntiNephiLehi *wh*at they should do to defend themselves against the Lamanites

now *there was* not one Soul among all the people whi-ch had been converted unto the Lord that would take up arms against their Brethren ~~may~~ they would not even make any *preper-ations* for war yea & also their King *commanded* them that they should *not*

now these are the words whi-ch he said unto the People concerning the matter *I* thank my God my beloved ~~brethren~~ People that our great God has in *goodness sent* these our brethren the Nephites unto us to *preach unto us* & to *convince* us of the traditions of our *wicked fathers*

CHAPTER 24

*The Lamanites come against the people of God—
The Anti-Nephi-Lehies rejoice in Christ and are visited by angels—They choose to suffer death rather than to defend themselves—More Lamanites are converted. About 90–77 B.C.*

¹And it came to pass **that** the Amalekites **and** the Amulon[-][-]ites **and** the Lamanites **who** were in the land of Amulon, **and** also in the land of Helam, **and who were** in the land of Jerusalem, **and** in fine, in all the land round about, **who 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.

²And their hatred became exceedingly sore against them, **even insomuch** that they began to rebel[-] against their king, **insomuch** that they would not that **[X]** he should be their king; therefore, they took up arms against the **people** of Anti-Nephi-Lehi.

³Now the king conferred the kingdom upon his son, **and** he called his name Anti-Nephi-Lehi.

⁴And the king died in that selfsame year that the Lamanites began to make preparations for war against the people of **God**.
[X_ _ _ _ _ X_X]

⁵Now when Ammon **and** his brethren **and** all those **who** 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; **and** from thence they came to the land of Ishmael that they might hold a council with Lamoni **and** also with his brother Anti-Nephi-Lehi, what they should do to defend themselves against the Lamanites.

⁶Now there was not one soul among all the people **who** had been converted unto the Lord that would take up arms against their brethren; **[-]nay[-]**, they would not even make any prepar[-]ations for war; yea, **and** also their king commanded them that they should not.

⁷Now, these are the words whi[-]ch he said unto the people concerning the matter: I thank my God, my beloved **[X]** 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.

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O how merciful is our God & *now behold since it has been as much 234* as we could do to get our stains taken away from us & our swords are *made bright* let us have 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* & has made us clean *thereby*

& now my brethren if our *brethren seek to destroy us* behold we *w(il)l hide* 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* & if our brethren destroy us behold we shall *go to our God* † & shall be *saved*

& now it came to pass that when the king had made an end of *the(se) sayings* & all the people were assembled together they took their *swords* & all the *weapons* which were used for the shedding of (mans) blood & they did bury *them up deep in the earth*

& *thus they did it being* in their view a testimony to God & *also to men* that they never would use *weapons* again for the shedding of mans blood & *this they did vouching & covenanting* with God that rather than to *shed the blood of their Brethren* they would give up their own lives & rather *than to take away from a Brother* they would give unto him & rather than to *spend their days in idleness* they would labour abundantly with *their hands*

& *thus we see that when* these Lamanites were brought to *believe & to know the truth* they were firm & would *suffer even unto death* rather than to commit *sin* & *thus we see that they buried the weapons of Peace* or they buried *the weapons of war* for *peace*

& it came to pass that their Brethren the Lamanites made preparations for *war* & came up to the land of Nephi for the *purpose of dethroning the King* & to place another in his *stead* & also of destroying *the People of AntiNephiLehi* out of the land

¹⁵**Oh**, how merciful is our God! **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, 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.

¹⁶**And** now, my brethren, if our brethren seek to destroy us, behold, we **will** hide 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 **[X]** **and** shall be saved.

¹⁷**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.

¹⁸**And** this they did, it being in their view a testimony to God, **and** also to men, that they never would use **wea**pons again for the shedding of man's blood; **and** this they did, vouching **and** covenanting with God, that rather than **[X]** shed the blood of their **brethren** they would give up their own lives; **and** rather than **[X]** take away from a **brother** they would give unto him; **and** rather than **[X]** spend their days in idleness they would labo**[]**r abundantly with their hands.

