

# A lma 30

## Chapter

<sup>1</sup>Behold now it came to pass that  
after the People of Ammon were established in the land ~~of~~ of Je<sup>r</sup>sh Jershon  
yea & also after the Lamanites were driven out of the land  
& their dead were buried by the People of the land  
<sup>2</sup>now their dead were not numbered because of the greatness of their number  
neither were the dead of the Nephites numbered  
but it came to pass that after they had buried their dead  
& also after the days of <sup>1</sup> fasting & mourning & prayer  
& it was in the sixteenth <sup>year</sup> of the reign of the Judges over ~~the peop~~ People of Nephi  
there began to be continual peace throughout all the land  
<sup>3</sup>yea & the people did observe to keep the commandments of the Lord  
& they were strict in observing the ordinances of God  
according to the law of Moses  
for they were taught to keep the law of Mose until it should be fulfilled  
<sup>4</sup>& thus he people did have no disturbance  
in all the sixteenth <sup>yea</sup> of the Reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi  
<sup>5</sup>& it came to pass in the commencement  
of the seventeenth year of the Reign of the Judges  
there was continual peace  
  
<sup>6</sup>but it came to pass in the latter end of the seventeenth year  
there came a man into the land of Zarahemla & he was Christ  
for he began to preach unto the People against the Prophesies  
which had been spoken by the prophets concerning the coming of Christ  
  
<sup>7</sup>now there was no law against a mans belief  
for it was strictly contrary to the commandments of God  
that there should be a law which should bring men on to unequal grounds  
<sup>8</sup>for thus saith the scripture  
choose ye this day whom ye will serve  
<sup>9</sup>now if a man desired to serve God it was his privilege  
or rather if he believed in God it was his privilege to serve him  
but if he did not believe in him there was no law to punish him  
<sup>10</sup>but if he murdered he was punished unto death  
& if he robbed he was also punished  
& if he stole he was also punished  
& if he committed adultery he was also punished  
yea for all these <sup>thes</sup> wickedness they were punished  
<sup>11</sup>for there was a law that men should be judged according to their crimes  
neverless there was no law against a mans belief  
therefore a man was punished only for the crime which he had done  
therefore all men were on equal grounds

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<sup>1</sup> OM Header = Korihor who is called Anti

<sup>12</sup>& this Anti Christ whose name **Korih** Korihor  
& the law could have no hold upon his  
& he began to preach unto Pthe People that there should be no Christ  
& after this manner did he Preach saying

<sup>13</sup>O ye that are bound down under a foolish & a **vane** <sup>hane</sup> hope

why do ye yooke yourselves with such foolssh things

why do ye look for a christ

for no man can know of any thtng which es to come

<sup>14</sup>behold these things which ye call Prophesees

are which ye say are handed down by holy Prophets

behold they are foolish tradidions of your fathers

<sup>15</sup>how do ye know of there surety

behold ye cannot know of things which ye do not see

therefore ye cannot know that there shall be a Christ

<sup>16</sup>ye look forward & say that ye see a remission of your sins

but behold it is the effects of a phrenzed mind

& this derangeeent of your minds comes because of the traditions of your fathers

which leads you away enter a belief of things which i<sup>are</sup>s not so

<sup>17</sup>& many more such things did he say unto them

telleng them that there could be no atonement made for the sins of men

but avery man farred in this life according to the management of the creature

there<sup>2</sup> fore every man prospered according to his genius

& that every man conquered according to his strength

& whatsoever a man did was no crime

<sup>18</sup>& thus he did preach unto them

leading away the hearts of many

causeng them to lift up their heads in their wickedness

yea leading away many women & asoo men to commit whoredoms

telling them that when a man was dead that was the end thereof

<sup>19</sup>now thes man went over to the land of Jershon & also

to preach these things among the People of Ammon

which were once the people of the Lamanites

<sup>20</sup>but behold they were more wise than many of the Nephites

for they took him & bound him & carred him before Ammon

which was a high priest over that Peopee

<sup>21</sup>& it came to pass that he caused that he should be carried out of the land

& it came to pass that he came over into the land of Gideon

& began to preach unto them also & here he did not have much success

for he was taken & bound & carried before the high Priest

& also the chief Judge over the land

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<sup>2</sup> OM Header = the high Preest &C.

