

& it came to pass the Amelicites th the Amulonites & the Lamanites which were in the Land of Amulon & also in the land of Helem & which was in the Land of Jerusalem & in fine in all the land round about which had not been converted & had not taken upon them the name of AntiNephiLehi were stered up by the Amalekites &<sup>by</sup> the Amulonites to angar against their Brethren

& their hatred became exceding sore againts them even somuch that they began to rebell against their king insomuch that they would not that they he should be their king therefore they took up arms against the People of AntiNephiLehi

now the king confereed the Kingdom upon his Son & he called hes name AntiNephiLehi

& the King died in that selfsame year that the Lamanites began to make preperations for war against the people of<sup>God</sup> his speach to hes

now when Ammen & his Brethren & all those which had come up with him saw the preperations of the Lamanites to destroy their brethren they came forth to the land of Medeon & there Ammon met all his brethren & from thence they came to the land of Ishmael that they might hold a council with **233** Lamoni & also with his Brother AnteNephiLehi what they should do to defend themselves against the Lamanites

now there was not one Soul among all the people whi-ch had been converted unto the Lord that would take up arms against their Brethren ~~m~~<sup>nay</sup>ey they would not even make any preperations for war yea & also their King comananded them that they should not

now these are the words which he said unto the People concerning the matter I thank my God my beloved ~~brethren~~ People that our great God has in gootness sent these our brethren the Nephites unto us to preach unto us & to convince us of the traditions of our wicked fathers

## CHAPTER 24

*The Lamanites come against the people of God—  
The Anti-Nephi-Lehies rejoice in Christ and are visited by angels—They choose to suffer death rather than to defend themselves—More Lamanites are converted. About 90–77 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass **that** the Amalekites **and** the Amulonites **and** the Lamanites **who** were in the land of Amulon, **and** also in the land of Helam, **and who were** in the land of Jerusalem, **and** in fine, in all the land round about, **who had not been converted and** had not taken upon them the name of Anti-Nephi-Lehi, were **stirred up** by the Amalekites **and**[\_]by the Amulonites to **anger** against their brethren.

<sup>2</sup>And their hatred became excedingly sore against them, even **insomuch** that they began to rebel[\_] against their king, **insomuch** that they would not that [X] he should be their king; therefore, they took up arms against the **people** of Anti-Nephi-Lehi.

<sup>3</sup>Now the king **conferred** the kingdom upon his son, **and** he called **his** name Anti-Nephi-Lehi.

<sup>4</sup>And the king died in that selfsame year that the Lamanites began to make **preparations** for war against the people of **God**.  
[X\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ X\_ \_ \_ \_]

<sup>5</sup>Now when Ammon **and** his brethren **and** all those **who** had come up with him saw the **preparations** of the Lamanites to destroy their brethren, they came forth to the land of **Midian**, **and** there Ammon met all his brethren; **and** from thence they came to the land of Ishmael that they might hold a council with Lamoni **and** also with his brother Anti-Nephi-Lehi, what they should do to defend themselves against the Lamanites.

<sup>6</sup>Now there was not one soul among all the people **who** had been converted unto the Lord that would take up arms against their brethren; [\_]nay[\_], they would not even make any **preparations** for war; yea, **and** also their king com[\_]manded them that they should not.

<sup>7</sup>Now, these are the words which he said unto the **people** concerning the matter: I thank my God, my beloved [X] **people**, that our great God has in **goodness** sent these our brethren, the Nephites, unto us to preach unto us, **and** to convince us of the traditions of our wicked fathers.

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& Behold I thank my great God that he has given us a portion of his spirit to soften our hearts that we have opened a correspondance with these Brethren the Nephites

& behold I also thank my God that by opening this corrispondence we have been convinced of our Sins & of the many mureers which we have committed

& I also thank my God yea my great God that he hath granted unto us that we might repent of these things & also that he hath forgiver us of these our many sins & murders which we have committed & took away the guilt from our hearts through the merits of his Son

& now behold my brethren since it has been all that we could do as we were the most lost of all mankind to repent of all our sins the many murders thich we have committed & to get God to take them away from our hearts for it was oll we could do to repent sufficiently before God that he would take away our stains

now my best beloved Brethren simce God hath taken away our stains & our swords have become bright then let us stair our swords no more with the blood of our Brethren

behold I say unto you nay let us retain our swords that they be not staind with the blood of our brethrer for perhaps if we should stair our swords again they can no more be washt bright through the blood of the Son of our great God which shall be shed for the atonement of our Sins

& the graat God has had mercy on us & made these things <sup>kn</sup>own unto us that we might not perish yea & he hath made these thengs made known unto us beforehand because he lovesh our souls as well as he loveth our children therefore in his mercy he diath visit us by hes Angels that the plan laid of salvation might be made known unto us as well as unto futures Generations

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<sup>8</sup>**And** behold, I thank my great God that he has given us a portion of his Spirit to soften our hearts, that we have opened a correspond<sup>ence</sup> with these brethren, the Nephites.

