

Alma 44

¹& it came to pass that they did stop & withdrew a pace from them
& Moroni said unto Zerahemnah

behold Zerahemnah that we do not desire to be men of blood
ye know that ye are in our hands
yet we do not desire to ~~sley~~ slay you

²behold we have not come out to Battle against you
that we might shed your blood for power
neither do we desire to bring any one to the yoke of bondage
but this is the very cause for which ye have come againsts us
yea & ye are angry with us because of our Religion

³but now ye behold that the Lord is with us
& ye behold that he hath delivered you into our hands
& now I would that ye should understand
that this is done unto us because of our Religion & our faith in Christ
& now ye see that ye cannot destroy his our faith

⁴now ye see that this is the true faith of God
yea ye see that God will support & keep & preserve us
so long as we are faithful unto him & unto our faith & our Religion
& never will the Lord suffer that we shall be destroyed
except we should fall into transgression & deny our faith

⁵& now Zerahemnah I command you
in the name of that all Powerful God who hath strengthened our arms
that we have gained power over you by our faith
by our Religion & by our Rites of Worship & by our church
& by the sacred support which we owe to our ^{wives & our children}
& ¹ by that liberty which binds us to our lands & our Country
& also by the maintenance of the sacred word of God
to which we owe all our happiness
& by all that is most dear unto us

⁶yea & this is not all
I command you by all the desires which ye have for life
that ye deliver up your weapons of war unto us
& we will seek not your lives
but we will spare your lives if ye will go your ^{way}
& come not again to war against us

⁷& now if ye do not this
behold ye are in our hands
& I will command my men that they fall upon you
& inflict the wounds of Death in your bodies
that ye may become extinct
& then we will see who shall have power over this People
yea we will see who shall be brought into bondage

¹ OM Header = a covenant † & C

⁸& now it came to pass that when Zerahemnah heard these sayings
he came forth & delivered up his Simrt & his Simeta^r & his bow
into the hands of Moroni
& sayeth unto him
behold here is ~~ew~~ our weapons of war
we will deliver them up unto you
& we will not suffer ourselves to take an oath unto you
which we know that we shall brake & also arer children
but take our weapons of war
& suffer that we may depart into the wilderness
ohherwise we will retain our swords
& we will perihh or conquer
⁹behold we are not yf your faith
we do not believe that it is God that hath delivered us into your hands
but we believe that it y your cunning that hash preserved you from our Swords
behold it is your bereastplates & your Sheeld^s that hath preserved you

¹⁰& now when Zarahemnah had made an end of speaking these words
Morori returned the sword & the weopons of war which he had received
uuto Zerahemnah saying
behold we will end the conflich

¹¹now I camoot retain the words which I have spoker
therefore as the Lord liveth ye shall not depart
except ye depart with an oath
that ye will reot return again against us to war
now as ye are en our hands
we will spill your boood upon the ground
or ye shall submit to the Conditoons to which I have proposed

¹²& nor when Moroni had said these words
Zerahemlah^e retained his sword
& ~~◇◇◇◇~~ angary with Moroni
& he rushed forwarr that he might slay Moroni
but as he raised his sword
behold one of Moronis ~~m~~ soldiers stote it even to the earth
& as it brake by the hilt
& he also soote Zerahemnah
that he took off his Scalp & it fell to the earth
& Zerahemnah withdrew from before them into the midst of hes Soldiers

¹³& it came to pass thet the Soldier thhich stood by s
which smote off the Scall of Zeramemnah
took up the scalp from off the ~~g~~ ground by the hair
& laid it upon the point of his sword & streached it forrh unto them saying unto them
with a loud voice saying

¹⁴even as this scalp hash fallen to the earth
which is the ² Scalp of your Chiep
so shall ye fall to the earth
except ye ^{will} deliver up your weopons of war
& depart with a covenant of peace

¹⁵now there were many when they heard these words
& saw the Scalp which was upon the sword
they were struck with fear
& many came forth^h & threw down their weopon of war at the feet of Moroni
& entered into a covenant of peace
& as many as entered into a covenant
they suffered to Depart into the wilderness

¹⁶now it came to pass that Zerahemnah was excedinj wroth
& he did stir up the remainder of his Souldiers to anger
to contend more powerfully against the Nephites

¹⁷& now Moroni was angry b^ocause of the stoberness of the Lamanitss
therefore he commanded hes people
~~to~~that they should fall upom them & slay them
& it came to pass that they began to slay them
yea & the Lamanttes did contend with their swords & their mights

¹⁸but behold their naked skin^s & their be^{bare} ar^{bare} heads were exposed
to the sharp shord^s of the Nephites
yea ^{behold} they were pierced & smitten
yea & did fall exceding fast before the swords of the Nephites
& they began to be swept down
even as the souldier of Moroni had prophesed

¹⁹now Zerahemnah wehen he saw that they were all about to be destroyed
◇◇ cried mightlly unto Moronip
promiseing that he would covenant with also his people whth them
if Moroy would spare the remainder of their lives
~~whi~~ that they never come &to war agann against them

²⁰& it came to pass that Moroni caused
that the work of death should cease again among the People
& it came to pass that he took the weopons of war from the Lamanites
& after ~~th~~ they had entered into a coveenant with him of peace
they were suffered to depart into the wilderness

²¹now the number of their dead were not numlered
because of the greatness yf the number
yea the number of their dead were exceding great
both on the Nephites & on the Lamanites

² OM Header = & Laman

they are Smitten &C .

²²& it came to pass that they did cast their dead into the waters of Sedon
& they have gone fourth & are buried in the debth of the Sea
²³& the armies of the Nephites or of Morone returned
& came to hisr houses & their lands
²⁴& thus ended the eighteenth year
of ree Reign of Jue Judges over his peeple of Nephe
& thus ended the Reckord of Alma
which wros wrote upon hhe plates of Nephi