

Alma 21

Chapter

An account of the preaching of Aaron & Muloki & their brethren to the Lamanites

¹Now when Ammon & his brethren separated themselves in the ^{borders of the} land of the Lamanites

behold Aaron took his journey towards the land which was called by the Lamanites Jerusalem calling it after the land of their fathers nativity & it was away joining the borders of Mormon

²now the Lamanites & the Amalekites & the people of Amulon had built a great city which was called Jerusalem

³now the Lamanites of themselves were sufficiently hardened but the Amalekites & the Amulonites were still harder therefore they did cause the Lamanites that they should harden their hearts that they should wax stronger in wickedness & their abominations

⁴& it came to pass that Aaron came to the city of Jerusalem & firstly began to preach ^{to the Amalekites}

& ^{he} began to preach to them in their Synagogues for they had built synagogues after the order of the Nehors for many of the Amalekites & the Amulonites were after the order of the Nehors

⁵therefore as Aaron entered into one of them Synagogues to preach unto the people & as he was speaking unto them

behold there arose an Amalekites & began to contend with him saying what is that that thou hast testified

hast thou seen an Angel

why do not Angels appear unto us

behold are not this people as good as thy people

⁶thou also sayest

except we repent we shall perish

how knowest thou the thought & intent of our heart

how knowest thou that we have cause to repent

how knowest thou that we are not a righteous people

behold we have built sanctuaries

& we do assemble ourselves together to worship God

we do believe that God will save all men

⁷now Aaron said unto him

believest thou that the Son of God shall come to redeem mankind from their sins

⁸& the man sayeth unto him
we do not believe that thou knowest any such thing
we do not believe in these foolish traditions
we do not believe that thou knowest of things to come
neither do we believe that thy fathers & also that our fathers did know
concerning the things which they spake of
that which is to come

⁹now Aaron began to open the scriptures unto them
concerning the coming of Christ & also concerning the resurrection of the dead
& that there could be no redemption for mankind
save it were through^o the death & sufferings of Christ
& the atonement of his blood

¹⁰& it came to pass that as he began to expound these things unto them
they were angry with him & began to mock him
& they would not hear the words which he spake

¹¹therefore when he saw that they would not hear his words
he departed out of the Synagogue
& came over to a vilage which was called ~~Anianti~~ AniAnti
& there he found Muloki a preaching the word unto them
& also Ammah & his brethren
& they contended with many about the word

¹²& it came to pass that they saw that the people would harden their hearts
therefore they departed & came over into the land of Middoni
& they did preach the word unto many
& few believed on the words which they taught

¹³nevertheless Aaron & a certain number of his brethren
were taken & cast into prison
& the remainder of them fled out of the land of Middoni
unto the regions round about

¹⁴& those which were cast into prison suffered many things
& they were delivered by the hand of Lamoni & Ammon
& they were fed & clothed

¹⁵& they went forth again to declare the word
& thus they were delivered for the first time out of prison
& thus they had suffered

¹⁶& they went forth whithersoever they were led by the spirit of the Lord
preaching the word of God in every Synagogue of the Amalekites
or in every assembly of the Lamanites where they could be admitted

¹⁷& it came to pass that the Lord began to bless them
in ~~th~~^{somuch} ~~ei~~ that they brought many to the knowledge of the truth
yea they did convince many of their sins
& of the tradition of their fathers which were not correct

¹⁸& it came to pass that Ammon & Lamoni returned ~~to~~^{from} the land of Middoni
to the land of Ishmael which was the land of their inheritance

¹⁹& King Lamoni would not suffer
that Ammon should serve him or be his servant
²⁰but he caused that there should be Synagogues built in the land of Ishmael
& he caused that his people or the people which was under his reign
should assemble themselves together
²¹& he did rejoice over them
& he did teach them many things
& he did also declare unto them
that they were a people which was under him
& that they were a free people
that they were free from the oppressions of the king his father
for that his father had granted unto him that he might reign over the people
which were in the land of Ishmael & in all the land round about
²²& he also declared unto them
that they might have the liberty of worshiping the Lord their God
according to their desires in whatsoever place they were in
if it were in the land which was under the reign of king Lamoni
²³& Ammon did preach unto the people of King Lamoni
& it came to pass that he did teach them all things
concerning things pertaining to righteousness
& he did exhort them daily with all diligence
& they gave heed unto his word
& they were Zealous for keeping the commandments of God