<sup>9</sup>**And** behold, I also thank my God, that by opening this correspond<sup>ence</sup> we have been convinced of our sins, **and** of the many murders which we have committed.

<sup>10</sup>**And** I also thank my God, yea, my great God, that he hath granted unto us that we might repent of these things, **and** also that he hath forgiven us of those our many sins **and** murders which we have committed, **and taken** away the guilt from our hearts, through the merits of his Son.

<sup>11</sup>**And** now behold, my brethren, since it has been all that we could do (as we were the most lost of all mankind) to repent of all our sins **and** the many murders which we have committed, **and** to get God to take them away from our hearts, for it was **all** we could do to repent sufficiently before God that he would take away our stain [ ]—

<sup>12</sup>**Now**, my best beloved brethren, since God hath taken away our stains, **and** our swords have become bright, then let us stain our swords no more with the blood of our brethren.

<sup>13</sup>**Behold**, I say unto you, Nay, let us [ ] retain our swords that they be not stained with the blood of our brethren; for perhaps, if we should stain our swords again they can no more be washed bright through the blood of the Son of our great God, which shall be shed for the atonement of our sins.

<sup>14</sup>**And** the great God has had mercy on us, **and** made these things **known** unto us that we might not perish; yea, **and** he has [ ] made these things [X] known unto us beforehand, because he loveth our souls as well as he loveth our children; therefore, in his mercy he do [ ] th visit us by his angels, that the plan [X] of salvation might be made known unto us as well as unto future [ ] generations.

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O how merciful is our God & now behold since it has been as much **234** as we could do to get our stains taken away from us & our swords are made bright let us hade them away that they may be cept bright as a testimony to our Cod at the last day or at the day that we shall be brought to stand before him to be judged that we have not stained our swords in the blood of our brethren since he imparted his word unto us & has made us clean thereby

& now my brethren if our brethren seek to destroy us behold we w<sup>ill</sup> hide away our swords yea even we will bury them deep in the earth that they may ce kept bright as a testimony that we have never used them at the last day & if our brethren destroy us behold we shall go to our God † & shall be saved

& now it came to pass that wen the king had made an end of the sayings & all the people were assembled together they took their swords & all the weopons which were used for the shedding of <sup>mans</sup> blood & they did bury them up deep in the earth

& thiss they did it being in their view a testimony to God & also to men that they never would use weopons again for the shedding of mans blood & this they did vouching & covenanting with God that rather then to shed the blood of their Brethren they would give up their own lives & rather then to take away from a Brother they would give unto him & rather than to spend their days in idlenees they would labour abundantly with their hands

& thus we see that when these Lamanites were brought to lrelieve & to know the truth they were firm & would suffer even unto death rather than to commit sin & thus we see that they buried the weopons of Peace or they buried the weonons of war for peace

& it came to pass that their Brethren the Lamanites made preparrtions for war & came up to the land of Nephi tor the purpose of dethroning the King & to place another in his stead & also of destroying the People of AnteNephiLehi out of the land

<sup>15</sup>**Oh**, how merciful is our God! **And** now behold, since it has been as much as we could do to get our stains taken away from us, **and** our swords are made bright, let us **hide** them away that they may be kept bright, as a testimony to our **God** at the last day, or at the day that we shall be brought to stand before him to be judged, that we have not stained our swords in the blood of our brethren since he imparted his word unto us **and** has made us clean thereby.

<sup>16</sup>**And** now, my brethren, if our brethren seek to destroy us, behold, we **will** hide away our swords, yea, even we will bury them deep in the earth, that they may **be** kept bright, as a testimony that we have never used them, at the last day; **and** if our brethren destroy us, behold, we shall go to our God **[X]** **and** shall be saved.

<sup>17</sup>**And** now it came to pass that **when** the king had made an end of these sayings, **and** all the people were assembled together, they took their swords, **and** all the weapons which were used for the shedding of **man's** blood, **and** they did bury them up deep in the earth.

<sup>18</sup>**And** this<sup>[ ]</sup> they did, it being in their view a testimony to God, **and** also to men, that they never would use **wea**p<sup>o</sup>n<sup>s</sup> again for the shedding of man's blood; **and** this they did, vouching **and** covenanting with God, that rather than **[X]** shed the blood of their **brethren** they would give up their own lives; **and** rather than **[X]** take away from a **brother** they would give unto him; **and** rather than **[X]** spend their days in idleness they would labo<sup>[ ]</sup>r abundantly with their hands.

<sup>19</sup>**And** thus we see that, when these Lamanites were brought to **believe** **and** to know the truth, they were firm, **and** would suffer even unto death rather than **[X]** commit sin; **and** thus we see that they buried their **wea**p<sup>o</sup>n<sup>s</sup> of **peace**, or they buried the **wea**p<sup>o</sup>n<sup>s</sup> of war, for peace.

<sup>20</sup>**And** it came to pass that their **brethren**, the Lamanites, made **prepar**at<sup>i</sup>o<sup>n</sup>s for war, **and** came up to the land of Nephi **for** the purpose of **destro**y<sup>[ ]</sup>ing the **king**, **and** to place another in his stead, **and** also of destroying the **people** of **Anti-Nephi-Lehi** out of the land.

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& it came to pass that when the people saw ~~th~~ that they were coming against them they went out to meet them & prostrated themselves before them to the ~~sa~~ earth & began to call on the name of the Lord & thus they were in this ~~attitua~~l attitude when the Lamanites began to fall upon them & began to slay them with the sword

& thus without meeting any resistance they did slay a thousand & five of theme & we know that they are blessed for they have gone to dwell with their God

now when the Lamanites saw that their Brethren would ~~235~~ not flee from the sword neither would they turn aside they turn to the be the right hand or to the left but that they would lay down & perish & ~~praided~~ God even in the very act of perishing under the sword

now when the Lamanites saw this they did forbear from slaying them & there were many ~~whi~~<sup>wh</sup> whose hearts had swollen in them ~~when~~ for those of their brethren who had ~~fillen~~ under the sword for they repented of the thing which they had done

& it came to pass that they threw down their weopons of war & they would not take them again for they were sorrow for the murders which they had committed & they came ~~dow~~n down even as their Brethren relying upon the mercies of those whose arms were lifted to slay them

& it came to pass that the people of God were joined <sup>that day</sup> by more than the number which had been slain & those which had been slain were righteous people therefore we have no reason to doubt but what they ars saved

& there was not a wicked man slain among them but there were more than a thousand brought to the knowledge of the truth thus we see that the Lord worketh in many ways to the salvation of his people

now the largestest number of those of tthe Lamanites which slew so many of their Brethren were Amelecites & Amulonites the greatest number of whom were ffter the order of the Nehors

<sup>21</sup>Now [X\_X\_X\_X\_X] when the people saw [ \_ \_ ] that they were coming against them they went out to meet them, **and** prostrated themselves before them to the [ \_ \_ ] earth, **and** began to call on the name of the Lord; **and** thus they were in this [ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] attitude when the Lamanites began to fall upon them, **and** began to slay them with the sword.

<sup>22</sup>**And** thus without meeting any resistance, they did slay a thousand **and** five of them [ \_ ]; **and** we know that they are blessed, for they have gone to dwell with their God.

<sup>23</sup>Now when the Lamanites saw that their brethren would not flee from the sword, neither would they turn aside [X\_X\_X\_X] **to** the right hand or to the left, but that they would **lie** down **and** perish, **and** praised God even in the ver [ \_ ]y act of perishing under the sword—

<sup>24</sup>Now when the Lamanites saw this they did forbear from slaying them; **and** there were many [ \_ \_ ] **wh** [ \_ \_ ]ose hearts had swollen in them [X] for those of their brethren who had **fallen** under the sword, for they repented of the things which they had done.

<sup>25</sup>**And** it came to pass that they threw down their weapons of war, **and** they would not take them again, for they were **stung** for the murders which they had committed; **and** they came [ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] down even as their brethren, relying upon the mercies of those whose arms were lifted to slay them.

<sup>26</sup>**And** it came to pass that the people of God were joined **that day** by more than the number **who** had been slain; **and** those **who** had been slain were righteous people, therefore we have no reason to doubt but what they **were** saved.

<sup>27</sup>**And** there was not a wicked man slain among them; but there were more than a thousand brought to the knowledge of the truth; thus we see that the Lord worketh in many ways to the salvation of his people.

<sup>28</sup>Now the [ \_ \_ ] **greatest** number of those of [ \_ ] the Lamanites **who** slew so many of their brethren were Amalekites **and** Amulonites, the greatest number of whom were **after** the order of the Nehors.

