

Alma 24

¹& it came to pass the Amelicites th the Amulonites & the Lamanites
which were in the Land of Amulon & also in the land of Helem

& which was in the Land of Jerusalem

& in fine in all the land round about

which had not been converted

& had not taken upon them the name of AntiNephiLehi

were stered up by the Amalekites &^{by} the Amulonites

to angar against their Brethren

²& their hatred became exceding sore againts them

even somuch that they began to rebell against their king

insomuch that they would not that ~~they~~ he should be their king

therefore they took up arms against the People of AntiNephiLehi

³now the king confedered the Kingdom upon his Son

& he called hes name AntiNephiLehi

⁴& the King died in that selfsame year

that the Lamanites began to make preperations for war against the people of ^{God} 1

⁵now when Ammen & his Brethren & all those which had come up with him

saw the preperations of the Lamanites to destroy their brethren

they came forth to the land of Medeon

& there Ammon met all his brethren

& from thence they came to the land of Ishmael

that they might hold a council with Lamoni

& also with his Brother AnteNephiLehi

what they should do to defend themselves against the Lamanites

⁶now there was not one Soul among all the people

which had been converted unto the Lord

that would take up arms against their Brethren

~~m~~^{may}ey they would not even make any preperations for war

yea & also their King comnaanded them that they should not

⁷now these are the words which he said unto the People concerning the matter

I thank my God my beloved ~~brethren~~ People

that our great God has in gootness sent these our brethren the Nephites unto us

to preach unto us & to convince us of the traditions of our wicked fathers

⁸& Behold I thank my great God

that he has given us a portion of his spirit to soften our hearts

that we have opened a corrispondance with these Brethren the Nephites

⁹& behold I also thank my God that by opening this corrispondence

we have been convinced of our Sins

& of the many mureers which we have committed

¹ OM Header = his speech to hes

¹⁰& I also thank my God yea my great God
that he hath granted unto us that we might repent of these things
& also that he hath forgiven us
of these our many sins & murders which we have committed
& took away the guilt from our hearts through the merits of his Son

¹¹& now behold my brethren
since it has been all that we could do
as we were the most lost of all mankind
to repent of all our sins the many murders which we have committed
& to get God to take them away from our hearts
for it was all we could do to repent sufficiently before God
that he would take away our stains

¹²now my best beloved Brethren
since God hath taken away our stains & our swords have become bright
then let us stain our swords no more with the blood of our Brethren

¹³behold I say unto you
nay let us retain our swords that they be not stained with the blood of our brethren
for perhaps if we should stain our swords again
they can no more be washed bright through the blood of the Son of our great God
which shall be shed for the atonement of our Sins

¹⁴& the great God has had mercy on us
& made these things known unto us that we might not perish
yea & he hath made these things made known unto us beforehand
because he loveth our souls as well as he loveth our children
therefore in his mercy he hath visited us by his Angels
that the plan² of salvation might be made known unto us
as well as unto future Generations

¹⁵O how merciful is our God

& now behold since it has been as much as we could do
to get our stains taken away from us & our swords are made bright
let us have them away that they may be kept bright
as a testimony to our God at the last day
or at the day that we shall be brought to stand before him to be judged
that we have not stained our swords in the blood of our brethren
since he imparted his word unto us & has made us clean thereby

¹⁶& now my brethren if our brethren seek to destroy us
behold we will hide away our swords
yea even we will bury them deep in the earth
that they may be kept bright
as a testimony that we have never used them
at the last day
& if our brethren destroy us
behold we shall go to our God & shall be saved

² OM Header = laid

¹⁷& now it came to pass that
when the king had made an end of the sayings
& all the people were assembled together
they took their swords & all the weapons
which were used for the shedding of ^{mans} blood
& they did bury them up deep in the earth
¹⁸& thiss they did
it being in their view a testimony to God & also to men
that they never would use weapons again for the shedding of mans blood

& this they did vouching & covenanting with God that
rather then to shed the blood of their Brethren
they would give up their own lives
& rather then to take away from a Brother
they would give unto him
& rather than to spend their days in idlenees
they would labour abundantly with their hands

¹⁹& thus we see that
when these Lamanites were brought to lerieve & to know the truth
they were firm & would suffer even unto death rather than to commit sin
& thus we see that they buryed the weapons of Peace
or they buryed the weonons of war for peace

²⁰& it came to pass that their Brethren the Lamanites made prepartions for war
& came up to the land of Nephi tor the purpose of dethronning the King
& to place another in his stead
& also of destroying the People of AnteNephiLehi out of the land

²¹& it came to pass that whem the people saw ~~th~~ that they were coming against them
they went out to meet them & prostraded themselves before them to the ~~sa~~ earth
& began to call on the name of the Lord
& thus they were in this ~~attituaal~~ attetude
when the Lamanites began to fall upon them
& began to slay them with the sword

²²& thus without meeting any resistance they did slay a theusand & five of theme
& we know that they are blessed
for they have gone to dwell with their God

²³now when the Lamanites saw that their Brethren would not flee from the sword
neither would they turn aside ³be the right hand or to the left
but that they would lay down & perish
& praided God even in the verry act of perishing under the sword

²⁴now when the Lamanites saw this
they did forbear from slaying them
& there were many ~~whi~~^{wh} whose hearts had swollen in them
~~wher~~ for those of their brethren who had fillen under the sword
for they repented of the thing which they had done

³ OM Header = they turn to the

²⁵& it came to pass that they threw down their weapons of war
& they would not take them again
for they were sorrow for the murders which they had committed
& they came ~~down~~ down even as their Brethren
relying upon the mercies of those whose arms were lifted to slay them
²⁶& it came to pass that the people of God were joined ^{that day}
by more than the number which had been slain
& those which had been slain were righteous people
therefore we have no reason to doubt but what they are saved
²⁷& there was not a wicked man slain among them
but there were more than a thousand brought to the knowledge of the truth
thus we see that the Lord worketh in many ways to the salvation of his people

²⁸now the largestest number of those of the Lamanites
which slew so many of their Brethren
were Amelecites & Amulonites
the greatest number of whom were after the order of the Nehors
²⁹now among those which joined the people of the Lord
there were none which were Amalekites or Amulonites
or which were after the order of Nehor
but they were actual descendants of Lamaan & Lemuel
³⁰& thus we can plainly discern that
after a people has been once enlightened by the spirit of God
& hath had great knowledge of things pertaining to righteousness
& then have fallen away into sin & transgression
they become more hardened
& thus their state becometh worse
then as though they had never known these things