

Alma 16

Chapter

¹And it came to pass
in the eleventh year of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi
on the fifth day of the second month
there having been much peace in the land of Zarahemla
^{there} having been no wars nor contensions for a certain number of years
even until the fifth day of the second month in the eleventh year
there was a cry of war heard through ^{out} the land

²For behold the armies of the Lamanites had come in on the wilderness side
into the borders of the land even into the city of Amonihah
& began to slay the people & to destroy the city

³& now it came to pass
before the Nephites could raise a sufficient army to drive them out of the land
they had destroyed the people which were in the city of Amonihah
& also some around the borders of Noah
& taking others captive into the wilderness

⁴now it came to pass that the Nephites were desirous to obtain those
which had been carried away captive into the wilderness

⁵therefore ^{he} that had been appointed chief captain over the armies of the Nephites
& his name was Zoram & he had two Sons Lehi & Aha
now Zoram & his two Sons knowing that Alma was high priest over the church
& having heard that he had the spirit of Prophecy
therefore they went unto him & desired of him
to know whether ~~they~~ the Lord would that they should go into the wilderness
in search of their brethren who had been taken captive by the Lamanites

⁶& it came to pass that Alma enquired of the Lord concerning the matter
& Alma returned & said unto them
behold the Lamanites will cross the River Sidon in the South wilderness
away up beyond the borders of the land of Manti
& behold & ^{there} ~~be~~ shall ye meet them on the east of the river Sidon
& there the Lord will deliver unto thee thy brethren
which have been taken captive by the Lamanites

⁷& it came to pass that
Zoram & his Sons crossed over the river Sidon with their armies
& marched away beyond the borders of Manti into the South wilderness
which was on the east side of the river Sidon

⁸& they came upon the armies of the Lamanites
& the Lamanites were scattered & driven into the wilderness
& they took their brethren which had been taken captive by the Lamanites
& there was not one soul of them which had been lost that were taken captive
& they were brought by their brethren to possess their own lands

⁹& thus ended the eleventh year of the Judges
the Lamanites having been driven out of the land

& the people of Amonihah were destroyed
yea every living soul of the Amonihahites were destroyed &
also their great city
which they said God could not destroy because of its greatness^{ss}
¹⁰but behold in one day it was left desolate
& their carcasses were mangled by dogs & by wild beasts of the wilderness
¹¹nevertheless after many days
their dead bodies were heaped up upon the face of the earth
& they were covered with a shallow covering
& now so great was the scent thereof
that the people did not go in to possess the land of Amonihah for many ~~day~~^{years}
& it was called desolation of Nehors
for they were of the profession of Nehors which were slain
& their lands remained desolate

¹²& it came to pass that
the Lamanites did not come again to war against the Nephites
until the fourteenth year of the reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi
& thus for three years did the people of Nephi
have continual peace in all the land

¹³& Alma & Amulek went forth preaching repentance unto the ^{People}
in their Temples & in their sanctuaries & also in their Synagogues
which was built after the manner of the Jews
¹⁴& as many as would hear their words
unto them they did impart the word of God
without any respects of persons continually

¹⁵& thus did Alma & Amulek go forth
& also many more which had been chosen for the work
to preach the word throughout all the land
& the establishment of the church became General throughout the land
in all the region round about among all the people of the Nephites
¹⁶& there was no inequality among them
for the Lord did pour out his spirit on all the face of the land
for to prepare the minds of the Children of men
or to prepare their hearts to receive the word
which should be taught among them at the time of his coming
¹⁷that they might not be hardened against the ^{word}
that they might not be unbelievers & go on to destruction
but that they might receive the word with Joy
& as a branch be grafted into the true vine
that they might enter into the rest of the Lord their God

¹⁸now those priests which did go forth among the people did preach
against all lieings & deceivings & envyings & strifes & malice & revilings
& stealing robing plundering murdering committing adutery
& all manner of lasiveousness

crying that these things ought not so to be

¹⁹holding forth things which must shortly come
yea holding forth the coming of the Son of God his sufferings & death
& the resurrection of the dead

²⁰& many of the People did enquire
conserning the place where the Son of God should come
& they were taught that he would appear unto them after his resurrection
& this the people did hear with great joy & gladness

²¹& now after the church having been established throughout all the land
having got the victory over the Devil
& the word of God being preached in its purity in all the land
& the Lord pouring out his blessings upon the people
& thus ended the fourteenth year
of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi —