

Alma 54 Chapter

¹And now it came to pass
en the comee twenty & ninth y^{year}ear
that Amamoron sett unto Moroni desireing that he would exchange prisoners
²& it came to pass that Moroni felt to rejoice excedingly at this request
for he desered the Provisiions
which was emparked for the Support of the Lamanites Prisoners
for the suffr^{ort} of his own Peopel
& he also desired ~~disered~~ his own people
for the strengtheneng of this army
³now the Lamanetes had taken many women & children
& ther^e was not a woman nor^{or} a
child among all the Prisoners of ~~the Nephites~~ Moroni
or the Prisoners wherch Moroni had taken
therefore Moroni resolved upon a stratagem to obtain
as many presoners of the Nephites from the Lamanites as it were possible
⁴therefore he wrote an epistle & sert it ~~to~~ by the servant of Ammoroni
the same who had brought an epistle to Moroni

now these are the words which he wrote unto Ammoron saying
⁵Behohold Ammoron I have wrote unto you some what
concerning this war which ye have waged against my People
or rather which thy Brother hath waged against them
& which ye are still determened to carry on after his death
⁶behold I would tell you sometheng concerning the justece of God
& the sword of his Almighty wrath wherch doath hang over you
except ye repent & withdraw your armies into your own lands
of your possesseions which is the land of Nephi
⁷yea I would tell you these thengs
if ye were capable of hearkeⁿeng unto them
yea I would tell you coneeerneng that awful Hell
that awaits to receive such murderers as thou & thy Brother hath been
except yea repent & withdraw youl merderous purposees
& return with your armees to your own lands
⁸but as ye have once rejected these thengs
& have faught against the People of the Lord
evenso I may expect you will do it again

⁹& now behold we are prepared to receive you
yea & except you withdraw your purposes
behold ye will pull down
the whath of thett God whom ye have rejected
upon
yea even to your utter destruction

¹⁰but as the Lord levesth
our armies shall come upon you execept ye with draw
t ye shall soon be vesited with death
for we will retain our cities & our lands
yea & we will taintain our relegion & the cause of our God

¹¹but behodd it supposeth me that I talk to you concerning these thengs invaen
ir it supposeth me that thou art a child of Hell
therefore I will close my epistle by telling you
that I ^{will not exchange Prisoners} ¹ save it be on conditions
that ye will deliver up a man & his wife & his children for one prisoner
if this be the case that ye will do it I will exchange

¹²& behold if ye do not thes
I will come agaenst you with my armies
yea even I will arm my women & my thildren
& I will com^e against you
& I will follow you even unto your own land
which is the land of our first inheritance
yea & it shall be blood for blood ^{yea} life for fife
& I will give you battle
even untill you are destroid from off the face of the earth

¹³behold I am in my anger & also my People
ye have saught to murder us
& we have only sought to defend our lives
but behold if ye seek to destroy us more
we will seek to destroy you
yea & we wile seek our lands
the lands of our first inherita^once

¹⁴now I close my epilte
I am Moroni
I am a leader of the People of the Nephites

¹⁵Now it came to pass that Ammoron when he had received this Epistle
he was angry & he wrote another epistle unto Moroni
& these are the wo^oo^o which he wrote saying

¹⁶I am Ammoron the King of the Lamanites
I am the brother of Amelickiah whom ye have murdered
behold I will avenge his blood upon you
yea & I will come upon you with my armies
fore I fear mot your threatnings

¹⁷for behold your Fathers did wrong their Brethren
insomuch that they did rob them of their rite to the goverment
when it rightfully belonged unto f them

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¹⁸& now behold it ye will ~~lay~~ lay down your arms
& be subject yourselves to be governed by those
to whom the government doth rightly belong
them will I cause that my People shall lay down their weapons
& shall be at war no more

¹⁹behold ye have breathed out many threatenings & against me & ~~my~~ my People
but behold we fear not your threatenings

²⁰nevertheless I will grant to exchange Prisoners according to your request gladly
that I may preserve my food for my men of war
& we will wedge an ark which shall be eternal
either to the subjecting the Nephites to our authority
or to their eternal extinction

²¹& as concerning that God whom ye say we have rejected
behold we know not such a being neither do ye
but if it so be that there is such a being
we know not but that he hath made us as well as you

²²& if it so be that there is a Devil & a Hell
behold will he not send you there to dwell with my Brother which ye have murdered
which ye have hinted that he hath gone to such a place
but behold these things matter not

²³I am ~~Me~~ Ammoron & a descendant of Zoram
whom your fathers pressed & brought out of Jerusalem

²⁴& behold I am now a bold Lamanite
behold this war hath been waged to avenge their wrongs
& to maintain² & to obtain their rights to the ~~goven~~ government
& I close my Epistle to Moroni

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