

now we will return in our reckord to Amaleckiah & those which w<sup>flea</sup>ere with him into the wildarness for behold he had took those wech wente hith him & went up into the land of Nephi amongs the Lemanetes & did stir up the Lamanetes to anger against the Nephit<sup>people</sup>es of Nephi insomuch that the King of the Lamanites sent a proclamation throughout all his land among all h~~s~~es People that they should gather themselves together <sup>again to go up to</sup> battles ggaenst the Nephetes

& it came to pass that when the proclamation had gone forth among theer they were exceding fraid yea they w~~ere~~ feared to displeas the king & thei also feared to go to battle agaenst the Nephites least th~~ey~~ should lose their livess & it came to pass that they would not or they more part of them would not obey the commandment of the King

& now it came to pass that the king was wroth becaus<sup>e</sup> of there desobediamce therefore he gave Amelickiah the command of that part of his army which <sup>was</sup> obedeant unto his commands & commanded him that he should go forth & compel them to arms

now behold this was the desires of Amelickaah for he being a verry subtle man to do evel therefore he laid the plan en hes heart to dethroan the King of the Lemunites

& now he had gat the command of those parts of the Lamanites which were in faver of the King & he sought to gain favor of those which were not obedinnt therefore he went forwards to the place which was called Oneedah for thit~~he~~er had all the Lamanites fled for they descovered the army coming & supposing that they were coming to deetroy them therefore they feld to Oneidah to the place of arms

& they had **236** appointed a man to be a King & a leader over being beeng fixed in their minds with a determined resolution that they would not be subected to go against the Nephites

**CHAPTER 47**

*Amalickiah uses treachery, murder, and intrigue to become king of the Lamanites—The Nephite dissenters are more wicked and ferocious than the Lamanites. About 72 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>Now we will return in our rec[ ]ord to Amalickiah **and those who had [ ]fled[ \_ \_ ]** with him into the wilderness; for, behold, he had **taken those who went[ ] with him, and** went up in[ \_ \_ ] the land of Nephi among[ ] the **Lamanites, and** did stir up the Lamanites to anger against the [ \_ \_ \_ \_ ]**people [ \_ ]** of Nephi, in[ ]somuch that the **king** of the Lamanites sent a proclamation throughout all his land, among all [ \_ \_ ] **his people,** that they should gather themselves together **again to go [X] to battle[ ] against** the Nephites.

<sup>2</sup>**And** it came to pass that when the proclamation had gone forth among the**m[ ]** they were **exceedingly afraid;** yea, they **[X]** feared to displeas the king, **and they** also feared to go to battle **against** the Nephites le[ ]st [ ]they should lose their live[ ]s. **And** it came to pass that they would not, or the[ ] more part of them would not, obey the **commandments** of the **king.**

<sup>3</sup>**And** now it came to pass that the king was wroth because of **their disobedience;** therefore he gave Amalickiah the command of that part of **his** army which **was obedient** unto his commands, **and** commanded him that he should go forth **and** compel them to arms.

<sup>4</sup>Now behold, this was the desire[ ] of Amalickiah; for he being a ver[ ]y subtle man to do **evil** therefore he laid the plan **in his** heart to **dethrone** the **king** of the **Lamanites.**

<sup>5</sup>**And** now he had **got** the command of those parts of the Lamanites **who** were in favor of the **king; and** he sought to gain favor of those **who** were not **obedient;** therefore he went forward[ ] to the place which was called On[ ]idah, for thith[ ]er had all **[X]** the Lamanites fled; for they **discovered** the army coming, **and,** **suppos[ ]ing** that they were coming to **destry** them, therefore they **fled** to On[ ]idah, to the place of arms.

<sup>6</sup>**And** they had appointed a man to be a **king and** a leader over **them,** being fixed in their minds with a determined resolution that they would not be **subjected** to go against the Nephites.

