

Chapter XV

Now it came to pass that when *those* Lamanites which had gone to war against the Nephites had found after their many *s*ruggles for to destroy them that it ~~w~~(was)~~e~~re in vain to seek their destruction they returned *a*gain to the land of Nephi

& it came to *pass* that the Amelicites because of their loss were *ex*ceding angary & when they saw they could not seek revenge from the Nephites they began to stir ~~u~~g up the people in angar against *their* Brethren the people of Anti-NephiLehi therefore they began *a*gain to destroy them

now this people again refused *t*o take their arms & they suffered themselves *t*o be slain according to the *d*esires of their enemy

now when Ammon & his Brethren saw this work of destruction among those who ~~h~~e(they) so *d*earely beloved & among those who had so *d*earely beloved them for they were treated as tho they were ~~th~~(Angels)~~e~~ sent from God to save them from an everlasting destruction therefore when Ammon & his Brethren saw this great work of destruction they were moved with *co*mpassion & they said unto the King

let us *g*ather together this *pe*ople of the Lord & let us *g*o down to the land of Zarahemla to our Brethren the Nephites & flee out of the hands of our *e*nemies that we be not *de*stroyed

but the King ~~s~~ayeth unto them behold the Nephites *w*ill destroy us because of the many murders & sins *w*e have *co*mmitted against them

& Am()~~m~~on sayeth I will go & *i*nquire of the Lord & if he sayeth **241** unto us, go down unto our Brethren will ye go

& the King sayeth unto him yea *i*f the Lord sayeth unto us go we will go *d*own ~~i~~n unto our Brethren & we will be their ~~s~~laves *s*laves until we repair unto them the many ~~m~~urders & sins which we have *co*mmitted against them

CHAPTER 27 [X _ _]

The Lord commands Ammon to lead the people of Anti-Nephi-Lehi to safety—Upon meeting Alma, Ammon's joy exhausts his strength—The Nephites give the Anti-Nephi-Lehies the land of Jershon—They are called the people of Ammon. About 90–77 B.C.

¹Now it came to pass that when *those* Lamanites **who** had gone to war against the Nephites had found, after their many struggles **[X]** 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 **ex**ceedingly ang**[]**ry. **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.

³Now this people again refused to take their arms, **and** they suffered themselves to be slain according to the desires of their **enemies**.

⁴Now when Ammon **and** his **brethren** saw this work of destruction among those whom **[_]**they so *d*earely beloved, **and** among those who had so *d*earely beloved them—for they were treated as **tho**ugh they were **[_]**angels**[]** sent from God to save them from **[X]** everlasting destruction—therefore, when Ammon **and** his **brethren** saw this great work of destruction, they were moved with *co*mpassion, **and** they said unto the **king**:

⁵Let 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**.

⁶But the **king [_ _]** **said** unto them: Behold, the Nephites will destroy us, because of the many murders **and** sins we have committed against them.

⁷**And** Am()~~m~~on **said**: I will go **and** inquire of the Lord, **and** if he say**[_ _]** unto us, go down unto our **brethren**, will ye go?

⁸**And** the **king** **said** unto him: Yea, if the Lord sai**[]**th unto us go, we will go down **[X]** unto our **brethren**, **and** we will be their **[X]** slaves until we repair unto them the many **[_]** mur**[]**ders **and** sins which we have committed against them.

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but Ammon sayeth unto him it *is* against the law of our Brethren which was established by my father that there sho(uld be any (s)laves among them therefore let us go down & *rely* upon the mercies of *our* Brethren

but the King saith unto *him* inquire of the Lord & if he sayeth unto us go we will *go* otherwise we will *perish* in the land

& it came to pass that Ammon went & inquired of the ~~Lord~~ Lord & the Lord said unto him

get this people out of this land that they (perish not)
the People of AntiNephiLehi
for Satan hath great hold on the hearts of *the* Amalekites which do stir up the Laman-ites to *angar* against their Brethren to *slay* them therefore get thee out of this land & *blessed art thiis* People in *this* Generation for I *will* preserve them

& now it came to pass that Ammon went & told the King all the words which the Lord had said unto him

& it came to pass that they gathered together all their people yea all the people of the Lord & did gather to gather all their flocks & herds & departed out of the land & came into the wilderness ~~that~~ which divided the land of Nephi from the land of Zarahemla & came over near the borders of the land

& it came to pass that Ammon sayei(t)h unto them behold I & my Brethren will go forth into the land (of Zarahemla) ~~of~~ & ye shall remain here until we return & we will try the hearts of our breth-ren whether they will (that ye shall) come into their land

& it came to pass that as Ammon was going forth into the land that he & his Brethren met Alma over in the place of which ~~hav~~(has)e been spoken & behold this was a joyful meeting

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 & he fell again to the earth

now was not this exceding joy behold this is joy which none receiveth save it be the truly penitent & humble seeker of happiness

⁹But Ammon **said** unto him: **It** is against the law of our **brethren**, which was established by my father, that there sho(uld be any **slaves** among them; therefore let us go down **and** rely upon the mercies of our **brethren**.

