

A lma 30

Chapter XVI

¹Behold now it came to pass that
after the People of Ammon were established in the land of ~~of~~ ~~Je^sh~~ Jershon
yea & also after *the* Lamanites were driven out of the *land*
& their *dead* were buried by *the* People of the land
²now their *dead* were not numbered because of the greatness of their number^s
neither were the dead of the~~s~~ Nephites numbered
but it came to pass that after they *had* buried their dead
& also after the days of ¹ fasting & mourning & prayer
& it was *in* the sixteenth ^{year} of the reign of the Judges over ~~the peop~~ ^{the} People of Nephi
there began to be *continual* peace throughout all the land
³yea & the people did observe to keep *the* commandments of *the* Lord
& they were strict in observing the *ordinances* of God
according to *the* law of Moses
for they were taught to keep the law of Mose^s until it should be fulfilled
⁴& thus *the* people did have no disturbance
in all the sixteenth ^{year} of the Reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi
⁵& it came to pass in the commencement
of the seventeenth year of the *Reign* of the Judges
there was *continual* peace

⁶but it came to pass in the latter *end* of *the* seventeenth year
there came a man into the *land* of Zarahemla & he was *Anti* Christ
for he began to preach *unto* *the* People against the Prophecies
which *had* been spoken by the prophets concerning the coming of Christ

⁷now there was no law against a mans belief
for it was strictly *conterary* to the commandments of God
that there should be a law which should *bring* men on to *unequal* grounds
⁸for thus saith the scripture
chouse ye this *day* whom ye will serve
⁹now if a man desired to serve God it was his privilege
or rather if he ~~believed~~ believed in God it was his privilege to serve him
but if he did not believe in him there was no law to *punish* him
¹⁰but if he murdered he was *punished* unto death
& if he robbed he was also *punished*
& if he stole he was *also* *punished*
& if he committed *adultery* he was also *punished*
yea for all ~~these~~ ^{this} wickedness they were *punished*
¹¹for there was a law that men should be judged according to their crimes
neverless there was no *law* against a mans belief
therefore a man was *punished* only for the crime^s which he had done
therefore *all* men were on equal grounds

¹ OM Header = Korihor ~~whi~~ who is called *Anti*

¹²& this Anti Christ whose name was Korihor
& the law could have no hold upon him
& he began to preach unto ~~P~~the People that there should be no Christ
& after this manner did he preach saying
¹³O ye that are bound down under a foolish & a ~~vane~~^{vane} hope
why do ye yoke yourselves with such foolish things
why do ye look for a christ
for no man can know of any thing which is to come
¹⁴behold these things which ye call Prophecies
~~are~~ which ye say are handed down by holy Prophets
behold they are foolish traditions of your fathers
¹⁵how do ye know of there surety
behold ye cannot know of things which ye do not see
therefore ye cannot know that there shall be a Christ
¹⁶ye look forward & say that ye see a remission of your sins
but behold it is the effects of a phrenzed mind
& this derangement of your minds comes because of the traditions of your fathers
which leads you away into a belief of things which ~~is~~^{are} not so

¹⁷& many more such things did he say unto them
telling them that there could be no atonement made for the sins of men
but every man fared in this life according to the management of the creature
there² fore every man prospered according to his genius
& that every man conquered according to his strength
& whatsoever a man did was no crime

¹⁸& thus he did preach unto them
leading away the hearts of many
causing them to lift up their heads in their wickedness
yea leading away many women & also men to commit whoredoms
telling them that when a man was dead that was the end thereof

¹⁹now this man went over to the land of Jershon & also
to preach these things among the People of Ammon
which were once the people of the Lamanites
²⁰but behold they were more wise than many of the Nephites
for they took him & bound him & carried him before Ammon
which was a high priest over that People
²¹& it came to pass that he caused that he should be carried out of the land

& it came to pass that he came over into the land of Gideon
& began to preach unto them also & here he did not have much success
for he was taken & bound & carried before the high Priest
& also the chief Judge over the land

² OM Header = the high Priest & .C.