<sup>22</sup>& it came to pass that the high priest sayeth unto him  
why do ye go about perverting the ways of the Lord  
why do ye teach this people that there shall be no Christ  
to interrupt their rejoiceings  
why do ye speak against all the Propesies of the holy Prophets  
<sup>23</sup>now the high priests name was Giddonah  
& Korihor sayeth unto him  
because I do not teach the foolish draditions of your fathers  
& because I do not teach this People to bind themselves ~~done~~ down<sup>n</sup>  
under the foolish ordinance<sup>s</sup> & Performances  
which are laid down by anceent Priests  
to usurp Power & authority over them  
to keep them in ignorance  
that they may not lift up theer heads  
but be brought dow<sup>n</sup> according to thy words

<sup>24</sup>ye say that this People is a free People  
behold I say there are in bondage  
ye tay that those ancient Prophesiss are true  
behold I say that ye do not know that they are true  
<sup>25</sup>ye say that this People is a guilty & a fallen Peopee  
because of the transgression of a Parent  
behold I say that a child is not guilty because of its parents  
<sup>26</sup>& ye also say that Christ shall come  
but behold I say that ye do not Know ~~there~~ that there shall be a Christ  
& ye say also that he shall be slain for the sins of the world

<sup>27</sup>& thus ye laad away this People after the foolish traditions of yours fathers fathers  
& according to your own desires  
& ye keep them down even as it were in beondage  
that ye may glut youselves with the labours of their hands  
that they ~~deast~~ dearest not look up with boldnes<sup>s</sup>  
& that they dearest not enjoy their rights & privileges  
<sup>28</sup>yea they dearest not make use of that which is there own  
lest they should offend their Preests  
which do yoke them according to their desires  
& hath brought them to believe by their traditions & their dreams  
& their whims & their vesion<sup>s</sup> & their pretended mysterees  
that they should if they did not ao according to their words  
offend some unknown being which they say is God  
a being which ~~hath~~ never hath been see seen nor <sup>3</sup> known  
which never was nor never will be

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<sup>3</sup> OM Header = Korihor before Alm

<sup>29</sup>now when the high priest & the chief & Judge saw the hardness of his heart  
yea when they saw that he would revile even against God  
they would not make any reply to his words  
but they caused that he should be bound  
& they delivered him up into the hands of the officers  
& sent him to the land of Zarahemla  
that he might be brought before Alma & the Chief Judge  
which was governor over all the land

<sup>30</sup>& it came to pass that when he was brought before Alma & the Chief Judge  
that he did go on in the same manner that as he did in the land of Gideon  
yea he went on to blasphemy  
<sup>31</sup>& he did rise up in great swelling words before Alma  
& did revile against the Priests & teachers  
accuring them of leading away the people after the silly traditions of their farthers  
for the sake of glutting by in the labours of the people

<sup>32</sup>now Alma sayeth unto him  
thou knowest that we do not glut ourselves upon the labours of this People  
for behold I have labourd  
even from the commencement of the reign of the Judges untill now  
with mine own hands for my support  
notwithstanding my many travels round about the land  
to declare the word of God unto my People  
<sup>33</sup>& notwithstanding the many labours which I have performed in the Church  
I have never received so much as even one Senine for my labour  
neither hath any of my Brethren  
save it were in the Judgment seat  
& then we have received only according to law for our time  
<sup>34</sup>& now if we do not receive any thing for our labours in the Church  
what doth it profit us to labour in the Church  
save it were to declare the truth  
that we may have rejoiceings in the joy of our Brethren  
<sup>35</sup>then why sayest thou that we preach unto this People to get gain  
when thou knowest thyself knowest that we receive no gain

& now believest thou that we deceive this People  
that causes such joy in their hearts  
<sup>36</sup>& Korihor answered him yea  
<sup>37</sup>then Alma sayest unto him  
believest thou that there is a God  
<sup>38</sup>& he answered nay  
<sup>39</sup>now if Alma sayeth unto him  
if ye deny again that there is a God & also deny the Christ  
for behold I say unto you  
I know there is a God  
& also that Christ shall come

<sup>40</sup>& now what evi~~dence~~ have ye that there is no God or that Christ cometh not  
I say unto you that ye have none ~~sare~~ save it be your word only  
<sup>41</sup>but behold I have all thengs as a testimony that these things are true  
& ye <sup>also</sup> have all things as a testimony unto you that they are true  
& will ye deny them  
believest thou that these things are true  
<sup>42</sup>behold I know that thou believest  
bet thou art posessed with a lyne lieing spirit  
& ye have put off the spirit of God that it may have no place in you  
but the<sup>4</sup> devil hath power over you  
& he doth carry you about  
working devises that he may destroy the pe<sup>children</sup> oplen of God