¹⁰But the **king** said[_] unto him: **Inquire** of the Lord, **and** if he sai[_]th unto us go, we will go; otherwise we will perish in the land.

¹¹**And** it came to pass that Ammon went **and** inquired of the **[X]** Lord, **and** the Lord said unto him:

¹²**Get** this people out of this land, that they **perish not**;
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for Satan has[_] great hold on the hearts of the Amalekites, **who** do stir up the Laman[-]ites to **anger** against their **brethren** to slay them; therefore get thee out of this land; **and** blessed are thi[_]s 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** **[X_X_X_X_X]** they gathered together all their people, yea, all the people of the Lord, **and** did gather to[_]gether all their flocks **and** herds, **and** departed out of the land, **and** came into the wilderness **[X]** 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 **said** unto them: **Behold, I and my brethren** will go forth into the land **of Zarahemla [X]**, **and** ye shall remain here until[_] we return; **and** we will try the hearts of our breth[_]ren, 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 place 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.

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now the joy of Alma in meeting his Brethren was truly great & also the joy of Aaron of Omner & Himni but be-hold their joy was not that to exceed their strength

& now it came to pass that Alma conducted his Brethren back to the land of Zarahemla even to his own house & it came to pass that they went & told the chief Judge all the things which had hap-pened unto them in the land of Nephi among their Brethren the Lamanites

& 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 AntiNephiLehi

& 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 & this (land) Jershon is (the) land which we will give unto our Brethren for an inheritance

& **242** behold we will set our armies between the lands Jershon & the land Nephi that we may protect our Brethren in the land of Jershon & this we do for our Brethren on account of their fear to take up arms against their Brethren lest they should commit sin & this their great fear came because of their sore repentance which they had on account of the many murders & their awful wickedness

& now behold this will we do unto our Brethren that they may inherit the land Jershon & we will guard them from their enemies by our armies on the People of Ammon & C. conditions that they will give us a portion of their substance to assist us that we may maintain our armies

now it came to pass that when Ammon had heard this he returned to the people of AntiNephiLehi & also Alma with him into the wilderness where they had pitched their tents & made known unto them all these things & Alma also related unto them his conversion with Ammon & Aaron & his Brethren

& it came to pass that it did cause great joy among them & they went down into the land of Jershon & took possession of the land of Jershon & they were called by the Nephites the people of Ammon therefore they were distinguished by that name everafter

¹⁹Now 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.

²⁰And now it came to pass that Alma conducted his brethren back to the land of Zarahemla; even to his own house. And [X_X_ _ _ _ X_X] they went and told the chief judge all the things that had hap[-]pened unto them in the land of [_ _ _] Nephi, among their brethren, the Lamanites.

²¹And it came to pass that the chief judge sent [] a proclamation throughout all the land, desir[]ing the voice of the people concerning the admitting their brethren, who were the people of Anti-Nephi-Lehi.

²²And 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.

²³And behold, we will set our armies between the land [] Jershon and the land Nephi, that we may protect our brethren in the land [X] Jershon; 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.

²⁴And now behold, this will we do unto our brethren, that they may inherit the land Jershon; and we will guard them from their enemies with our armies, on [X_X_X_X_X_] condition [] that they will give us a portion of their substance to assist us that we may maintain our armies.

²⁵Now, 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. And Alma also related unto them his conversion, with Ammon and Aaron, and his brethren.

²⁶And it came to pass that it did cause great joy among them. And they went down into the land of Jershon [X], and took possession of the land of Jershon; and they were called by the Nephites the people of Ammon; therefore they were distinguished by that name ever [] after.

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& they were *ered* among the Peopl(e) of Nephi & ~~as~~ also numbered among the people which were of the *Church of God* & they were also distinguished for their *zealøus* towards God & also towards *men* for they were *perfectly honest & upright* in all things & they were firm in the *faith of Christ* even unto the end

& they did look upon shedding the blood of their Brethren with the greatest abhorance & they *never could* be prevailed upon to take up arms against their brethren & they never did look upon death with any degree of terror for (t)heir hope & views of Christ & the resurrection therefore *death was swallowed up* to them by the victory of Christ over it

therefo~~r~~e they would suffer death in the most *aggravating & distressing* manner which could be inflicted by their brethren before they would take the sword ~~ø~~(or) *the Simetar* to smite them

& thus they were a zealous & beloved Peopl(e) a highly favored People of the Lord

²⁷And they were [] [_ _ _] among the **people** of Nephi, **and** [_ _ _] also numbered among the people **who** were of the **church** of God. **And** they were also distinguished for their zeal [_ _] towards God, **and** also towards **men**; for they were perfectly **honest and upright** in all things; **and** they were firm in the faith of Christ, even unto the end.

²⁸And they did look upon shedding the blood of their **brethren** with the **greatest abhorrence**; **and** they never could be prevailed upon to take up arms against their brethren; **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.

²⁹Therefo[]re, they would suffer death in the most **aggravating and distressing** manner which could be inflicted by their brethren, before they would take the sword [X]or [X] **cimeter** to smite them.

³⁰And thus they were a zealous **and** beloved **people**, a highly favored **people** of the Lord.