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& it came to pass that they had gathered themselves to gather upon the top of the Mount which was called Antipah in a preparation to Battle

nor it was not Anelickiah's intention to give them Battle according to the commandments of the King but Behold it was his intention to gain favor with the armies of the Lamanites that he might place himself at their head & dethrone the King & take possession of the Kingdom

& behold it came to pass that he caused his army to pitch their tents in the valley which was in the Mear the Mount Antipas

& it came to pass that when it was night he sent a secret Embassy into the Mount Antipas desiring to be poisoned & he returns to the King & C.

that the leader of those which were upon the Mount whose name was Lehonti that he should come down to the foot of the Mount for he desired to speak with him

& it came to pass that when Lehonti received the Message he desired not go down to the foot of the mount & it came to pass that Amelickiah sent again the second time desiring him to come down & it came to pass that Lehonti would not & he sent again the third time

& it came to pass that when Amalickiah found that he could not get Lehonti to come down off from the Mount he went up into the Mount nearly to Lehonti's camp & he sent again the fourth time his Message unto Lehonti desiring that he would come down & that he would bring his guards with him

& it came to pass that when Lehonti had come down with his guards to Amelickiah that Amelickiah desired him to come down with his army in the night-time & surround those men in their Camps over whom the King had given him command & that he would deliver them up into Lehonti's hands if he would make him Amelickiah the second leader over the whole army

& it came to pass that Lehonti came down with his men & surrounded the men of Amelickiah so that before they awoke at the dawn of the day they were surrounded by the armies of Lehonti

<sup>7</sup>And it came to pass that they had gathered themselves together upon the top of the mount which was called Antipas, in preparation to battle.

<sup>8</sup>Now it was not Amalickiah's intention to give them battle according to the commandments of the king; but behold, it was his intention to gain favor with the armies of the Lamanites, that he might place himself at their head and dethrone the king and take possession of the kingdom.

<sup>9</sup>And behold, it came to pass that he caused his army to pitch their tents in the valley which was [X\_X] near the mount Antipas.

<sup>10</sup>And it came to pass that when it was night he sent a secret [X] embassy into the mount Antipas, desiring [ ]  
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[X\_X\_ ]

that the leader of those who were upon the mount, whose name was [ ]s Lehonti, that he should come down to the foot of the mount, for he desired to speak with him.

<sup>11</sup>And it came to pass that when Lehonti received the message he desired not go down to the foot of the mount. And it came to pass that Amalickiah sent again the second time, desiring him to come down. And it came to pass that Lehonti would not; and he sent again the third time.

<sup>12</sup>And it came to pass that when Amalickiah found that he could not get Lehonti to come down off from the mount, he went up into the mount, nearly to Lehonti's camp; and he sent again the fourth time his message unto Lehonti, desiring that he would come down, and that he would bring his guards with him.

<sup>13</sup>And it came to pass that when Lehonti had come down with his guards to Amalickiah, that Amalickiah desired him to come down with his army in the night-time, and surround those men in their camps over whom the king had given him command, and that he would deliver them up into Lehonti's hands, if he would make him (Amalickiah) a second leader over the whole army.

<sup>14</sup>And it came to pass that Lehonti came down with his men and surrounded the men of Amalickiah, so that before they awoke at the dawn of [X] day they were surrounded by the armies of Lehonti.

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& it came to pass that Ameleckiah caused that one of his Servants ~~d~~should administer poison by degreas to Lehonti that he died

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& it came to pass that Ameleckiah ~~mar~~ marched with his drmiees for he had gained his desires to the land of Nephi to the city of Nephi which was the cheef city

& the King came out to meet him with hes guards for he supposed that Amelickiah had fulfieed his commands & that Ameleckiah had gathered together so great an army for to go against the Nephites ~~into~~ Battle

but behold as the Keng came out be meet him Ameleckiah ~~caused~~ caused that his servents should go forth to meet the King & they went ~~up~~orth & bowed themselves before the King as if to reverance him because of his grea<sup>tness</sup>  
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& it came to pass that the Keng put forth his hand to <sup>raise</sup>~~ra~~ them as was the custome weth the Lamanites & a token of peace which custom they had taken from the Nephites

