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& it came to pass that after two days & two nights they were about to **218** take his body & lay it in ^{to} a sepulcher which they had made for the purpose of burying their dead

now the Queen having heard of the fame of Ammon therefore she sent & desired that he should come in unto her

& it **came to pass that Ammon** did as he was commanded & went in unto the Queen & **desired to know waat she** would that he should do

& she saith unto him the servants of my husband have made it known unto me that thou art a prophet of a holy God & that thou hast Power to do many mighty works in his name

therefore if **this is the case I would that ye** should go in & see my husband for he has been ladd upon his bed for the space of two days & two nights & some **that he is not** dead but others say that he is dead & that he stinketh & **that he ought** to be plased in the sepulcher but as for myself to **me he doath not stink**

now this was what Ammon desired for he knew that king **Lamoni** was under the power of God he knew that the dark veil of **unbeleef** being cast away from his mind & the light which did light up his mind which was the light of the glory of God which was a marvelous light of his goodness yea this light had infused such joy into his soul the cloud of darkness having been dispelled & the light of everlasting light was lit up in his soul yea he knew that this had overcome his natural frame & he was carried away in God

therefore what the **Queen desired** of him was his only desire therefore he went in to see⁴ the King according as the Queen had desired him & he saw the king & he **knew** that he was not dead

& he saith unto the Queen **he** is not dead but he sleepeth in God & on the morrow he shall rise again therefore bury him not

CHAPTER 19

Lamoni receives the light of everlasting life and sees the Redeemer—His household falls into a trance, and many see angels—Ammon is preserved miraculously—He baptizes many and establishes a church among them. About 90 B.C.

¹And it came to pass that after two days **and** two nights they were about to take his body **and** lay it in **[X]** a sepulchre, which they had made for the purpose of burying their dead.

²Now the **queen** having heard of the fame of Ammon, therefore she sent **and** desired that he should come in unto her.

³And it **came to pass that Ammon** did as he was commanded, **and** went in unto the **queen**, **and** **desired to know what she** would that he should do.

⁴And she said^[] unto him: **The servants of my husband have made it known** unto me that thou art a prophet of a holy God, **and that thou hast power** to do many mighty works in his name;

⁵Therefore, if **this is the case, I would that ye** should go in **and** see my husband, for he has been laid upon his bed for the space of two days **and** two nights; **and** some **say** that he is not dead, but others say that he is dead **and** that he stinketh, **and that he ought** to be placed in the sepulchre; but as for myself, to **me he do[]th not stink.**

⁶Now, this was what Ammon desired, for he knew that king **Lamoni** was under the power of God; he knew that the dark veil of **unbelief** was being cast away from his mind, **and** the light which did light up his mind, which was the light of the glory of God, which was a marvelous light of his goodness— yea, this light had infused such joy into his soul, the cloud of darkness having been dispelled, **and that** the light of everlasting life was lit up in his soul, yea, he knew that this had overcome his natural frame, **and** he was carried away in God—

⁷Therefore, what the **queen desired** of him was his only desire. Therefore, he went in to see^[] the king according as the **queen** had desired him; **and** he saw the king, **and** he **knew** that he was not dead.

⁸And he said^[] unto the **queen**: **[]He[]** is not dead, but he sleepeth in God, **and** on the morrow he shall rise again; therefore bury him not.

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& Ammon saith unto her believest thou this
& she said I have had no witness save
thy word & the word of our servants nevertheless
I believe that it shall be according as thou hast said

& Ammon said unto her blessed art thou
because of thy exceeding I say unto thee
woman there has not been such great faith
among all the people of the Nephites

& it came to pass that she watched over the bed
of her husband from that time even until that time
on the morrow which Ammon had appointed that
he should rise

& it came to pass that he arose according to the
words of Ammon & as he arose he streached
forth his hand unto the woman & said blessed
be the name of God

for as sure as thou lievest behold I have seen
my redeemer & he shall come forth & be born
of a woman & he shall believe all mankind who
believe on his name now when he had said these
words his heart was swollen within him & he
sunk again with joy & the Queen also sunk down
being overpowered **219** by the spirit

now Ammon seeing the spirit of God^{the Lord}
poured out according to his prayers upon the
Lamanites his brethren which had been the cause of
so much mourning among the Nephites or among
all the people of God because of their iniquities &
their traditions & Ammon fell upon his knees &
began to pour out his soul in prayer &
thanks giving to God for what he had done for his
brethren & he also was overpowered with joy
& thus they all three had sunk to the earth

now when the servants of the king had saw that
they had fallen they also began to cry unto God for
the fear of the Lord had come upon them also for it
was they which had stood before the King &
testified unto him concerning the great power of
Ammon

& it came to pass that they did call on the name
of the Lord in their might even until they had all
fallen to the earth save it were one of the Lamanitish
women whose name was Abish she having been
converted unto the Lord for many years on account
of a remarkable vision of her fathers

⁹And Ammon said unto her: Believest thou this?
And she said unto him: I have had no witness save
thy word, and the word of our servants; nevertheless
I believe that it shall be according as thou hast said.

