

now as Ammon was thus teaching the people of Lamoni continually we will return to the account of Aaron & his other brethren for after he departed from the land of Middoni he was lead by the spirit to the land of Nephi even to the house of the king which was over all the land save it were the land of Ishmael & he was the father of Lamoni

& it came to pass that he went in unto him into the kings palace with his brethren & bowed himself before the king & said unto him behold O King we are the brethren of Ammon whome thou hast delivered out of prison

& now O king if thou wilt spare our lives we will be thy servants & the King sayeth unto them arise for I will grant unto you your lives & I will not suffer that ye shall be my servants but I will insist that ye shall administer unto me for I have been some what troubled in mind because of the generosity & the greatness of the words of thy brother Ammon & I desire to know the cause why he has not come up out of Middoni with thee

& Aaron sayeth unto the king behold the spirit of the Lord hath called him another way he hath gone to the land of Ishmael to teach the people of Lamoni

now the king sayeth unto them what is this that ye have said concerning the spirit of the Lord behold this is the thing which doth trouble **227** me

& also what is this that Ammon said if ye will repent ye shall be saved & if ye will not repent ye shall be cast off at the last day

& Aaron answered him & said unto him believest thou that there is a God & the king sayeth I know that the Amalekites say that there is a God & I have granted unto them that they should build sanctuaries that they might assemble themselves together to worship him & if now thou sayest there is a God behold I will believe

**CHAPTER 22**

*Aaron teaches Lamoni's father about the Creation, the Fall of Adam, and the plan of redemption through Christ—The king and all his household are converted—The division of the land between the Nephites and the Lamanites is explained. About 90–77 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>Now, as Ammon was thus teaching the people of Lamoni continually, we will return to the account of Aaron **and** his **[X]** brethren; for after he departed from the land of Middoni he was le**[ ]**d by the **S**pirit to the land of Nephi, even to the house of the king which was over all the land save it were the land of Ishmael; **and** he was the father of Lamoni.

<sup>2</sup>**And** it came to pass that he went in unto him into the king's palace, with his brethren, **and** bowed himself before the king, **and** said unto him: **Behold, O king, we are the brethren of Ammon, whom[ ]** thou hast delivered out of prison.

<sup>3</sup>**And** now, O king, if thou wilt spare our lives, we will be thy servants. **And** the king **said** unto them: **Arise, for I will grant unto you your lives, and I will not suffer that ye shall be my servants; but I will insist that ye shall administer unto me; for I have been some[ ]what troubled in mind because of the generosity and the greatness of the words of thy brother Ammon; and I desire to know the cause why he has not come up out of Middoni with thee.**

<sup>4</sup>**[X] And** Aaron **said** unto the king: **Behold, the Spirit of the Lord has[ ] called him another way; he has[ ] gone to the land of Ishmael, to teach the people of Lamoni.**

<sup>5</sup>Now the king **said** unto them: **What is this that ye have said concerning the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, this is the thing which doth trouble me.**

<sup>6</sup>**And** also, what is this that Ammon said—**If** ye will repent ye shall be saved, **and** if ye will not repent, ye shall be cast off at the last day?

<sup>7</sup>**And** Aaron answered him **and** said unto him: **Believest thou that there is a God? And** the king **said**: I know that the Amalekites say that there is a God, **and** I have granted unto them that they should build sanctuaries, that they **may** assemble themselves together to worship him. **And** if now thou sayest there is a God, behold I will believe.

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& now when Aaron heard this his heart began to rejoice & he sayeth behold assuredly as thou livest O King there is a God

& the king sayeth is God that great spirit that brought our fathers out of the land of Jerusalem

& Aaron said unto him yea he is that great spirit & he created all things both in heaven & in earth believest thou this

& he sayeth yea I believe that the great spirit created all things & I desire that ye should tell me concerning all these things & I will believe thy words

& it came to pass that when Aaron saw that the king would believe his words he began from the creation of Adam reading the scriptures unto the king how God created man after his own image & that God gave<sup>him</sup> commandments & that because of transgression man had fallen

& Aaron did expound unto him the Scriptures from the creation of Adam laying the fall of man before him & their carnal state & also the plan of redemption which was prepared from the foundation of the world through Christ for all whosoever would believe on his name

