

Alma 2

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

& they began to endeavor ~~Amlici~~ to establish Amlici to be a King over the people

³now this was this alarming to the people of the Church

and also to all those who had not been drawn away after the perswasions 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 & privileges of the Church &^c

for it was his intent to destroy 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 w~~o~~re for ar against Amlici

in separate bodies

haveing much dispute and wonderful Contentions one with another

⁶& 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 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,

⁹And it came to pass that they gathered themselves together

& did Consecrate Amlici to be their King,

¹⁰now 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,

¹¹now the people of Amlici were distinguished by the name of Amlici

being Called Amlikites

& the remainder were Called Nephites or the people of God

¹² 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 manner of weapons of war of every kind
¹³ & thus they were prepared to meet the Amlicites at the time of their Coming,
& there was appointed Captains & higher Captains & Chief Captains
according to their numbers,
¹⁴ 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,

¹⁵ & 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,
¹⁶ 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
¹⁷ & 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,
¹⁸ Nevertheless the Lord did strengthen the hand of the Nepites
that they Slew the Amlicites with a great slaughter
that they began to flee before them,
¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ And it came to pass that when Alma could pe^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
which was slain by the hand of Nehor wⁱth the sword
& in this valley the Nepites did pitch their tents for the night,
²¹ & Alma sent spies to follow the~~m~~ remnant of the Amlicites
that he might know of their plans & their plots
whereby he might guard him^self against ^{them}
that he might preserve his People from being destroyed,
²² 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,

²³ & it came to pass thot on the morrow
they returned into^{the} Camp of the Nephites in great haste
being greatly astonished & struck with much fear, Saying

²⁴ 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
²⁵ 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,

²⁶ And it came to pass that the people of Nephi took their tents
& 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 & the Amlicites
being as numerous almost as it were as the Sands of the Sea
comeing upon them to destroy them,

²⁸ 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,

²⁹ And it came to pass that Alma faught with Amlici with the Sword face to face
& they did Contend mightily one with another.

³⁰ 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 I may be an instrument in thy hands to save and protect this people,

³¹ 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,

³² 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

³³ but Alma with his guards Contended with the guards of the King of the Lamanites
until he slew & drave them back

³⁴& 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

³⁵& it came to pass that when they had all Crossed the river Sidon
that the Lamanites & the Amlicites began to flee before them
notwithstanding they were so numerous that they Could not be numbered

³⁶& they fled before the Nephites
towards the wilderness which was west & North
away beyond the borders of the land
and the Nephites did pursue them with their might & did slay them

³⁷Yea 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 Hermounts
& it was that part of the wilderness
which was infested by wild ~~beas~~^{ts} and ravenous beasts

³⁸& 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