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 Chapter	 <u>CHAPTER 17</u>
_	Alma believes and writes the words of Abinadi-
	Abinadi suffers death by fire—He prophesies
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And now it came to pass that when Abinadi had finished these sayings that the King commanded that the Priests should take him & cause that he should be put to death

but there was one among them whose name was Alma Alma

& he believed the wowordsrds which Abinadi had spoken for he knew concerning the iniquity which Abinadi had spoken testified against them therefore he began to plead with the King that he would not be angry with Abinadi but suffer that he might depart in peace

but the King was more wroth & caused that Alma should be cast out from among them & sent his servants after him that they might slay him

but he fled [44] from before them & hid himself that they found him not & he being concealed for many days did write all the words which Abinadi had spoken

& it came to pass that the King caused that his guards should surround Abinadi & take him & they bound him & cast him into prison

& after three days having counciled with his Priests he caused that he should again be brought before him

& he said unto him Abinadi we have found an acquisition against thee & thou art worthy of death

for thou hast said that God himself should come down among the Children of men & now for this cause thou shalt be put to death unless thou wilt re^{recall}ea all the words which thou hast spoken evil concerning me & my People

whow Abinadi saith unto him I say unto you I will not recall the words which I have spoken unto you concerning this People for they are true & that ye may know of their surety I have suffered myself that I have fallen unto your hands

Abinadi suffers death by fire—He prophesies disease and death by fire upon his murderers.

About 148 B.C.

¹And now it came to pass that when Abinadi had finished these sayings, that the king commanded that the priests should take him and cause that he should be put to death.

²But there was one among them whose name was [X] Alma, he also being a descendant of Nephi. And he was a young man, and he believed the [__]words[___] which Abinadi had spoken, for he knew concerning the iniquity which Abinadi had [X] testified against them; therefore he began to plead with the king that he would not be angry with Abinadi, but suffer that he might depart in peace.

³But the king was more wroth, and caused that Alma should be cast out from among them, and sent his servants after him that they might slay him.

⁴But he fled from before them and hid himself that they found him not. And he being concealed for many days did write all the words which Abinadi had spoken.

⁵And it came to pass that the king caused that his guards should surround Abinadi and take him; and they bound him and cast him into prison.

⁶And after three days, having counseled with his priests, he caused that he should again be brought before him.

⁷And he said unto him: Abinadi, we have found an accu[_]sation against thee, and thou art worthy of death.

⁸For thou hast said that God himself should come down among the children of men; and now, for this cause thou shalt be put to death unless thou wilt [__]recall[__] all the words which thou hast spoken evil concerning me and my people.

⁹[_]Now[_] Abinadi said[_] unto him: I say unto you, I will not recall the words which I have spoken unto you concerning this people, for they are true; and that ye may know of their surety I have suffered myself that I have fallen into your hands.

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& now king Noah was about to release him for he feared his word for he feared that the Judgments of God would come upon him

but the Priests lifted up their voices against him & began to accuse him saying he hath reviled the king therefore the king was stired up in anger against him & he delivered him up that he might be slain

& it came to pass that they took him & bound him & scourged his skin with faggots yea even unto death

& now when the flames began to scorch him he cried unto them saying

behold even as ye have done unto me so shall it come to pass that thy seed shall cause that many shall suffer the pains that I do suffer even the pains of death by fire & this because they believe in the salvation of the Lord their God

& it will come to pass that ye shall be afflicted with all manner of deseases because of your iniquities

yea & ye shall be smitten on every hand & shall be driven & scattered to & fro even as a wild flock is driven by wild & ferocious beasts

& in that day ye shall be hunted & ye shall be taken by the hand of your enemies & then ye shall suffer as I suffer the pains of death by fire

thus God executeth vengeance upon those that destroy his People O God receive my soul

& now when Abinadi had said these words he fell having suffered death by fire yea having been put to death because he would not deny the commandments of God having sealed the truth of his words by death

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- ¹⁰Yea, and I will suffer even until [_] death, and I will not recall my words, and they shall stand as a testimony against you. And if ye slay me ye will shed innocent blood, and this shall also stand as a testimony against you at the last day.
- ¹¹And now king Noah was about to release him, for he feared his word; for he feared that the judgments of God would come upon him.
- ¹²But the priests lifted up their voices against him, and began to accuse him, saying: He has[_] reviled the king. Therefore the king was stirred up in anger against him, and he delivered him up that he might be slain.
- ¹³And it came to pass that they took him and bound him, and scourged his skin with faggots, yea, even unto death.
- ¹⁴And now when the flames began to scorch him, he cried unto them, saying:
- ¹⁵Behold, even as ye have done unto me, so shall it come to pass that thy seed shall cause that many shall suffer the pains that I do suffer, even the pains of death by fire; and this because they believe in the salvation of the Lord their God.
- ¹⁶And it will come to pass that ye shall be afflicted with all manner of diseases because of your iniquities.
- ¹⁷Yea, and ye shall be smitten on every hand, and shall be driven and scattered to and fro, even as a wild flock is driven by wild and ferocious beasts.
- ¹⁸And in that day ye shall be hunted, and ye shall be taken by the hand of your enemies, and then ye shall suffer, as I suffer, the pains of death by fire.
- ¹⁹Thus God executeth vengeance upon those that destroy his people. O God, receive my soul.
- ²⁰And now, when Abinadi had said these words, he fell, having suffered death by fire; yea, having been put to death because he would not deny the commandments of God, having sealed the truth of his words by his death.