& since man had fallen he could not merit any thing of himself but the suffering<sup>s</sup> & death of Christ atoneth for their Sins through faith & repentance .&C. & that he breaketh the bands of death that the grave shall have no victory & that the sting of death should be swallowed up in the hopes of glory & Aaron did expound all these things unto the king

& it came to pass that after Aaron had expounded these things unto him the King say<sup>o</sup>th what shall I do that I may have this Eternal life of which thou hast spoken yea what shall I do that I may be born of God having this wicked spirit rooted out of my breast **228** & receive his spirit that I may be filled with joy that I may not be cast off at the last day behold sayeth he I will give up all that I possess yea I will forsake my kingdom that I may receive this great joy

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<sup>8</sup>**And** now when Aaron heard this, his heart began to rejoice, **and** he **said: Behold**, assuredly as thou livest, O **king**, there is a God.

<sup>9</sup>**And** the king **said: Is** God that **Great Spirit** that brought our fathers out of the land of Jerusalem?

<sup>10</sup>**And** Aaron said unto him: **Yea**, he is that **Great Spirit**, **and** he created all things both in heaven **and** in earth. **Believest** thou this?

<sup>11</sup>**And** he **said: Yea**, I believe that the **Great Spirit** created all things, **and** I desire that ye should tell me concerning all these things, **and** I will believe thy words.

<sup>12</sup>**And** it came to pass that when Aaron saw that the king would believe his words, he began from the creation of Adam, reading the scriptures unto the king—how God created man after his own image, **and** that God gave **him** commandments, **and** that because of transgression, man had fallen.

<sup>13</sup>**And** Aaron did expound unto him the **scriptures** from the creation of Adam, laying the fall of man before him, **and** their carnal state **and** also the plan of redemption, which was prepared from the foundation of the world, through Christ, for all whosoever would believe on his name.

<sup>14</sup>**And** since man had fallen he could not merit any[ ]thing of himself; but the sufferings **and** death of Christ atone[ ] for their **sins**, through faith **and** repentance, **and so forth; and** that he breaketh the bands of death, that the grave shall have no victory, **and** that the sting of death should be swallowed up in the hopes of glory; **and** Aaron did expound all these things unto the king.

<sup>15</sup>**And** it came to pass that after Aaron had expounded these things unto him, the **king said[ ]:** **What** shall I do that I may have this **eternal** life of which thou hast spoken? **Yea**, what shall I do that I may be born of God, having this wicked spirit rooted out of my breast, **and** receive his **Spirit**, that I may be filled with joy, that I may not be cast off at the last day? **Behold, said** he, I will give up all that I possess, yea, I will forsake my kingdom, that I may receive this great joy.

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but Aaron sayeth unto him if thou desirest this thing if thou wilt bow down before God yea if thou repent of all thy sins & will bow down before God & call on his name in faith believing that ye shall receive then shalt thou receive the hope which thou desirest

& it came to pass that when Aaron had said these words the king did bow down before the Lord upon his knees yea even he did prostrate himself upon the earth & cried mightily saying

O God Aaron hath ~~said~~<sup>told</sup> me that there is a God & if there is a God & if thou art God wilt thou make thyself known unto me & I will give away all my sins to know thee & that I may be raised from the dead & be saved at the last day & now when the king had said these words he was struck as if he were dead

& it came to pass that his servants ran & told the Queen all that had happened unto the king & she came in unto the king & when she saw him lay as if he were dead & also Aaron & his brethren standing as tho they had been the cause of his fall she was angry with them & commanded that her servants or the servants of the king should take them & slay them

now the servants had seen the cause of the king's fall therefore they durst not lay their hands on Aaron & his brethren & they fled with the Queen saying why commandest thou that we should slay these men when behold one of them is mightier than us all therefore we shall fall before them

now when the Queen saw the fear of the servants she also began to fear exceedingly lest there should some evil come upon her & she commanded her servants that they should go & call the people that they might slay Aaron & his brethren

now when Aaron saw the determination of the Queen & he also knowing the hardness of the hearts of the people feared lest that a multitude should assemble themselves together & there should be a great contention & a disturbance among them therefore he put forth his hand & raised the king from the earth & said unto him stand & he stood upon his feet **229** receiving his strength

<sup>16</sup>But Aaron **said** unto him: **If** thou desirest this thing, if thou **wilt** bow down before God, yea, if thou **wilt** repent of all thy sins, **and will** bow down before God, **and** call on his name in faith, believing that ye shall receive, then shalt thou receive the hope which thou desirest.