¹⁹**And** thus we see that, when these Lamanites were brought to believe **and** to know the truth, they were firm, **and** would suffer even unto death rather than **[X]** commit sin; **and** thus we see that they buried their **wea**pons of **p**ea**ce**, or they buried the **wea**pons of war, for peace.

²⁰**And** it came to pass that their **brethren**, the Lamanites, made preparations for war, **and** came up to the land of Nephi for the pu**[]**rpose of **destro**y**[]**ing the **king**, **and** to place another in his **stead**, **and** also of destroying the **p**eo**p**le of **Anti-Nephi-Lehi** out of the land.

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& it came to pass that when the people saw ~~th~~ that they were coming against them they went out to meet them & prostrated themselves before them to the ea~~r~~th & began to call on the name of the Lord & thus they were in this ~~attitud~~ attitude when the Lamanites began to fall upon them & began to slay them with the sw-ord

& thus without meeting any resistance they did slay a thousand & five of theme & we know that they are blessed for they have gone to dwell with their God

now when the Lamanites saw that their Brethren would ~~235~~ not flee from the sword neither would they turn aside they turn to the to the right hand or to the left but that they would lay down & perish & praised God even in the very act of perishing under the sword

now when the Lamanites saw this they did forbear from slaying them & there were many ~~whi(wh)eh~~ose hearts had swollen in them ~~when~~ for those of their brethren who had fallen under the sword for they repented of the thing which they had done

& it came to pass that they threw down their weapons of war & they would not take them again for they were ~~sorrow~~ (stung) for the murders which they had committed & they ca-me ~~down~~ down even as their Brethren relying upon the mercies of those whose arms were lifted to slay them

& it came to pass that the people of God were joined (that day) by more than the number which had been slain & those which had been slain were righteous people therefore we have no reason to doubt but what they are saved

& 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

now the greatest number of those of the Lamanites which slew so many of their Brethren were Amelickites & Amulonites the greatest numb-er of whom were after the order of the Nehors

²¹Now [X_X_X_X_X] 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; and thus they were in this [_ _ _ _ _] attitude when the Lamanites began to fall upon them, and began to slay them with the sw[-]ord.

²²And 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.

²³Now when the Lamanites saw that their brethren would not flee from the sword, neither would they turn aside [X_X_X_X] to the right hand or to the left, but that they would lie down and perish, and praised God even in the ver[_]y act of perishing under the sword—

²⁴Now when the Lamanites saw this they did forbear from slaying them; and there were many [_ _]wh[_ _][-]ose hearts had swollen in them [X] for those of their brethren who had fallen under the sword, for they repented of the things which they had done.

²⁵And it came to pass that they threw down their weapons of war, and they would not take them again, for they were [X] stung for the murders which they had committed; and they ca[-]me [_ _ _ _] down even as their brethren, relying upon the mercies of those whose arms were lifted to slay them.

²⁶And it came to pass that the people of God were joined that day by more than the number who had been slain; and those who had been slain were righteous people, therefore we have no reason to doubt but what they were saved.

²⁷And 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.

²⁸Now the greatest number of those of the Lamanites who slew so many of their brethren were Amalekites and Amulonites, the greatest numb[-]er of whom were after the order of the Nehors.

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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 decendants of Lam-aan & Lemuel

& thus we can plainly deseern that after a people h^os been once enlightened by the spirit of God & hath had great knowledge of things pertaining to righteousness & then have fallen away into sin & transg-ression they become more heardoned & thus their state beco--meth worse then as tho ~~they~~ they had never known these things

²⁹Now, among those **who** joined the people of the Lord, there were none **who** were Amalekites or Amulonites, or **who** were of the order of Nehor, but they were actual descendants of Lam[-]a[-]n **and** Lemuel.

³⁰**And** thus we can plainly **discern**, that after a people **have** been once enlightened by the **Spirit** of God, **and** have had great knowledge of things pertaining to righteousness, **and** then have fallen away into sin **and** transg[-]ression, they become more h[-]ardened, **and** thus their state beco[-][-]mes[-] worse than **[X]** though [_ _ _] they had never known these things.