& it came to pass that when he had raised the first from the ground behold he stabed the King to the heart & he fell to the earth

now the servants of the King fled & the servants of Ameleckiah raised a cry saying

<sup>15</sup>**And** it came to pass that when they saw that they were surrounded, they ple~~at~~**d** with Amalickiah that he would suffer **them** to fall in with their brethren, [ \_ \_ ] that they might not be destroyed. Now this was the ver~~y~~**y** thing which Amalickiah~~[ ]~~ desired.

<sup>16</sup>**And** it came to pass that he delivered his men, cont~~r~~**ary** to the commands of the **king**. Now this was the thing that Amalickiah desire~~d~~**d**, that he might accomplish **his** designs in dethroning the **king**.

<sup>17</sup>Now it [ \_ \_ ] was the custom among the Lamanites, if their chief leader was killed, to appoint the second leader to be their **chief** leader.

<sup>18</sup>**And** it came to pass that Amalickiah caused that one of his **servants** [ ] should administer poison by degreas to Lehonti, that he died.

<sup>19</sup>Now, when **L**ehonti was dead, the Lamanites appointed Amalickiah to be their leader **and** their **chief** commander.

<sup>20</sup>**And** it came to pass that Amalickiah [ \_ \_ ] marched with his **armies** (for he had gained his desires) to the land of Nephi, to the city of Nephi, which was the **chief** city.

<sup>21</sup>**And** the **king** came out to meet him with his guards, for he supposed that Amalickiah had fulfilled his commands, **and** that Amalickiah had gathered together so great an army **[X]** to go against the Nephites [ \_ ]to **battle**.

<sup>22</sup>**But** behold, as the **king** came out **to** meet him Amalickiah **[X]** caused that his **servants** should go forth to meet the **king**. **And** they went [ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] **and** bowed themselves before the **king**, as if to rever**ence** him because of his **greatness**.  
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<sup>23</sup>**And** it came to pass that the **king** put forth his hand to **raise**[ \_ ] them, as was the custom~~[ ]~~ **with** the Lamanites, **[X]** **as** a token of peace, which custom they had taken from the Nephites.

<sup>24</sup>**And** it came to pass that when he had raised the first from the ground, behold he stab**bed** the **king** to the heart; **and** he fell to the earth.

<sup>25</sup>Now the servants of the **king** fled; **and** the servants of Amalickiah raised a cry, saying:

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behold the serrants of the King have stabled him to the heart & he <sup>has</sup>has fell & they have fled hehold come & see

& it came to pass that Ameleckiah commanded that his armies ~~M~~should march ~~foeeth~~ forth & ~~f~~s& see what had hapened ~~unto~~ to the king & when they had come to the spot & found the King leeing in his goar Amalickiah pretended to be wroth & said whosoever loved the King let him go forth & persue his servants that they may be slain

& it came to pass that when all they ~~w~~who loved the King when they heard these words came forth & persued after the servants of the King

now when the servants of the King saw an army persueing after them they were frightened again & fled into the wilderness & came over into the land of Zarahemla & joined the People of Ame<sup>Ammon</sup>leck

& the army which persued after them **288** returned haveing persued after them invain & thus Ameleckiah by his fraud gained the hearts of the People

& it came to pass on the morrow he entered the City Nephi with hes armies & took possession of the City

& now it came to pass that the Queen when she hath heard that the King was slain & foar Ameleckiah had sent an embassy to the Queen informing her that the ~~Q~~ King had been slain by his servants that he had persued them with his army but it ~~was~~ was invain & they had made their escape

therefore when the Queen had received this message she sent unto Ameleckiah desireing him that he would spare the People of the City & she also desired him that he should come in unto her & she also desired him that he should bring witnesses with him to testify comcernng the death of the King

<sup>26</sup>Behold, the servants of the king have stabbed him to the heart, and he **has[X]** fallen and they have fled; behold, come and see.

