

BOOK of MORMON COMPARATIVE  
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Chapter

An account of Alma & the people of the Lord which was driven into the wilderness by the people of king Noah—

Now Alma having been warned of the Lord that the armies of king Noah would come upon them & had made it known to his people therefore they gathered together their flocks & ~~to~~ took of their grain & departed into the wilderness before the armies of king Noah

& the Lord did strengthen them that the people of king Noah could not overtake them to destroy them

& it came to pass that they fled eight days journey into the wilderness

& they came to a land yea even a verry beautiful & pleasant land a land of pure water

& it came to pass that they pitched their tents & began to till the ground & began to build buildings .&C. yea they were industrious & did labour exceedingly

& it came to pass that the people were desirous that Alma should be their king for he was beloved by his people

but he saith unto them behold it is not expediant that we should have a king for thus saith the Lord ye shall not esteem one flesh above another or one man shall not think himself above another therefore I say unto you it is not expediant that ye should have a king

nevertheless if it were possible that ye could always have a just man to be your kings it would be well for you to have a king

but remember the iniquity of king Noah & his priests & I myself was caught in a snare & did many things which was abominable in the sight of ~~God~~ the Lord which caused me sore repentance

[X]

An account of Alma **and** the people of the Lord, **who were** driven into the wilderness by the people of King Noah.[\_]

*Comprising chapters 23 and 24.*

**CHAPTER 23**

*Alma refuses to be king—He serves as high priest—The Lord chastens His people, and the Lamanites conquer the land of Helam—Amulon, leader of King Noah's wicked priests, rules subject to the Lamanite monarch. About 145–121 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>Now Alma, having been warned of the Lord that the armies of king Noah would come upon them, **and having** made it known to his people, therefore they gathered together their flocks, **and** [\_ \_] took of their grain, **and** departed into the wilderness before the armies of king Noah.

<sup>2</sup>**And** the Lord did strengthen them, that the people of king Noah could not overtake them to destroy them.

<sup>3</sup>**And** [X\_X\_X\_X\_X] they fled eight days' journey into the wilderness.

<sup>4</sup>**And** they came to a land, yea, even a ver[\_]y beautiful **and** pleasant land, a land of pure water.

<sup>5</sup>**And** [X\_X\_X\_X\_X] they pitched their tents, **and** began to till the ground, **and** began to build buildings [\_X\_]; yea, they were industrious, **and** did labo[\_]r exceedingly.

<sup>6</sup>**And** [X\_X\_X\_X\_X] the people were desir[\_]ous that Alma should be their king, for he was beloved by his people.

<sup>7</sup>But he said[\_] unto them: **Behold**, it is not expedient that we should have a king; for thus saith the Lord: **Ye** shall not esteem one flesh above another, or one man shall not think himself above another; therefore I say unto you it is not expedient that ye should have a king.

<sup>8</sup>Nevertheless, if it were possible that ye could always have [X] just men to be your kings it would be well for you to have a king.

<sup>9</sup>But remember the iniquity of king Noah **and** his priests; **and** I myself was caught in a snare, **and** did many things which **were** abominable in the sight of [X] the Lord, which caused me sore repentance;

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nevertheless after much tribulation the Lord did hear my cries & did answer my prayes & hath made me an instrument in his hands in bringing so many of you to a knowledge of his truth

nevertheless in this I do not glory for I am unworthy to glory of myself

& now I say unto you as you have been ~~opposed~~ oppressed by king Noah & have been in bondage to him & his priests & have been brought into iniquity by them therefore ye were bound with the bands of iniquity

& now as ye have been delivered by the power of God out of these bonds yea out of the hands of king Noah & his people & also from the bonds of iniquity even so I desire that ye **154** should stand fast in this liberty wherewith ye have been made free & that ye s~~o~~ust no man to be a king over you

& also trusting no one to be your teachers nor your ministers except he be a man of God walking in his ways & keeping his commandments

thus did Alma teach his people that every man should love his neighbor as himself that there should be no contention among them

& now Alma was their high Priest he being the founder of their church

& it came to pass that none received authority to preach or to teach except it were by him from God therefore he consecrated all their priests & all their teachers & none were consecrated except it were just men

therefore they did watch over their people & did nourish them with things pertaining to righteousness

& it came to pass that they began to prosper exceedingly in the land & they called the land Helaman

& it came to pass that they did multiply & prosper exceedingly ~~exceedingly~~ in the land of Helaman & they built a city which they called the city of Helaman

<sup>10</sup>Nevertheless, after much tribulation, the Lord did hear my cries, **and** did answer my prayers, **and** has[ ] made me an instrument in his hands in bringing so many of you to a knowledge of his truth.