<sup>17</sup>**And** it came to pass that when Aaron had said these words, the king did bow down before the Lord, upon his knees; yea, even he did prostrate himself upon the earth, **and** cried mightily, saying:

<sup>18</sup>O God, Aaron hath **[ ]told[ ]** me that there is a God; **and** if there is a God, **and** if thou art God, wilt thou make thyself known unto me, **and** I will give away all my sins to know thee, **and** that I may be raised from the dead, **and** be saved at the last day. **And** now when the king had said these words, he was struck as if he were dead.

<sup>19</sup>**And** it came to pass that his servants ran **and** told the **queen** all that had happened unto the king. **And** she came in unto the king; **and** when she saw him lay as if he were dead, **and** also Aaron **and** his brethren standing as **though** they had been the cause of his fall, she was angry with them, **and** commanded that her servants, or the servants of the king, should take them **and** slay them.

<sup>20</sup>Now the servants had seen the cause of the king's fall, therefore they **durst** not lay their hands on Aaron **and** his brethren; **and** they **pled** with the **queen** saying: **Why** commandest thou that we should slay these men, when behold one of them is mightier than us all? **Therefore** we shall fall before them.

<sup>21</sup>Now when the **queen** saw the fear of the servants she also began to fear **exceedingly**, lest there should some evil come upon her. **And** she commanded her servants that they should go **and** call the people, that they might slay Aaron **and** his brethren.

<sup>22</sup>Now when Aaron saw the determination of the **queen**, **[X]** he, also knowing the **h[ ]ardness** of the hearts of the people, feared lest that a multitude should assemble themselves together, **and** there should be a great contention **and** a disturbance among them; therefore he put forth his hand **and** raised the king from the earth, **and said** unto him: **Stand**. **And** he stood upon his feet, receiving his strength.

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now this was done in the presance of the Queen & many of his servants & when they saw it they greatly marveled & began to fear & the King stood forth & began to minister unto them & he did minister unto them in **insomuch that** his whole household were converted unto the Lord

now there was a multitude gathered together because of the commandment of the Queen & there began to be great murmurings among them because of Aaron & his brethren

but the king stood forth agong them & administered unto them & it came to pass that they were pacified towards Aaron & his br<sup>those</sup>ethren which were with him

& it came to pass that when the king saw that the people were pacified he caused that Aaron & his brethren should stand forth in the midst of the multitude & that they should preach the word unto them

& it came to pass that the King sent a proclamation through out all the land among all his People which was in all his land which was in all the regions round about which was bordering even to the Sea on the east & on the west & which was devided from the land of Zarahemla by a narrow strip of wilderness which ran from the sea east even to the sea west & round about on the borders of the Sea shore & the borders of the wilderness which was on the north by the land of Zarahemla through the borders of Manti by the head of the river Sidon running from the east towards the west & thus were the Lamanites & the Nephites divided

now the more part of the Lamanites lived in the wilderness & lived in tents & they were spread through the wilderness on the west in the land of Nephi yea & also on the west of the land of Zarahemla in the borders by the Sea shore & on the west in the land of Nephi in the place of their fathers first inheritance & thus bordering along by the Sea shore

<sup>23</sup>Now this was done in the presence of the queen and many of the servants. And when they saw it they greatly marveled, and began to fear. And the king stood forth, and began to minister unto them. And he did minister unto them, in**so**much that his whole household were converted unto the Lord.

<sup>24</sup>Now there was a multitude gathered together because of the commandment of the queen, and there began to be great murmurings among them because of Aaron and his brethren.

<sup>25</sup>But the king stood forth among them and administered unto them. And [X\_X\_X\_X\_X] they were pacified towards Aaron and [X\_ \_ \_]those[ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_] who were with him.

<sup>26</sup>And it came to pass that when the king saw that the people were pacified, he caused that Aaron and his brethren should stand forth in the midst of the multitude, and that they should preach the word unto them.

<sup>27</sup>And it came to pass that the king sent a proclamation through [ ]out all the land, amongst all his people who were in all his land, who were in all the regions round about, which was bordering even to the sea, on the east and on the west, and which was divided from the land of Zarahemla by a narrow strip of wilderness, which ran from the sea east even to the sea west, and round about on the borders of the sea [ ]shore, and the borders of the wilderness which was on the north by the land of Zarahemla, through the borders of Manti, by the head of the river Sidon, running from the east towards the west—and thus were the Lamanites and the Nephites divided.

