

Alma 47

¹now we will return in our reckord to Amaleckiah
& those which w^{flea}ere with him into the wildarness
for behold he had took those which wente hith him
& went up into the land of Nephi amongs the Lemanetes
& did stir up the Lamanetes to anger against the Nephit^{people}es of Nephi
insomuch that the King of the Lamanites sent a proclamation
throughout all his land among all ~~hs~~ hes People
that they should gather themselves together ^{again}
to go up to battles ggaenst the Nephetes

²& it came to pass that
when the proclamation had gone forth among theer
they were exceding fraid
yea they w~~ere~~ feard to displease the king
& thei also feard to go to battle agaenst the Nephites
least thhey should lose their livess
& it came to pass that they would not
or they more part of them would not
obey the commandment of the King

³& now it came to pass that
the king was wroth becaus^c of there desobediamce
therefore he gave Amelickiah the command of that part of hes army
which w^{was} obedeaunt unto his commands

& commanded him that he should go forth & compel them to arms

⁴now behold this was the desires of Amelickaah
for he being a verry subtle man to do evel
therefore he laid the plan en hes heart to dethroan the King of the Lemunites

⁵& now he had gat the command of those parts of the Lamanites
which were in favor of the King
& he sought to gain favor of those which were not obedinnt

therefore he went forwards to the place which was called Oneedah
for thitheer had all ~~the~~ the Lamanites fled
for they discovered the army coming

& supposing that they were coming to deetroy them
therefore they feld to Oneidah to the place of arms

⁶& they had appointed a man to be a King & a leader over being
beeng fixed in their minds with a determind resolution
that they would not be subected to go against the Nephites

⁷& it came to pass that thay had gathered themselves to gather
upon the top of the Mount which was called Antipah
in apreperation to Battle

⁸nor it was not Anelickiah^s intention
to give them Battle according to the commandments of the King
but Behold it was hes inteoteon to gain fauor with the armies of the Lamanites
that he might place himself at their head
& dethron the King & take possession of the Kingdom

⁹& beoold it came to pass that
he causeed his army to pitch their tents
in the vally which was ~~in the~~ Mear the Mount Antipus
¹⁰& it came to pass that when it was night
he sent a secret A Embassy into the Mount Antipus
desireeng¹ that the leader of those which were upon the Mount
whose name wers Lehonti
that he should come down to the foot of the Mount
for he desired to shpeak with him

¹¹& it came to pass that when Lehonti received the Mssage
he dearest not go down to the foot of the mount
& it came to pass that Amelickiah sent again the second time
desireing him to come down
& it came to pass that Lehonti would not
& he sent again the third time

¹²& it came to pass that when Amalickiah found
that he could not get Lehonti to come down off from the Mount
he went up into the Mount nearly to Lehontis camp
& he sent again the forth time his Message unto Lehonti
desireing that he would come down
& that he would bring his guards with him

¹³& it came to pass that when Lehonti had come down
with hes guards to Ameleckiak
that Amelckiah desered him^{to} come down with his army in the tighttime
& surround those men in their Camps
◇over whom the King had gave him command
& that he would deliver them up into Lehontees hands
if he madld hake him Ameleckeah the second leader over the whole army

¹⁴& it came to pass thet Lehonti came down ◇◇wn with his men
t[&] surrounded the men of Ameleckiah
so that before th^ey aw~~o~~ awoke at the dawn of the day
they were surrounded by the armies of Lehonti

¹⁵& it came to pass that when they saw that they were surrounded
they pleat with Ameleckiah
that he would supfer then to fall in with their Brethren
~~tha~~ that they might not be destroid
now this was the rerry thing which Amaleckeah◇ desered

¹⁶& it came to pass that he delevered his men
conterary to the commands of the King
now this was the thing that Ameleckiah desired
that he might accomplish hes designs in dethroning the King

¹ OM Header = to be poesened &he returns to the
King &C.