<sup>11</sup>Nevertheless, in this I do not glory, for I am unworthy to glory of myself.

<sup>12</sup>**And** now I say unto you, **[X]** ye have been **[X]** oppressed by king Noah, **and** have been in bondage to him **and** his priests, **and** have been brought into iniquity by them; therefore ye were bound with the bands of iniquity.

<sup>13</sup>**And** now as ye have been delivered by the power of God out of these bonds; yea, **even** out of the hands of king Noah **and** his people, **and** also from the bonds of iniquity, even so I desire that ye should stand fast in this liberty wherewith ye have been made free, **and** that ye **trust** no man to be a king over you.

<sup>14</sup>**And** also trust[ \_ \_ ] no one to be your teacher[ ] nor your minister[ ], except he be a man of God, walking in his ways **and** keeping his commandments.

<sup>15</sup>**T**hus did Alma teach his people, that every man should love his neighbor as himself, that there should be no contention among them.

<sup>16</sup>**And** now, Alma was their high **p**riest, he being the founder of their church.

<sup>17</sup>**And** it came to pass that none received authority to preach or to teach except it were by him from God. **T**herefore he consecrated all their priests **and** all their teachers; **and** none were consecrated except **they** were just men.

<sup>18</sup>**T**herefore they did watch over their people, **and** did nourish them with things pertaining to righteousness.

<sup>19</sup>**And** it came to pass that they began to prosper exceedingly in the land; **and** they called the land Helam[ \_ \_ ].

<sup>20</sup>**And** it came to pass that they did multiply **and** prosper exceedingly [ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] in the land of Helam[ \_ \_ ]; **and** they built a city, which they called the city of Helam[ \_ \_ ].

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nevertheless the Lord seeth fit to chasten his people yea he tryeth their patience & their faith

nevertheless whosoever patteth his trust in him the same shall be lifted up at the last day yea & thus it was with this people

for behold I will shew unto you that they were brought into bondage & none could deliver them but the Lord their God yea even the God of Abraham & of Isaac & of Jacob

& it came to pass that he did deliver them & he did shew forth his mighty power unto them & great was their rejoicings

for behold it came to pass that while they were in the land of Helaman yea in the city of Helaman while tilling the land round about behold an army of the Lamanites were in the borders of the land

now it came to pass that the Brethren of Alma fled from their fields & gathered themselves together into the city of Helaman & they were much frightened because of the appearance of the Lamanites

but Alma went forth & stood among them & exhorted them that they should not be frightened but that they should remember the Lord their God & he would deliver them

therefore they hushed their fears & began to cry unto the Lord that he would soften the hearts of the Lamanites that they would spare them & their wives & children

& it came to pass that the Lord did soften the hearts of the Lamanites & Alma & his brethren went forth & delivered themselves up into their hands & the Lamanites took possession of the Land of Helaman

now the armies of the Lamanites which had followed after the people of king Limhi had been lost in the wilderness for many days

& behold they had found those priests of king Noah in a place which they called Amulon & they had began to possess the land of Amulon & had began to till the ground

now the name of the leader of those priests was Amulon

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<sup>21</sup>Nevertheless the Lord seeth fit to chasten his people; yea, he trieth their patience **and** their faith.

<sup>22</sup>Nevertheless—whosoever putteth his trust in him the same shall be lifted up at the last day. **Yea, and** thus it was with this people.

<sup>23</sup>For behold, I will show unto you that they were brought into bondage, **and** none could deliver them but the Lord their God, yea, even the God of Abraham **and [X]** Isaac **and** of Jacob.

