

Alma 49

¹& now it came to pass in the eleventh month of the nineteenth year
on the tenth day of the Month

the armies of the Lamanites were seen approaching
towards the land of Ammonihah

²& behold the City had been rebuilt

& Moroni had stationed an army by the borders of the city

& they had cast up dirt round about

to shield them from the arrows of & the stones of the Lamanites

for behold they fought with stones & with arrows

³behold I said that the city of Ammonihah had been rebuild

I say unto you yea that it was in part rebuilt

& because the Lamanites had destroyed it once

because of the iniquity of the People

they supposed that it would again become an easy prey for them

⁴but behold how great was their disappointment

for behold the Nephites had dug up a ridge of earth around about them

which was so high that the Lamanites could not cast

their stones & their arrows at them that they might take effect

neither could they come upon them save it was by the place of entrance

⁵wow at this time the chief Captains of the Lamanites were astonished exceedingly
because of the wisdom of the Nephites in repairing their places of security

⁶now the leaders of the Lamanites had supposed by the

because of the greatness of their numbers

yea they supposed that they should be privileged

to come upon them as they had hitherto done

yea & they had also prepared themselves with shields & with breastplates

& they had also prepared themselves with garments of skins

yea very thick garments to cover their nakedness

⁷& being thus prepared

they supposed that they should easily overpower

& subject their Brethren to the yoke of bondage

of slay & massacre them according to their pleasure

⁸but behold to their uttermost astonishment

they were prepared for them in a manner

which never had been known among the children of Lehi

now they were prepared for the Lamanites

to Battle after the manner of the instructions of Moroni

⁹& it came to pass that the Lamanites or the Ameleckiahites¹

were exceedingly astonished at their manner of preparation for war

¹ OM Header = the Lamanites go to the City

¹⁰now if King Ameleckiah had came down out of the land of Nephi
at the head of his army
perhaps he would have caused
the Lamanites to have attacked the Nephites at the City of Ammonihah
for behold he did care not for the blood of his People
¹¹but behold Amalickiah did not come down himself to Battle
& Behold his Chief captains desired not to attack
the Nephites at the City of Ammonihah
for Moroni had altered the management of affairs among the Nephites
insomuch that the Lamanites were disappointed in their places of retreat
& they could not come upon them

¹²therefore they retreated into the wilderness
& took their camp & marched towards the Land of Noah
supposing that to be the next best place for them to come against the Nephites

¹³for they knew not that Moroni had fortified
or had built forts of security for every City in all the land round about
therefore they marched forward to the land of Noah with a firm determination
yea their chief Captains came forward & took an oath
that they would destroy the People of that City

¹⁴but Behold to their astonishment
the city of Noah which had hitherto been a weak place
had now by the means of Moroni become strong
yea even to exceed the strength of the City Ammonihah

¹⁵& now behold this was wisdom in Moroni
for he had supposed that they would be frightened at the City Ammonihah
& as the City of Noah had hitherto been the weakest part of the land
therefore they would march thither to Battle
& thus it was according to his desires

¹⁶& behold Moroni had appointed Lehi
to be chief Captain over the men of that City
For it was that same Lehi which fought with the Lamanites
in the valley on the east of the River Sidon

¹⁷& now behold ^{it came to pass} that
when the Lamanites ~~had~~ had found that Lehi commanded the City
they were again disappointed
for they feared Lehi exceedingly
nevertheless their chief Captains had sworn with an oath to attack the city
therefore they brought up their armies

¹⁸now behold the Lamanites could not get into their forts of security
by any other way save by the entrance
because of the height of the bank which had been thrown up
& the depth of the ditch which ~~had~~ had been dug ~~round~~ round about
same it were by the entrance

¹⁹& thus were the Nephites prepared to destroy all such
as should attempt to climb up to enter the fort by any other way
by casting over the stones & arrows at them

²⁰thus they were prepared
yea a body of their most strong men with their swords & their slings
to smite down all who should attempt
to come ~~un~~ in to their place of security by the place of entrance
& thus w^{ere they prepared}² to defend themselves against the Lamanites

²¹& et came to pass that
the captaaains of the Lamanites brought up their armies
before the place of entrance
& began to contend with the Lam~~Nephites~~^{anites}
to get into their place of security
but behold they were driven back from time to time
insomuch that they were slain with an immense slaughter

²²now when they found
that they could not obtain power over the Nephites by the pass
they began to dig down their banks of earth
that they might obtain a pass to their armies
that they might have an equal chance to fight
but Behold in these attempts they were swept off
by the stones & the arrows which were thrown at them
& in stead of filling up their ditches by pulling down the banks of earth
they were ^{filled} up in a measure with their dead & wounded ~~o~~ bodies

²³thus the Nephites had all power over their enemies

& thus the Lamanites did attempt to destroy the Nephites
untel their chief Captains were all slain
yea & more that a thousand of the Lamanites were slain
while on the other hand

there was not a single soul of the Nephites which were slain

²⁴they were about fifty which were wounded
which had been exposed to the arrows of the Lamantes though the pass
but they were shielded by their shields & their breast plates & their head plates
insomuch that their wounds were up on their legs
many of which were verry severe

²⁵& it came to pass that when the Lamanites saw
that their chief captanns were all slain
they fled into the wilderness

& it came to pass that they returned to the land of Nephi
to inform their King Ameleckiah who was a Nephite by bearth
concerning their great loss

²⁶& it came to pass that he was excednng angary with his People
because he had not ~~o~~ obtained his desires over the Nephites
he had not subjected them to the yoke of Bondage

² OM Header = a great Slaughter ~~o~~ f & C.

²⁷ yea he was exceeding wroth
& he did curse God & also Moroni
& swearing with an oath that he would drink his Blooo
& this € because Moroni had kept the Commandmerts of God
in prepareing for the safty of his People

²⁸ & it came to pass that on the other hand
the People of Nephe ded thank the Lord their God
because of his mackckelous power in delivering them
from the hands of their enemy

²⁹ & & this ended the nineteenth year
of the Reign of the Judges over the People of Nephe

³⁰ yea & their was contitual peace among them
& exceding great preosperity in the Church
because of their head & diligence which they gave unto the word of God
which was declaired unto them
by Helaman & Shiblón & Coreanton & Ammon & his Brethren .&C
yea & by all those which had been ordained by the holy of God
being Babtesed unto repentance
& sent forth to preach among the People &C