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— Chapter

An account of the preaching of Aaron & Muloki & their brethren to the Lamanites

Now when Ammon & his brethren separated themselves in the <sup>borders of the</sup> land of the Lamanites behold Aaron took his journey towards the land which was called by the Lamanites Jerusalem calling it after the land of their fathers nativity & it was away joining the borders of Mormon

now the Lamanites & the Amalekites & the people of Amulon had built a great city which was called Jerusalem

now the Lamanites of themselves were sufficiently hardened but the Amalekites & the Amulonites were still harder therefore they did cause the Lamanites that they should harden their hearts that they should wax stronger in wickedness & their abominations

& it came to pass that Aaron came to the city of Jerusalem & firstly began to preach <sup>to the</sup> Amalekites & he began to preach to them in their Synagogues for they had built synagogues after the order of the Nehors for many of the Amalekites & the Amulonites were after the order of the Nehors

therefore as Aaron entered into one of them Synagogues to preach unto the people & as he was speaking unto them behold there arose an Amalekite & began to contend with him saying what is that that thou hast testified hast thou seen an Angel why do not Angels appear unto us behold are not this people as good as thy people

An account of the preaching of Aaron, **and** Muloki, **and** their brethren, to the Lamanites.  
*Comprising chapters 21 through 25.*

**CHAPTER 21**

*Aaron teaches the Amalekites about Christ and His Atonement—Aaron and his brethren are imprisoned in Middoni—After their deliverance, they teach in the synagogues and make many converts—Lamoni grants religious freedom to the people in the land of Ishmael. About 90–77 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>Now when Ammon **and** his brethren separated themselves in the **borders of the** land of the Lamanites, behold Aaron took his journey towards the land which was called by the Lamanites, Jerusalem, calling it after the land of their fathers' nativity; **and** it was away joining the borders of Mormon.

<sup>2</sup>Now the Lamanites **and** the Amalekites **and** the people of Amulon had built a great city, which was called Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup>Now the Lamanites of themselves were sufficiently hardened, but the Amalekites **and** the Amulonites were still harder; therefore they did cause the Lamanites that they should harden their hearts, that they should wax strong[ ] in wickedness **and** their abominations.

<sup>4</sup>**And** it came to pass that Aaron came to the city of Jerusalem, **and** first[ ] began to preach **to the Amalekites. And he** began to preach to them in their synagogues, for they had built synagogues after the order of the Nehors; for many of the Amalekites **and** the Amulonites were after the order of the Nehors.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore, as Aaron entered into one of their synagogues to preach unto the people, **and** as he was speaking unto them, behold there arose an Amalekite[ ] **and** began to contend with him, saying: **What is that [X] thou hast testified? Hast thou seen an angel? Why do not angels appear unto us? Behold are not this people as good as thy people?**

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thou also sayest except we repent we shall perish how knowest thou the thought & intent of our heart how knowest thou that we have cause to repent how knowest thou that we are not a righteous people behold we have built sanctuaries & we do assemble ourselves together to worship God we do believe that God will save all men

now Aaron said unto him believest thou that the Son of God shall come to redeem mankind from their sins

& the man sayeth unto him we do not believe **225** that thou knowest any such thing we do not believe in these foolish traditions we do not believe that thou knowest of things to come neither do we believe that thy fathers & also that our fathers did know concerning the things which they spake of that which is to come

now Aaron began to open the scriptures unto them concerning the coming of Christ & also concerning the resurrection of the dead & that there could be no redemption for mankind save it were through the death & sufferings of Christ & the atonement of his blood

& it came to pass that as he began to expound these things unto them they were angry with him & began to mock him & they would not hear the words which he spake

therefore when he saw that they would not hear his words he departed out of the Synagogue & came over to a vilage which was called ~~Anianti~~ AniAnti & there he found Muloki a preaching the word unto them & also Ammah & his brethren & they contended with many about the word

& it came to pass that they saw that the people would harden their hearts therefore they departed & came over into the land of Middoni & they did preach the word unto many & few believed on the words which they taught

nevertheless Aaron & a certain number of his brethren were taken & cast into prison & the remainder of them fled out of the land of Middoni unto the regions round about

<sup>6</sup>Thou also sayest, except we repent we shall perish. **How** knowest thou the thought **and** intent of our hearts? **How** knowest thou that we have cause to repent? **How** knowest thou that we are not a righteous people? **Behold**, we have built sanctuaries, **and** we do assemble ourselves together to worship God. **We** do believe that God will save all men.

<sup>7</sup>Now Aaron said unto him: **Believest** thou that the Son of God shall come to redeem mankind from their sins?

