

## Alma 49

<sup>1</sup>& 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

<sup>2</sup>& 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

<sup>3</sup>behold 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

<sup>4</sup>but 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

<sup>5</sup>wow 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

<sup>6</sup>now 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

<sup>7</sup>& 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

<sup>8</sup>but 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

<sup>9</sup>& it came to pass that the Lamanites or the Ameleckiahites<sup>1</sup>

were exceedingly astonished at their manner of preparation for war

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<sup>1</sup> OM Header = the Lamanites go to the City

<sup>10</sup>now 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 bold of his People  
<sup>11</sup>but behold Amalickiah did not come down himself to Battle  
& Behold his Chief captains dearest not 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

<sup>12</sup>therefore 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

<sup>13</sup>for 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

<sup>14</sup>but 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

<sup>15</sup>& 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

<sup>16</sup>& 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

<sup>17</sup>& now behold <sup>it came to pass</sup> that  
when the Lamanites ~~had~~ had found that Lehi commended 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

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

<sup>19</sup>& 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

<sup>20</sup>thus 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<sup>ere they prepared</sup><sup>2</sup> to defend themselves against the Lamanites

<sup>21</sup>& 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~~<sup>anites</sup>  
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

<sup>22</sup>now 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 <sup>filled</sup> up in a measure with their dead & wounded ~~o~~ bodies

<sup>23</sup>thus 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

<sup>24</sup>they 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

<sup>25</sup>& 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

<sup>26</sup>& 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

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<sup>2</sup> OM Header = a great Slaughter ~~o~~ f & C.

<sup>27</sup> 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

<sup>28</sup> & 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

<sup>29</sup> & & this ended the nineteenth year  
of the Reign of the Judges over the People of Nephe

<sup>30</sup> 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