²²& it came to pass that the high priest sayeth *unto* him
why do ye go *about* perverting the ways of the Lord
why do ye teach *this* people that there shall be *no Christ*
to interrupt their rejoicings
why do ye speak against all the Propesies of the *holy* Prophets
²³now the high priests name was Giddonah
& Korihor sayeth unto him
because I do not teach the foolish traditions of your fathers
& because I do not teach this People to bind themselves ~~down~~ downⁿ
under the foolish ordinance^s & Performancees
which are laid down by ancient Priests
to usurp Power & authority over them
to keep them in ignorance
that they may not lift up their heads
but be brought dowⁿ according to thy words

²⁴ye say that this People is a free People
behold I say these are in bondage
ye say that those ancient Propesies are true
behold I say that ye do not know that they are true
²⁵ye say that this People is a guilty & a fallen People
because of the transgression of a Parent
behold I say that a child is not guilty because of its parents
²⁶& ye also say that Christ shall come
but behold I say that ye do not Know ~~that~~ that there shall be a Christ
& ye say also that he shall be slain for the sins of the world

²⁷& thus ye lead away this People after the foolish traditions of yours ~~fathers~~ fathers
& according to your own desires
& ye keep them down even as it were in beondage
that ye may glut yourselves with the labours of their hands
that they ~~dearst~~ dearst not look up with boldnes^s
& that they dearst not enjoy their rights & privileges
²⁸yea they dearst not make use of that which is their own
lest they should offend their Priests
which do yoke them according to their desires
& hath brought them to believe by their traditions & their dreams
& their whims & their vision^s & their pretended mysteries
that they should if they did not do according to their words
offend some unknown being which they say is God
a being which ~~hath~~ never hath been *see* seen nor ³ known
which never was nor vever will be

³ OM Header = Korihor before *Alm*

²⁹ now when the high priest & the chief & Judge saw *the hardness of his heart*
yea when they saw that he would revile ^even against God
they would not make any reply to his words
but they caused that he ~~should~~ should be bound
& they delivered him up into the hands of the officers
& sent him to the land of Zarahemla
that he might be brought before Alma & the Chief Judge
which was governor over all the land

³⁰ & it came to pass that when he was brought before Alma & the Chief Judge
that he did go on in the same manner ~~that~~ ^{as} he did in the land of Gideon
yea he went on to blasphemy

³¹ & he did rise up in great swelling words before Alma
& did revile against the Priests & teachers
accuseing them of leading away *the* people after the silly traditions of their fathers
for the sake of glutting ~~by~~ ⁱⁿ the labours of the people

³² now Alma sayeth unto him
thou knowest that we do not glut ourselves upon the labours of this People
for behold I have laboured
even from ~~the~~ the commencement of the reign of the Judges untill now
with mine own hands for my support
notwithstanding my many travels round about the land
to declare the word of God unto my People

³³ & not withstanding the many labours which I have performed in the Church
I have never received so much as even one Senine for my labour
neither hath any of my Brethren
save it were in the Judgmentseat

& then we have received only according to law for our time
³⁴ & now if we do not receive anything for our labours in the Church
what doth *it* profit us to labour in the Church
save it were to declare the truth
that we may have rejoiceings in the joy of ~~an~~ our Brethren

³⁵ then why sayest thou that we preach unto this People to get gain
when thou know ^{of}est thyself knowest that we receive no gain

& now believest thou that we deceive this People
& that causeth ~~jsuch~~ such joy in their hearts

³⁶ & Korihor answered him yea

³⁷ then Alma sa ^{saith} yest unto him
believest thou that there is a God

³⁸ & he answered nay

³⁹ now if A Alma sayeth unto him
if ye deny again that there is a God & also deny the Christ
for behold I say unto you
I know there is a God
& also that Christ shall come

⁴⁰& now what *evidence* have ye that there is no God or *that* Christ cometh not
I say unto you that ye have none ~~sare~~ save it be your *word* only
⁴¹but behold I have all things as a testimony that these things are true
& ye ^{also} have all things as a testimony unto you that they are true
& will ye deny them
believest thou that these things are true
⁴²behold I know *that* thou believest
but thou art possessed with a ~~lying~~ *lieing spirit*
& ye have put off *the* spirit of God that it may have no place in you
but the devil hath power over you
& he doth carry you about
working *devises* that he may destroy the ~~pe~~^{childre}~~oplen~~ of God