<sup>24</sup>**And** it came to pass that he did deliver them, **and** he did show forth his mighty power unto them, **and** great **were** their rejoicings.

<sup>25</sup>For behold, it came to pass that while they were in the land of Helam[ ], yea, in the city of Helam[ ], while tilling the land round about, behold an army of the Lamanites **was** in the borders of the land.

<sup>26</sup>Now it came to pass that the brethren of Alma fled from their fields, **and** gathered themselves together in[ ] the city of Helam[ ]; **and** they were much frightened because of the appearance of the Lamanites.

<sup>27</sup>But Alma went forth **and** stood among them, **and** exhorted them that they should not be frightened, but that they should remember the Lord their [ ] God **and** he would deliver them.

<sup>28</sup>Therefore they hushed their fears, **and** began to cry unto the Lord that he would soften the hearts of the Lamanites, that they would spare them, **and** their wives, **and their** children.

<sup>29</sup>**And** it came to pass that the Lord did soften the hearts of the Lamanites. **And** Alma **and** his brethren went forth **and** delivered themselves up into their hands; **and** the Lamanites took possession of the **land** of Helam[ ].

<sup>30</sup>Now the armies of the Lamanites, which had followed after the people of king Limhi, had been lost in the wilderness for many days.

<sup>31</sup>**And** behold, they had found those priests of king Noah, in a place which they called Amulon; **and** they had begun to possess the land of Amulon **and** had begun to till the ground.

<sup>32</sup>Now the name of the leader of those priests was Amulon.

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& it came to pass that Amulon did plead with the Lamanites & he also sent forth their wives which was the daughters of the Lamanites to plead with their brethren that they should not destroy their husbands

& it came to pass that the Lamanites had compassion on Amulon & his brethren & did not destroy them because of their wives

& Amulon & his brethren did join the Lamanites & they were **155** traveling in the wilderness in search of the land of Nephi when they discovered the land of Helaman which was possessed by Alma & his brethren

& it came to pass that the Lamanites promised unto Alma & his brethren that if they would shew them the way which led to the land of Nephi that they would grant unto them their lives & their liberty

but it came to pass that after Alma had shewn them the way that lead to the land of Nephi the Lamanites would not keep their promise but they set guards round about the land of Helaman over Alma & his brethren

& the remainder of them went to the land of Nephi & a part of them returned to the land of Helaman & also brought with them the wives & the children of the guards which had been left in the land

& the king of the Lamanites had granted unto Amulon that he should be a king & a ruler over his people which was in the land of Helaman nevertheless he should have no power to do any thing conterary to the will of the king of the Lamanites

<sup>33</sup>**And** it came to pass that Amulon did plead with the Lamanites; **and** he also sent forth their wives, **who were** the daughters of the Lamanites, to plead with their brethren, that they should not destroy their husbands.

<sup>34</sup>**And** [X\_X\_X\_X\_X] the Lamanites had compassion on Amulon **and** his brethren, **and** did not destroy them, because of their wives.

<sup>35</sup>**And** Amulon **and** his brethren did join the [ ] Lamanites, **and** they were traveling in the wilderness in search of the land of Nephi when they discovered the land of Helam [ \_ ], which was possessed by Alma **and** his brethren.

<sup>36</sup>**And** it came to pass that the Lamanites promised unto Alma **and** his brethren, that if they would show them the way which led to the land of Nephi that they would grant unto them their lives **and** their liberty.

<sup>37</sup>**But** [X\_X\_X\_X\_X] after Alma had shown them the way that le [ \_ ]d to the land of Nephi the Lamanites would not keep their promise; but they set guards round about the land of Helam [ \_ ], over Alma **and** his brethren.

<sup>38</sup>**And** the remainder of them went to the land of Nephi; **and** a part of them returned to the land of Helam [ \_ ], **and** also brought with them the wives **and** the children of the guards **who** had been left in the land.

<sup>39</sup>**And** the king of the Lamanites had granted unto Amulon that he should be a king **and** a ruler over his people, **who were** in the land of Helam [ \_ ]; nevertheless he should have no power to do any [ \_ ] thing cont [ \_ ]rary to the will of the king of the Lamanites.