¹⁷now it was the custom among the Lamanites
if their chief leader was killed
to appoint the second leader to be their Chief leader
¹⁸& it came to pass that Ameleckiah caused
that one of his Servants should administer poison by degrees to Lehonti
that he died
¹⁹now when Lahonti was dead
the Lamanites appointed Ameleckiah to be their leader & their Chief commander

²⁰& it came to pass that Ameleckiah ~~mar~~ marched with his armies
for he had gained his desires
to the land of Nephi to the city of Nephi which was the chief city

²¹& the King came out to meet him with his guards
for he supposed that Ameleckiah had fulfilled his commands
& that Ameleckiah had gathered together so great an army
for to go against the Nephites into Battle

²²but behold as the King came out to meet him
Ameleckiah ~~caused~~ caused that his servants should go forth to meet the King
& they went up and bowed themselves before the King
as if to reverence him because of his greatness²

²³& it came to pass that the King put forth his hand to ^{raise} ~~ra~~ them
as was the custom with the Lamanites & a token of peace
which custom they had taken from the Nephites

²⁴& it came to pass that when he had raised the first from the ground
behold he stabbed the King to the heart & he fell to the earth

²⁵now the servants of the King fled
& the servants of Ameleckiah raised a cry saying
²⁶behold the servants of the King have stabbed him to the heart
& he ^{has} ~~has~~ fell & they have fled
behold come & see

²⁷& it came to pass that Ameleckiah commanded
that his armies should march ~~forth~~ forth to see what had happened unto the king
& when they had come to the spot & found the King lying in his gore
Ameleckiah pretended to be wroth & said
whosoever loved the King let him go forth & pursue his servants
that they may be slain

²⁸& it came to pass that when all they who loved the King
when they heard these words
came forth & pursued after the servants of the King

²⁹now when the servants of the King saw an army pursuing after them
they were frightened again & fled into the wilderness
& came over into the land of Zarahemla & joined the People of Ame^{Ammon}leck

³⁰& the army which pursued after them returned
having pursued after them in vain
& thus Ameleckiah by his fraud gained the hearts of the People

² OM Header = Ameleckiah Causes the King to die

³¹& it came to pass on the morrow
he entered the City Nephi with his armies & took possession of the City

³²& now it came to pass that the Queen
when she hath heard that the King was slain
& for Aameleckiah had sent an embassy to the Queen informing her
that the King had been slain by his servants
that he had pursued them with his army
but it was in vain & they had made their escape

³³therefore when the Queen had received this message
she sent unto Aameleckiah
desiring him that he would spare the People of the City
& she also desired him that he should come in unto her
& she also desired him that he should bring witnesses with him
to testify concerning the death of the King

³⁴& it came to pass that Aameleckiah
Aameleckiah took that same servants that slew the King
& also they which were with him
& went in unto the Queen unto the place where she sat
& they all testified unto her that the King was slain by his own servants
& they said also
they have fled
does not this testify against them
& thus they satisfied the Queen concerning the death of the King

³⁵& it came to pass that
Aameleckiah sought the favor of the Queen & took her unto him to wife
& thus by his fraud & by the assistance of his cunning servants
he obtained the Kingdom
yea he was acknowledged King throughout all the land
among all the People of the Lamamites
which was composed of the Lemuelites & the Ishmaelites
& the dissenters of the Nephites
from the Reign of Nephi down to the present time

³⁶now these ³ dissenters
having the same instruction & the same information of the Nephites
yea having been instructed in the same knowledge of the Lord
nevertheless it is strange to relate
not long after their dissensions
they became ~~more in~~ more hardened & impenitent
& more wild wicked & ferocious
that the Lamanites ^{drinking} ~~drank~~ in with the traditions of the Lamanites
giving way to indolence & all manner of lasciviousness
yea entirely forgetting the Lord their God

³ OM Header = go against his Brethren & C