⁴³& now *Korihor* sayeth unto *Alma*
if thou wilt shew me a *sign* that I may be convinced that there is a *God*
yea shew unto me that he hath *power*
& then will I be convinced of the truth of thy words
⁴⁴but *Alma* saye~~o~~h unto him
thou hast had signs enough
will ye *tempt* your God
will ye say
shew unto me a ~~sig~~ *sign*
when ye have the *testimony* of all these thy brethren
& also *all the* holy *Prophets*
the *scriptures* are laid before thee
yea & all things denote there is a *God*
yea even the earth & all *things* that is upon the face of it
yea & its motion
yea & also & all the *planets* which move in their *regalar* form
doth witness that there is a *supreme* *Creator*
⁴⁵& yet do ye go about leading away *the* hearts of this *People*
testifying unto them there is no *God*
& yet will ye deny ~~of g~~ against all these *witnessess*
& he said
yea I will *deny* except ye shall shew me *a* sign

⁴⁶& now it came to pass that *Alma* said unto him
behold I am *grieved* because of the *hardness* ^{of your heart}
yea that ye will still resist the *spirit* of *the* *truth*
that thy soul may be ~~o~~ *destroid*
⁴⁷but behold it is *better* that ~~they~~^{thy} *souls* should be lost
then that thou shouldst be the means of bringing *many* souls down to destruction
by thy *lieing* & by thy *flattering* words
therefore *if* thou shalt *deny* again
behold *God* shall smites thee that thou shalt become *domb*
that thou shalt never open thy mouth any more
that thou shalt *not* deceive this *People* any more

⁴⁸now Korihor sayeth unto him
I do not deny the existance of a God
but I do not believe that there is a God
& I say also that ye do not know that there is a God
& except ye shew me a sign I will not believe

⁴⁹now Alma sayeth unto him
this will I giue unto thee for a sign
that thou shalt be struck domb according to my words
& I say that in the name of God that ye shall be struck domb
that ye *shall* no more have utterance

⁵⁰now when Alma had said these words Korihor was struck domb
that he could not have utterance according to the words of Alma

⁵¹& now when the chief Judge saw this
he put forth his hand & wrote unto Korihor saying
art thou convinced of the Power of ~~gd~~ God
in ^whome did ye desire that Alma should shew forth his sign
would ye that he should afflict others to shew unto thee a sign
now behold he hath shewed unto you a sign
& now will ye dispute more

⁵²& Korihor put forth his hand & wrote saying
I know that I am domb for I cannot speak
& I know that nothing save it were the Power of God could bring this upon me
yea & I always knew that there was a God

⁵³but behold the Devil hath deceived me
for he appeared unto me in the form of an Angel & said unto me
go & reclaim this People ⁴

~~for~~ for they have all gone astray after an unknown God
& he sayeth unto me
there ~~wa~~^{is}s no God
yea & he taught me that which I should say
& I have taught his words
& I taught them because they were pleasing unto the carnal mind
& I taught them even untill I had much success
insomuch that I verily believed that they were true
& for this cause I withstood the truth
even untill I have brought this great curse upon me

⁵⁴now when he had said this
he besaught that Alma should pray ~~u~~^{unto} ~~n~~ God
that the curse might be taken from him

⁴ OM Header = Korihor is trodden to Dea

⁵⁵but Alma said unto him
if this curse should be *taken from thee*
thou wouldst again lead away the hearts of this people
therefore it shall be unto thee even as the Lord will

⁵⁶& it came to pass that the curse was not taken off of Korihor
but he was cast out & went about from house to house a begging for his food
⁵⁷now the knowledge of what had hapened unto Korihor
was immediately published throughout *all the land*
yea the proclamation *was* sent forth by the chief Judge to all the People in the land
declareing unto those who had believed in the words of Korihor
that they must *speedily* repent lest the same judgments *would* come unto them
⁵⁸& it came to pass that they were all convinced of the wickedness of Korihor
therefore they were all converted again unto *the Lord*
& this put an end to the iniquity after the manner of Korihor

& Korihor did go about from house to house a begging food for his support
⁵⁹& it came to pass that as he went forth among the People
yea among a People which had separated themselves from the Nephites
& called themselves Zoramites being led by a man whose name was Zoram
& as he went forth amongst them
behold he was ran upon ~~him~~ & troden down even untill he was dead
⁶⁰& thus we see the end of him who perverreth the ways of *the Lord*
& thus we see that *the Devil* will not support his children at *the last day*
but doth *speedily* drag them down to Hell