<sup>28</sup>Now, the more idle part of the Lamanites lived in the wilderness, and dwelt in tents; and they were spread through the wilderness on the west, in the land of Nephi; yea, and also on the west of the land of Zarahemla, in the borders by the sea [ ]shore, and on the west in the land of Nephi, in the place of their fathers' first inheritance, and thus bordering along by the sea [ ]shore.

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& also there w<sup>o</sup>s many Lamanites on the east by the Sea shore whither the Nephites had driven them & thus the Nephites were nearly surrounded by the Lamanites nevertheless the Nephites had taken possession of all the northren parts of the land bordering on the wilderness at the head of the River Sidon from the east to the west **230** round about on the wilderness sides on the North even until they came to the land which they called Bountiful

& it bored upon the land which they called desolation it being so far northward that it came into the land which had been peopled & had been destroid of whose bones we have spoken which was ~~destr~~<sup>discovered</sup> ~~oid~~ by the people of Zarahemla it being the **place of their first landing**

& they came from there up into the **south wilderness thus** the land on the northward was called desolation & the land on the Southward was called bountiful it being the wilderness which is filled with all ~~ki~~<sup>manner</sup> ~~nd~~ of wild animals of every **Kind a part oft which** had come from the land northward for food

& now it was only the distance of a day & a half's Journey for a Nephite on the line ~~w~~ **bountiful** & the land desolation from the east to the west **Sea & thus the land of Nephi** & the land of Zarahemla was nearly surrounded by **wates there being** a small neck of land between the land Northward & the land Southward

& it came to pass that the Nephites had **inhabited the land buntiful** even from the east unto the west Sea & thus **the Nephites in their wisdom** with their guards & their armies had hemed **in the Lamaites on the South** that thereby they should have no **more posses<sup>i</sup>on on the north** that they might not overrun the land northward

**therefore the** Lamanites could have no more possessions only in the **land of Nephi** & the wilderness round about now this was wisdom in the Nephites **as the** Lamanites were an enemy to them they would not suffer their afflictions on every hand & also that they might have a country whither they might flee according to their desires

<sup>29</sup>**And** also there **were** many Lamanites on the east by the **sea[\_]shore**, whither the Nephites had driven them. **And** thus the Nephites were nearly surrounded by the Lamanites; nevertheless the Nephites had taken possession of all the north**ern** parts of the land bordering on the wilderness, at the head of the **r**iver Sidon, from the east to the west, round about on the wilderness side[\_]; on the **n**orth, even until they came to the land which they called Bountiful.

<sup>30</sup>**And** it bor[\_]d[\_]ered upon the land which they called **Desolation**, it being so far northward that it came into the land which had been peopled **and [X]** been destroyed, of whose bones we have **spoken**, which was **[ \_ \_ \_ \_ ]discovered[ \_ \_ ]** by the people of Zarahemla, it being the **place of their first landing**.

<sup>31</sup>**And** they came from there up into the **south wilderness. Thus** the land on the northward was called **Desolation, and the land on the southward** was called **Bountiful**, it being the wilderness which is filled with all **[ \_ \_ ]manner[ \_ \_ ]** of wild animals of every **kind, a part of[ \_ ]** which had come from the land northward for food.

<sup>32</sup>**And now, it was only the** distance of a day **and** a half's **j**ourney for a Nephite, **on the line [ \_ ] Bountiful and** the land **Desolation**, from the east to the west **sea; and thus the land of Nephi and** the land of Zarahemla **were** nearly surrounded by **water, there being** a small neck of land between the land **northward and** the land **southward**.

<sup>33</sup>**And** it came to pass that the Nephites had **inhabited the land Bountiful**, even from the east unto the west **sea, and** thus **the Nephites in their wisdom**, with their guards **and** their armies, had hemmed **in the Lamanites on the south**, that thereby they should have no **more possession on the north**, that they might not overrun the land northward.

<sup>34</sup>**Therefore the** Lamanites could have no more possessions only in the **land of Nephi, and** the wilderness round about. **Now** this was wisdom in the Nephites—**as the** Lamanites were an enemy to them, they would not suffer their afflictions on every hand, **and** also that they might have a country whither they might flee, according to their desires.

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