<sup>43</sup>& now Korihor sayeth unto Alma  
if thou wilt shew me a sign that I may be convinced that there is a God  
yea shew unto me that he hath power  
& then will I be convinced of the truth of thy words  
<sup>44</sup>but Alma saye~~h~~ unto him  
thou hast had signs enough  
will ye tempt your God  
will ye say  
shew unto me a sig sign  
when ye have the testimony of all these thy brethren  
& also all the holy Prophets  
the scriptures are laid before thee  
yea & all things denote there is a God  
yea even the earth & all things that is upon the face of it  
yea & its motion  
yea & also & all the plnnets which move in their regalar form  
doth witness that there is a supreme Creator  
<sup>45</sup>& yet do ye go about leading away the hearts of thes People  
testifying unto them there is no God  
& yet will ye deny ef~~g~~ against all these witnessess  
& he said  
yea I will deny except ye shall shew me a sign

<sup>46</sup>& now it came to pass that Alma said unto him  
behold I am greeved because of the hardness  
yea that ye will still resist the spirit of these truths  
that thy soul may be ~~◊~~ destroid  
<sup>47</sup>itut behold it is leetter that they <sup>thy</sup> souls should be lost  
then that thou shouldst be the means of bring~~ing~~ many souls down to destruction  
by thy lieing & by thy flattering words  
therefore if thou shall deyy again  
behold God shall smites thee that thou shalt become domb  
that thou shalt never open thy mouth any more  
that thou shalt not deceive this People any more

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<sup>48</sup>now Korihor sayeth unto him  
I do not deny the existance of a God  
but I do not believe that there is a God  
& I say also that ye do not know that there is a God  
& except ye shew me a sign I will not believe  
<sup>49</sup>now Alma sayeth unto him  
this will I gieve unto thee for a sign  
that thou shalt be struck dumb according to my words  
& I say that in the name of God that ye shall be struck dumb  
that ye shall no more have utterance

<sup>50</sup>now when Alma had said these words Korihor was struck domd  
that he could not have utterance according to the words of Alma

<sup>51</sup>& now when the chief Judge saw this  
he put forth his hand & wrote unto Korihor saying  
art thou convinced of the Power of ~~gē~~ God  
in <sup>w</sup>home did ye desire that Alma should shew forhh his sign  
would ye that he should afflict others to shew unto thee a sign  
now behold he hath shewed unto you a sign  
& now will ye dispute more

<sup>52</sup>& Korihor put forth his hand & wrote saying  
I Know that I am dumb for I cannot speak  
& I Know that nothing save it were the Power of God could bring this upon me  
yea & I always knew that there was a God  
<sup>53</sup>but behold the Devil hath deceived me  
for he appeared unto me in the form of an Angel & said unto me  
go & reclaim this People<sup>5</sup>  
fro~~r~~ for they have all wone astray after an unknown God  
& he sayeth unto me  
there was no God  
yea & he taught me that which I shoule say  
& I have taught his words  
& I taught them because they were pleasing unto the carnal mind  
& I taught them even untill I had much success  
insomuch that I verily believed that they were true  
& for this cause I withstood the truth  
even untill I have brought this great curse upon me

<sup>54</sup>now when he had said this  
he besought that Alma should pray ~~unto~~<sup>unto</sup> God  
that the curse might be taken from him

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<sup>5</sup> OM Header = Korihor is trodden to Dea

<sup>55</sup>but Alma said unto him  
if this curse should be taken from thee  
thou wouldst again lead away the hearts of this people  
therefore it shall be unto thee even as the Lord wilt

<sup>56</sup>& it came to pass that the curse was not taken off of Korihor  
but he was cast out & went about from house to house a beging for his food  
<sup>57</sup>now the knowledge of what had hapened unto Korihor  
was immediately published throughout all the land  
yea the proclamation was sent forth by the chief Judge to all the People in the land  
declareing unto those who had believed in the words of Korihor  
that they must speedily repent lest the same judgments would come unto them  
<sup>58</sup>& it came to pass that they were all convinced of the wickedness of Korihor  
therefore they were all converted again unto the Lord  
& this put an end to the iniquety after the manner of Korihor

& Korihor did go about from house to house a beging food for his support  
<sup>59</sup>& it came to pass that as he went forth among the People  
yea among a People which had seperated themselves from the Nephites  
& called themselves zoramites being led by a man whose name was Zoram  
& as he went forth amongst them  
behold he was ran upon him & troden down even uttill he was dead  
<sup>60</sup>& thus we see the end of him who perverteth the ways of the Lord  
& thus we see that the Devil will not support his children at the last day  
but doeth speedily drag them down to Hell