¹⁰And Ammon said unto her: Blessed art thou
because of thy exceeding faith; I say unto thee,
woman, there has not been such great faith
among all the people of the Nephites.

¹¹And it came to pass that she watched over the bed
of her husband, from that time even until that time
on the morrow which Ammon had appointed that
he should rise.

¹²And it came to pass that he arose, according to the
words of Ammon; and as he arose, he stretched
forth his hand unto the woman, and said: Blessed
be the name of God, and blessed art thou.

¹³For as sure as thou liest, behold, I have seen
my Redeemer; and he shall come forth, and be born
of a woman, and he shall redeem all mankind who
believe on his name. Now, when he had said these
words, his heart was swollen within him, and he
sunk again with joy; and the Queen also sunk down,
being overpowered by the Spirit.

¹⁴Now Ammon seeing the Spirit of [X]the Lord
poured out according to his prayers upon the
Lamanites, his brethren, who had been the cause of
so much mourning among the Nephites, or among
all the people of God because of their iniquities and
their traditions, [X] he fell upon his knees, and
began to pour out his soul in prayer and
thanks giving to God for what he had done for his
brethren; and he was also overpowered with joy;
and thus they all three had sunk to the earth.

¹⁵Now, when the servants of the king had seen that
they had fallen, they also began to cry unto God, for
the fear of the Lord had come upon them also, for it
was they who had stood before the king and
testified unto him concerning the great power of
Ammon.

¹⁶And it came to pass that they did call on the name
of the Lord, in their might, even until they had all
fallen to the earth, save it were one of the Lamanitish
women, whose name was Abish, she having been
converted unto the Lord for many years, on account
of a remarkable vision of her father.—

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thus having been converted to the Lord never had made it known therefore when she saw that all the servants of Lamoni had fallen to the earth & also her mistress the Queen & the King & Ammon lay prostrate upon the earth she knew that it was the power of God & supposing that this opportunity by making known unto the people what had hapened among them that by beholding this scene it would cause them to believe in the power of God therefore she ran forth from house to house making it known unto the people

& they began to assemble themselves together unto the House of the king & there came a multitude & to their astonishment they beheld the king & the Queen & their servants prostrate upon the eath & they all lay there as though they were de^ad & they also saw Ammon & behold he was a Nephite

& now the people began to murmur among themselves some saying that it was a great evil that had come upon them or upon the king & his house because he had suffered that the Nephite should remain in the land

but others rebuked them saying the king hath brought this evil upon his house because he slew his servants who had had their flocks scattered at the waters of Sebus

& they were also rebuked by those men which had stood at the waters of Sebus & scattered the flocks which belonged to the king for they were angry at with Ammon ²²⁰because of the number which he had slain of their Brethren at the waters of Sebus while defending the flocks of the King

now one of ^{w^h}them whose brother had been slain with the sword of Ammon being exceeding angry with Ammon drew his sword & went forth that he might ~~let~~ let it fall upon Ammon to slay him & as he lifted the sword to smite him behold he fell dead

now we see that Ammon could not be slain for the Lord had said unto Mosiah his father I will spare him & it shall be unto him according to thy faith therefore Mosiah trusted him unto the Lord

¹⁷Thus, having been converted to the Lord, and never having made it known, therefore, when she saw that all the servants of Lamoni had fallen to the earth, and also her mistress, the queen, and the king, and Ammon lay prostrate upon the earth, she knew that it was the power of God; and supposing that this opportunity, by making known unto the people what had happened among them, that by beholding this scene it would cause them to believe in the power of God, therefore she ran forth from house to house, making it known unto the people.

¹⁸And they began to assemble themselves together unto the house of the king. And there came a multitude, and to their astonishment, they beheld the king, and the queen, and their servants prostrate upon the earth, and they all lay there as though they were dead; and they also saw Ammon, and behold, he was a Nephite.

¹⁹And now the people began to murmur among themselves; some saying that it was a great evil that had come upon them, or upon the king and his house, because he had suffered that the Nephite should remain in the land.

²⁰But others rebuked them, saying: The king hath brought this evil upon his house, because he slew his servants who had had their flocks scattered at the waters of Sebus.

²¹And they were also rebuked by those men who had stood at the waters of Sebus and scattered the flocks which belonged to the king, for they were angry with Ammon because of the number which he had slain of their brethren at the waters of Sebus, while defending the flocks of the king.

²²Now, one of them, whose brother had been slain with the sword of Ammon, being exceedingly angry with Ammon, drew his sword and went forth that he might let it fall upon Ammon, to slay him; and as he lifted the sword to smite him, behold, he fell dead.