<sup>8</sup>**And** the man **said** unto him: **We** do not believe that thou knowest any such thing. **We** do not believe in these foolish traditions. **We** do not believe that thou knowest of things to come, neither do we believe that thy fathers **and** also that our fathers did know concerning the things which they spake, of that which is to come.

<sup>9</sup>Now Aaron began to open the scriptures unto them concerning the coming of Christ, **and** also concerning the resurrection of the dead, **and** that there could be no redemption for mankind save it were through [ ] the death **and** sufferings of Christ, **and** the atonement of his blood.

<sup>10</sup>**And** it came to pass [X] as he began to expound these things unto them they were angry with him, **and** began to mock him; **and** they would not hear the words which he spake.

<sup>11</sup>**T**herefore, when he saw that they would not hear his words, he departed out of their synagogue, **and** came over to a village which was called [ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] Ani-Anti, **and** there he found Muloki [ ] preaching the word unto them; **and** also Ammah **and** his brethren. **And** they contended with many about the word.

<sup>12</sup>**And** it came to pass that they saw that the people would harden their hearts, therefore they departed **and** came over into the land of Middoni. **And** they did preach the word unto many, **and** few believed on the words which they taught.

<sup>13</sup>Nevertheless, Aaron **and** a certain number of his brethren were taken **and** cast into prison, **and** the remainder of them fled out of the land of Middoni unto the regions round [ ] about.

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& those which were cast into prison suffered many things & they were delivered by the hand of Lamoni & Ammon & they were fed & clothed

& they went forth again to declare the word & thus they were delivered for the first time out of prison & thus they had suffered

& they went forth whithersoever they were led by the spirit of the Lord preaching the word of God in every Synagogue of the Amalekites or in every assembly of the Lamanites where they could be admitted

& it came to pass that the Lord began to bless them in ~~th~~<sup>somuch</sup>~~eir~~ that they brought many to the knowledge of the truth yea they did convince many of their sins & of the tradition of their fathers which were not correct

& it came to pass that Ammon & Lamoni returned ~~to~~<sup>from</sup> the land of Middoni to the land of Ishmael which was the land of their inheritance

& King Lamoni would not suffer that Ammon should serve him or be his servant

but he caused that there should be Synagogues built in the land of Ishmael & he caused that his people or the people which was under his reign should assemble themselves together

& he did rejoice **226** over them & he did teach them many things & he did also declare unto them that they were a people which was under him & that they were a free people that they were free from the oppressions of the king his father for that his father had granted unto him that he might reign over the people which were in the land of Ishmael & in all the land round about

& he also declared unto them that they might have the liberty of worshiping the Lord their God according to their desires in whatsoever place they were in if it were in the land which was under the reign of king Lamoni

<sup>14</sup>**And** those **who** were cast into prison suffered many things, **and** they were delivered by the hand of Lamoni **and** Ammon, **and** they were fed **and** clothed.

<sup>15</sup>**And** they went forth again to declare the word, **and** thus they were delivered for the first time out of prison; **and** thus they had suffered.

<sup>16</sup>**And** they went forth whithersoever they were led by the **S**pirit of the Lord, preaching the word of God in every **synagogue** of the Amalekites, or in every assembly of the Lamanites where they could be admitted.

<sup>17</sup>**And** it came to pass that the Lord began to bless them, in[\_][\_]**somuch**[\_ \_] that they brought many to the knowledge of the truth; yea, they did convince many of their sins, **and** of the traditions of their fathers, which were not correct.

<sup>18</sup>**And** it came to pass that Ammon **and** Lamoni returned **[X] from** the land of Middoni to the land of Ishmael, which was the land of their inheritance.

<sup>19</sup>**And** king Lamoni would not suffer that Ammon should serve him, or be his servant.

<sup>20</sup>**But** he caused that there should be **synagogues** built in the land of Ishmael; **and** he caused that his people, or the people **who were** under his reign, should assemble themselves together.

<sup>21</sup>**And** he did rejoice over them, **and** he did teach them many things. **And** he did also declare unto them that they were a people **who were** under him, **and** that they were a free people, that they were free from the oppressions of the king, his father; for that his father had granted unto him that he might reign over the people **who** were in the land of Ishmael, **and** in all the land round about.

<sup>22</sup>**And** he also declared unto them that they might have the liberty of worshiping the Lord their God according to their desires, in whatsoever place they were in, if it were in the land which was under the reign of king Lamoni.

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<sup>23</sup>**And** Ammon did preach unto the people of **king** Lamoni; **and** it came to pass that he did teach them all things concerning things pertaining to righteousness. **And** he did exhort them daily, with all diligence; **and** they gave heed unto his word, **and** they were **zealous** for keeping the commandments of God.