

Alma 14

¹& it came to pass that
after he had made an end of speaking unto the People
many of them did believe on his words
& began to repent & to search the scriptures
²but the more part of them were desirous
that they might destroy Alma & Amulek
for they were angry with Alma
because of the plainness of his words unto Zeezrom
& they also said that Amulek had lied unto them
& had reviled against their law & also against their lawyers & Judges
³& they were also angry with Alma & Amulek
because they had testified so plainly against their wickedness
they sought to put them away privelley
⁴but it came to pass that they did not
but they took them & bound them with strong cords
& took them before the chief Judge of the land
⁵& the People went forth & witnessed against them
testifying that they had reviled against their law
& their lawyers & Judges of the land
& also all the people that were in the land
& also testified that there was but one God
& that he should send his Son among the People
but he should not save them
& many such things did the People testify against Alma & Amulek
& it came to pass that it was done before the Chief Judge of the land

⁶& it also came to pass that
Zeezrom was astonished at the words which had been spoken
& he also knew concerning the blindness of the minds
which he had caused among the People by his lieing words
& his soul began to be harrowed up under a conciousness of his own guilt
yea he began be be enserceled about by the pains of hell
⁷& it came to pass that he began to cry unto the People saying
behold I am guilty & these men are spotless before God
& it came to pass that he began to plead for them ~~fr~~^m from that time forth
but they reviled him saying
art thou also possessed with the devil
& it came to pass that they spit upon him
& cast him out from among them
& also all those who believed in the words
which had been spoken by Alma & Amulek
& they cast them out & sent men to cast stones at them

⁸& they brought their wives & children together
& whosoever had believed or had been taught to believe in the word of God
they caused that they should be cast into the fire
& they also brought forth their records
which contained the holy scriptures & cast them into the fire also
that they might be burned & destroyed by fire

⁹& it came to pass that they took Alma & Amulek
& carried them forth to the place of marterdom
that they might witness the destruction of those which were consumed by fire

¹⁰& it came to pass that
when Amulek saw the pains of the women & children
which were consumeing in the fire
he was also pained
& he saith unto Alma
how can we witness this awful seen
therefore let us streach forth our hands
& exercise the power of God which is in us
& save them from the flames

¹¹but Alma saith unto him
the spirit constraineth me that I must not streach forth mine hand
for behold the Lord receiveth them up^{um} to himself in glory
& he doth suffer that they may do this thing
or that the people may do this thing unto them
according to the hardness of their hearts
that the Judgments which he shall exercise upon them in his wrath may be just
& the blood of the inocent shall stand as a witness against them
yea & cry mightily against them at the last day

¹²now Amulek saith unto Alma
behold perhaps they will burn us also

¹³& Alma saith
be it according to the will of ~~Ge~~^{the}d Lord
but behold our work is not finished
therefore they burn us not

¹⁴now it came to pass that when the bodies of those
which had been cast into the fire were consumed
& also the records which were cast in with them
the chief Judge of the land came
& stood before Alma & Amulek as they were bound
& he smote them with his hand upon their cheeks
& saith unto them
after what ye have seen will ye preach again unto this people
that they shall be cast into a lake of fire & brimstone

¹⁵ beholold ye see that ye had not power to save them
which had been cast into the fire
neither hath God saved them because they were of thy faith
& the Judge smote them again upon their cheeks & asked
what say ye for yourselves
¹⁶ now this Judge was after the order & faith of Nehor which slew Gideon

¹⁷ & it came to pass that Alma & Amulek answered him nothing
& he smote them again
& delivered them to the officers to be cast into prison

¹⁸ & it came to pass that when they had been cast into prison three days
there came many lawyers & Judges & Priests & teachers
which were of the profession of Nehor
& they came in unto the prison to see them
& they questioned them about many words
& ^{but} they answered them nothing

¹⁹ & it came to pass that the Judge stood before them & sayeth
why do ye not answer the words of this people
know ye not that I have power to deliver ye up unto the flames
& he commanded them to speak but they answered nothing

²⁰ & it came to pass that they departed & went their ways
but came again on the morrow
& the Judge also smote them again on their cheeks
& many came forth also & smote them saying
will ye stand again & Judge this People & condemn our law
if ye have such great power
why do ye not deliver yourselves

²¹ & many such things did they say unto them
gnashing their teeth upon them & spitting upon them & saying
how shall we look when we are damned

²² & many such things
yea all manner of such things
did they say unto them
& thus they did mock them for many days
& they did withhold food from them that they might hunger
& water that they might thirst
& they also did take from them their cloths that they were naked
& thus they were bound with strong cords & confined in prison

²³ & it came to pass after they had thus suffered for many days
& it was on the twelvth day in the tenth month in the tenth year
of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi
that the chief Judge over the land of Amonihah
& many of their teachers & their lawyers went in unto the prison
where Alma & Amulek was bound with cords

²⁴ & the chief Judge stood before them & smote them again
& saith unto them
if ye have the power of God
deliver yourselves from these bands
& then we will believe
that the Lord will destroy this People according to your words

²⁵ & it came to pass that they all went forth & smote them
saying the same words even until the last
& when the last had spoken unto them
the power of God was upon Alma & Amulek
& they arose & stood upon their feet

²⁶ & Alma creied saying
how long shall we suffer these great afflictions O Lord
O Lord give us strength
according to our faith which is in christ
even unto deliverance
& they brake the cords with which they were bound

& when the people saw this they began to flee
for the fear of destruction had come upon them

²⁷ & it came to pass that so great was their fear
that they fell to the earth & did not obtain the outer door of the prison
& the earth shook mightily & the walls of the prison were wrent in twain
so that they fell to the earth
& the chief Judge & the lawyers ^{& priests} & teachers
which smote upon Alma & Amulek
were slain by the fall thereof

²⁸ & Alma & Amulek came forth out of the prison
& they were not hurt
for the Lord had granted unto them power
according to their faith which was in christ
& they straitway came forth out of the prison
& they were loosed from their bands
& the prison had fallen to the earth
& every soul which was within the walls thereof
save it were Alma & Amulek were slain
& they ^{straitway} came forth into the city

²⁹ now the people having heard a great noise
came running together by multitudes to know the cause of it
& when they saw Alma & Amulek coming forth out of the prison
& the walls thereof had fallen to the earth
they were struck with great fear
& fled from the presance of Alma & Amulek
even as a goat fleeth with her young from two lions
& thus they did flee from the presance of Alma & Amulek