

Alma 20

¹& it came to pass that when they had established a church in that land that King Lamoni desired that Ammon should go with him to the land of Nephi that he might shew him unto his father

²& it came to pass that the voice of the Lord came to Ammon saying thou shalt not go up to the land of Nephi for behold the king will seek thy life but thou shalt go to the land of Middoni for behold thy brother Aaron & also Muloki & Ammah are in prison

³now it came to pass that when Ammon had heard this he sayeth unto Lamoni behold my brother & brethren are in prison at Middoni & I go that I may deliver them

⁴now Lamoni sayeth unto Ammon I know in the strength of the Lord thou canst do all things but behold I will go with thee to the land of Middoni for the king of the land of Middoni whose name is Antiomno is a friend unto me therefore I go to the land of Middoni that I may flatter the king of the land & he will cast thy brethren out of prison now Lamoni sayeth unto him who told thee thy brethren were in prison

⁵& Ammon sayeth unto him no one hath told me save it be God & he said unto me go & deliver thy brethren for they are in prison in the [land of Meddoni](#)

⁶now when Lamoni had ~~heard~~^{heard} ~~read~~ this he caused that his [servants should make](#) ready his horses & his charriots

⁷& he sayeth unto [Ammon](#) [come I will go with thee down to the land of Middoni & there I will plead](#) with the king that he will cast thy brethren [out of prison](#)

⁸& it came to pass that as Ammon was a journeying thither that they met the father of Lamoni who was king over all the land

⁹& behold the father of Lamoni sayeth unto him why did ye not come to the feast on that great day when I made a feast unto my Sons & unto my people

¹⁰& he also sayeth whither art thou going ~~w~~^{with} ~~h~~ this Nephite which is one of the ~~Sons~~^{children} of a liar

¹¹& it came to pass that Lamoni rehearst unto him whither he was going for he feared to offend him

¹²& he also told him all the cause of his tarrying in his own kingdom that he did not go unto his father to the feast which he had prepared

¹³& now when Lamoni had rehearsed unto him all these things
behold to his astonishment his father was angry with him & sayeth
Lamoni thou art going to deliver these Nephites which are Sons of liar
behold he robed our fathers

& now his children also are come amongst us
that they may by their cunning & their lyings deceive^{us}
thy they again may rob us of our property

¹⁴now the father of Lamoni commanded him
that he should slay Ammon with the sword
& he also commanded him
that he should not go to the land of Middoni
but that he should return With him to the land of Ishmael

¹⁵but Lamoni sayeth unto him
I will not slay Ammon
neither will I return to the land of Ishmael
but I go to the land of Middoni that I may releas the brethren of Ammon
for I know that they are just men & holy prophets of the true God

¹⁶now when his father heard these words
he was angry with him
& he drew his sw^{sword}ord that he might smite him to the earth

¹⁷but Ammon stood forth & sayeth unto him
behold thou shalt not slay thy Son
nevertheless it were better that he should fall than thee
for behold he hath repented of his sins
but if thou shouldst fall at this time in thine anger
thy soul could not be saved

¹⁸& again it is expediant that thou shouldst forbear
for if thou shouldst slay thy Son he being an inocent man
his blood would cry from the ground to the Lord his God
for vengance to come upon thee
& perhaps thou wouldst lose thy Soul

¹⁹now when Ammon had said these words unto him
he answered him saying
I know that if I should slay my son that I should shed inocent blood
for it is **thou that hast** sought to destroy him

²⁰& he stretched forth his hand **to slay Ammon**
but Ammon withstood his blows
& also smote his arm that **he could not use it**

²¹now when the King saw that Ammon could slay him
he began **to plead with Ammon** that he would spare his life

²²but Ammon raised his sword **& said unto him**
behold I will smite thee except thou wilt grant unto me
that my brethren may be cast out of prison

²³now the king fearing that he should lose his life said
if thou wilt spare me
I will grant unto thee whatsoever thou wilt ask
even to the half of the Kingdom

²⁴ now when Ammon saw
that he had wrought upon the old king according to his desire
he sayeth unto him
if thou wilt grant that my brethren may be cast out of prison
& also that Lamoni may retain his kingdom
& that ye be not displeas'd with him
but grant that he may do according to his own desires
in whatsoever thing he thinketh
& then will I spare thee
otherwise I will smite thee to the earth

²⁵ now when Ammon had said these words
the king began to rejoice because of his life
²⁶ & when he saw that Ammon had no desire^s to destroy him
& when he also saw the great love he had for his Son Lamoni
he was astonished exceedingly & sayeth
because this is all that thou hast desired
that I would release thy brethren
& suffer that my Son Lamoni should retain his kingdom
behold I will grant unto you
that my Son may retain his kingdom from this time & forever
& I will govern him no more

²⁷ & I will also grant unto thee that thy brethren may be cast out of prison
& thou & thy brethren may come unto me in my kingdom
for I shall greatly desire to see thee
for the king was greatly astonished at the words which he had spoken
& also at the words which had been spoken by his son Lamoni
therefore he was desirous to learn them

²⁸ And it came to pass that
Ammon & Lamoni proceeded on their journey towards the land of Middoni
& it came to pass that Lamoni found favour in the eyes of the king of the land
therefore the brethren of Ammon was brought^{forth} out of prison
²⁹ & when Ammon did meet them he was exceeding sorrowful
for behold they were naked & their skins were worn exceedingly
because of being bound with strong cords
& they also had suffered hunger thirst & all kind of affliction
nevertheless they were patient in all their sufferings
³⁰ & as it happened it was their lot
to have fallen into the hands of a more hardened & a more stiffnecked people
therefore they would not hearken unto their words
& they had cast them out & had smote them
& had driven them from house to house & from place to place
even until they had ariven to the land of Middoni
& their they were taken & cast into prison
& bound with strong cords & kept in prison for many days
& were delivered by Lamoni & Ammon ——