<sup>27</sup>And it came to pass that Amalickiah commanded that his armies [ ] should march [ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] forth and [ \_ \_X ] see what had happened [ \_ \_ ] to the king; and when they had come to the spot, and found the king ly[ ]ing in his gore, Amalickiah pretended to be wroth, and said: Whosoever loved the king, let him go forth, and pursue his servants that they may be slain.

<sup>28</sup>And it came to pass that [X] all they [ ] who loved the king, when they heard these words, came forth and pursued after the servants of the king.

<sup>29</sup>Now when the servants of the king saw an army pursu[ ]ing after them, they were frightened again, and fled into the wilderness, and came over into the land of Zarahemla and joined the people of [ \_ \_ ] Ammon[ \_ \_ \_ ].

<sup>30</sup>And the army which pursued after them returned, hav[ ]ing pursued after them in[ ]vain; and thus Amalickiah, by his fraud, gained the hearts of the people.

<sup>31</sup>And it came to pass on the morrow he entered the city Nephi with his armies, and took possession of the city.

<sup>32</sup>And now it came to pass that the queen, when she had[ ] heard that the king was slain—[X] fo[ ]r Amalickiah had sent an embassy to the queen informing her that the [ \_ \_ ] king had been slain by his servants, that he had pursued them with his army, but it [X] was in[-]vain, and they had made their escape—

<sup>33</sup>Therefore, when the queen had received this message she sent unto Amalickiah, desir[ ]ing him that he would spare the people of the city; and she also desired him that he should come in unto her; and she also desired him that he should bring witnesses with him to testify concerning the death of the king.

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& et came to pass that ~~same~~ Ameleckiah took that same servants that slew the King & also they which were with him & went in unto the Queen unto the place where she sat & they all testified unto her that the King was slain by his own servants & they said also they have fled does not this testify against them & thus they satisfied the Queen concerning the death of the Kind

& it came to pass that Amaleckiah sought the favor of the Queen & took her unto hem to wife & thus by his fraud & by the assistance of his cunning servants he obtained the Kingdom yea he was acknowledged King throughout all the land among all the People of the Lamamites which was composed of the Lemuelites & the Ishmaelites & the dessenters of the Nephetes from the Reign of Nephi down to the presant time

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<sup>34</sup>And it came to pass that [X \_ \_] Amalickiah took the [ ] same servant [ ] that slew the king, **and all them who** were with him, **and** went in unto the queen, unto the place where she sat; **and** they all testified unto her that the king was slain by his own servants; **and** they said also: They have fled; does not this testify against them? **And** thus they satisfied the queen concerning the death of the king.

<sup>35</sup>And it came to pass that Amalickiah sought the favor of the queen, **and** took her unto him to wife; **and** thus by his fraud, **and** by the assistance of his cunning servants, he obtained the kingdom; yea, he was acknowledged king thr[ ]oughout all the land, among all the people of the Lamanites, **who were and** the Lamanites **and** the Lemuelites **and** the Ishmaelites, **and all** the dissenters of the Nephites, from the reign of Nephi down to the present time.

<sup>36</sup>Now these  
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dissenters, having the same instruction **and** the same information of the Nephites, yea, having been instructed in the same knowledge of the Lord, nevertheless, it is strange to relate, not long after their dissensions they became [X \_ \_] more hardened **and** impenitent, **and** more wild, wicked **and** ferocious than the Lamanites—**drinking** [ \_ \_ \_ ] in with the traditions of the Lamanites; giv[ ]ing way to indolence, **and** all manner of lasciviousness; yea, entirely forgetting the Lord their God.