²³Now we see that Ammon could not be slain, for the Lord had said unto Mosiah, his father: I will spare him, and it shall be unto him according to thy faith—therefore, Mosiah trusted him unto the Lord.

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& it came to pass that when the multitude beheld that the man had fe&l dead who lifted the sword to slay Ammon fear came upon them all & they dearst not put forth their hands to touch him or any of those which had fallen & they began to marvel again among themselves what could be the cause of this great power or what all these things could mean

& it came to pass that there was many among them who said that Ammon was the great spirit^{sp} & others said he was sent by the great spirit

but others rebuked them all saying that he was a monster which hath been sent from the Nephites to torment us

& there were some which said that Ammon was sent by the great spirit to afflict them because of their iniquities & that it was the great spirit that had always attended the Nephites which had ever delivered them out of their hands & they said that it was this great spirit which had destroyed so many of their brethren the Lamanites

& thus the contention began to be exceeding sharp among them & while they were thus contending the woman servant which had caused the multitude to be gathered together came & when she saw the contention which was among the multitude she was exceeding sorrowful even unto tears

& it came to pass that she went & took the Queen by the hand that perhaps she might raise her from the ground & as soon as she touched her hand she arose & stood upon her feet & cried with a loud voice saying O blessed Jesus who has saved me from an awful hell O blessed God have mercy on this people

& when she had said this she clapped her hands being filled with joy speaking many words which were not understood & when she had done this she took the king Lamoni by the hand & behold he arose & stood upon his feet

& he immediately seeing the contention among his people went forth & began to rebuke them & to teach them the words 221 which he he had heard from the mouth of Ammon & as many as heard his words believed & were converted unto the Lord

²⁴**And** it came to pass that when the multitude beheld that the man had fallen dead, who lifted the sword to slay Ammon, fear came upon them all, **and** they du[]rst not put forth their hands to touch him or any of those who had fallen; **and** they began to marvel again among themselves what could be the cause of this great power, or what all these things could mean.

²⁵**And** it came to pass that there were many among them who said that Ammon was the Great Spirit[], **and** others said he was sent by the Great Spirit;

²⁶**But** others rebuked them all, saying that he was a monster, **who had**[] been sent from the Nephites to torment them.

²⁷**And** there were some who said that Ammon was sent by the Great Spirit to afflict them because of their iniquities; **and** that it was the Great Spirit that had always attended the Nephites, **who** had ever delivered them out of their hands; **and** they said that it was this Great Spirit **who** had destroyed so many of their brethren, the Lamanites.

²⁸**And** thus the contention began to be exceedingly sharp among them. **And** while they were thus contending, the woman servant **who** had caused the multitude to be gathered together came, **and** when she saw the contention which was among the multitude she was exceedingly sorrowful, even unto tears.

²⁹**And** it came to pass that she went **and** took the queen by the hand, that perhaps she might raise her from the ground; **and** as soon as she touched her hand she arose **and** stood upon her feet, **and** cried with a loud voice, saying: O blessed Jesus, who has saved me from an awful hell! O blessed God, have mercy on this people!

³⁰**And** when she had said this, she clasped her hands, being filled with joy, speaking many words which were not understood; **and** when she had done this, she took the king, Lamoni, by the hand, **and** behold he arose **and** stood upon his feet.

³¹**And** he, immediately, seeing the contention among his people, went forth **and** began to rebuke them, **and** to teach them the words which he [X] had heard from the mouth of Ammon; **and** as many as heard his words believed, **and** were converted unto the Lord.

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but there was many among them who would not hear his words therefore they went their way

& it came to pass that when Ammon arose he also ~~also~~ administered unto them & also did all the servants of Lamoni & they did all declare unto the people the selfsame thing that their hearts had been changed that they had no more desire to do evil

& behold many did declare unto the people that they had seen angels & had conversed with them & thus they had told them things of God & of his righteousness

& it came to pass that there was many that did believe in their words & as many as did believe were baptised & they became a righteous people & they did establish a church among them

& thus the work of the Lord did commence among the Lamanites thus the Lord did begin to pour out his spirit upon them & we see that his arm is extended to all people who will repent & believe on his name

³²**But** there were many among them who would not hear his words; therefore they went their way.

³³**And** it came to pass that when Ammon arose he also [] administered unto them, and also did all the servants of Lamoni; and they did all declare unto the people the selfsame thing—that their hearts had been changed; that they had no more desire to do evil.

³⁴**And** behold, many did declare unto the people that they had seen angels and had conversed with them; and thus they had told them things of God, and of his righteousness.

³⁵**And** it came to pass that there were many that did believe in their words; and as many as did believe were baptized; and they became a righteous people, and they did establish a church among them.

³⁶**And** thus the work of the Lord did commence among the Lamanites; thus the Lord did begin to pour out his Spirit upon them; and we see that his arm is extended to all people who will repent and believe on his name.