

A lma 10

Chapter 8th

¹Now these ore the words which Amulek preached unto the people which was in the land of Amonihah saying.

²I am Amulek

I am the son of Gidanah
who was the son of Ishmael
who was a descendant of Aminadi
and it was that same Aminadi
which interpreted the writing which was upon the wall of the Temple
which was wr'itten by the finger of God

³and Aminadi was a descendant of Nephi
who was the son of Lehi
who came out of the land of Jerusalem
who was a descendant Manassah
who was the son of Joseph
which was sold into Egypt by the hands of his Brethren,

⁴and behold I am also a man of no small reputation
among all those who know me
yea and behold I have many kindred and friends
and I have also acquired much riches by the hand of my Industry
⁵nevertheless after all this I never have known much of the ways of the Lord
and his mysteries and marvelous power,
I said I never had known much of these things
but Behold I mistake
for I have seen mu^{ch} of his mysteries and his myraculous power
yea even in the preservation of the lives of this people
⁶nevertheless I did harden my heart,
for I was called many times and I would not hear,
therefore knew concerning these things,
yet I would not know

therefore I went on rebelling against God in the wickedness of my heart
even until the fourth day of this seventh month
which is in the tenth year of the Reign of our Judges.

⁷as I was a Journeying to see a very near Kindred
Behold an Angel of the Lord appeared unto me and said
Amulek return to thine own house
for thou shalt feed a Prophet of the Lord
yea a holy man which art a chosen man of God
for he hath fasted many dyse becauese of the sins of this people
and he is an hungered
and thou shall receive him into thy house and feed him
and he shall bless thee and thy house,

⁸and it came to pass that I obeyed the voice of the Angel
and returned towards my house
and as I was a going thither
I found the man which the Angel said unto me
thou shalt receive into thy house,
and behold it was this same man
which hath been speaking unto you concerning the things of God
⁹& the angel said into me
he is a holy man
wherefore I know he is a holy man
because it was said by an Angel of God,
¹⁰and again I know that the things whereof he hath testified are true
for ^bhold I say unto you that as the Lord liveth,
even so he hath sent his Angel to make these things manifest unto me
and this he hath done while this Alma hath dwelt at my house,
¹¹for behold he hath Blessed mine house;
he hath blessed me & my women and my Children
and my Father and my kinsfolks
yea even all my kindred hath he blessed
and the blessing of the Lord hath rested upon us
according to the words which he spake

¹²& now when Amulek had spoken these words
the people began to be astonished
seeing there was more than one witness
which testified of the things whereof they were accused
and also of the things which was to come
according to the spirit of prophesy which was in them
¹³nevertheless there were some among them which thought to question them
that by their cunning devices they might catch them in their words
that they might find witness against them
that they might deliver them to the Judges
that they might be Judged according to the Law
and that they might be slain or cast into Prison
according to the crime which they could make appear on witness against them

¹⁴now it was those men which sought to destroy them
which were Lawrers which were hired or appointed by the people
to administer the law at their times of trials
or at the trials of the crimes of the people before the Judges,

¹⁵now these Lawyers were learned in all the arts and cunning of the people
and this was to enable them that they might be skillful in their profession,

¹⁶And it came to pass that they began to question Amulek
that thereby they might make him cross his words
or contradict the words which he should speak

¹⁷now they knew not that Amulek could know of their design,
but it came to pass as they began to question him
he perceived their thoughts
and he saith unto them,
O. ye wicked and perverse Generation
ye lawyers and hypocrites
for ye are laying the foundations of the Devil
for ye are laying traps and snares to catch the holy ones of God
¹⁸ye are laying plans to pervert the ways of the righteous
and to bring down the wrath of God upon your heads
even to the utter destruction of this people,
¹⁹yea well did Mosiah say who was our last King
when he was about to deliver up the Kingdom
having no one to confer it upon
causing that this people should be governed by their own voices
yea well did he say that
if the time should come that the voice of this people should cause iniquity
that is if the time should come that this people should fall into transgression
they would be ripe for destruction

²⁰and now I say unto you
that well doth the Lord Judge of your iniquities
well doth he cry unto this people by the voice of his Angels
repent ye repent ye for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand
²¹yea well doth he cry by the voice of his Angels
that I will come down among my people with equity and Justice in my hands
²²yea and I say unto you that
if it were not for the prayers of the righteous which are now in the land
that ye would even now be visited with utter destruction
yet it would not be by flood as were the people in the days of Noah
but it would be by famine and by pestilence and the sword
²³but it is by the prayers of the righteous that ye are spared
now therefore if ye will cast out the righteous from among you
then will not the Lord stay his hand
but in his fierce anger he will come out against you
then ye shall be smitten by famine and by pestilence and by the sword
and the time is soon at hand except ye repent.

²⁴And now it came to pass that the people were more angry with Amulek
and they cried out saying
this man doth revile against our laws which are just
and our wise Lawyers which we have selected
²⁵but Amulek stretched forth his hand and cried the mightier unto them saying
O ye wicked and perverse Generation
why has Satan got such great hold upon your hearts
why will ye yield yourselves unto him
that he may have power over you to blind your eyes
that ye will not understand words which are spoken according their truth,

²⁶for Behold have I testified against your law
ye do not uderstond
ye say that I have spoken against your law,
but I have not,
but I have spoken in favor of your law
to your condemnation
²⁷and now Behold I say unto you
that the foundation of the destruction of this people is ◇ begining to be laid
by the unrighteousness of your lawyers and your Judges

²⁸and now it came to pass that when Amulek had spoken these words
the people cried out against him
now we know that this man is a child of the Devil
for he hath ~~hath~~^{lie<e>d} unto us
for he hath spoken against our Law
and now he saith that he hath not spoken it
²⁹and again he hath reviled against our Lawyers and our Judges &^ε

³⁰and it come to pass that the Lawyers put it into their hearts
that they should remember these things against him

³¹and it came to pass that
there was one among them whose name was Zeezrom
now he being the foremost to accuse Amulek and Alma
he being one of the most expert among them
having much business to do among the people

³²now the object of these Lawyers were to get gain
& they gat gain according to their employ