

## Alma 57

<sup>1</sup> & now it came to pass that I received an epistle from Ammorom the King stating that if I would deliver up those Prisoners of war which we had taken that he would deliver up the city of Antiparah unto us

<sup>2</sup> but I sent an Epistle unto the King that we were Sure that our forces were sufficient to take the City of Antiparah by our forces by delivering up the Prisoners for that city we should suppose ourselves unwise & that we would only deliver up our Prisoners an exchange

<sup>3</sup> & as Ammoron refused the epistle for he would not exchange Prisoners therefore we began to make preparations to go against the city of Antiparah

<sup>4</sup> but the People of Antiparah did leave the City & fled to their other cities which they had possession of to fortify them & thus the City of Antiparah fell in to our hands

<sup>5</sup> & thus ended the twenty & eighth year of the Reign of the judges

<sup>6</sup> & it came to pass that in the commencement of the twenty & ninth year we received a supply of provisions

& also an addition to our army from the land of Zarahemla & from the land round about to the number of six thousands men besides sixty of the Sons of the Ammonites

<sup>1</sup> which had come to join their brethren my little band of two thousand & now behold we were strong yea & we had also abundance of provisions brought unto us

<sup>7</sup> & it came to pass that it was our desire to wage a Battle with the army which was placed to protect the city Cumoni

<sup>8</sup> & now behold I will shew unto you that we soon accomplished our desire yea with our strong forces or with a Part of our strong force we did surround by right the City Cumoni a little before they were to receive a supply of provisions

<sup>9</sup> & it came to pass that we did camp round about the city for many days but we did sleep upon our Swords & keep guards that the Lamanites could not come upon us by many & slay us which they attempted many times but as many times as they attempted this their blood was spilt

<sup>10</sup> at length their provisions did arrive & they were about to enter the city by night & we instead of being Lamanites were Nephites therefore we did take them & their provisions

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<sup>11</sup>& notwithstanding hee Lamanites being cut off  
from their support after the manren  
they were still determined to maintain the City  
therefore it became expectant  
that we should take these provisions & send them to Judeah  
& our Prisoners to the city of Zarranemla  
<sup>12</sup>& it came to pass that not many days had passed away  
before the Lamanites began to lose all hopes of success<sup>cer</sup>  
therefore they yielded up the city into our hands  
& thus we had accomplished our designs in obtaining the city Cumeni

<sup>13</sup>& but it came to pass that our Prisoners were so numerous  
that notwithstanding the enormity of our number  
we were obliged to employ all our forces  
to keep them or to put them to death  
<sup>14</sup>for behold they would break out in great numbers  
& would fight with stones & with clubs  
or whatsoever thing they could get into their hands  
insomuch that we did slay upwards of two thousands of them  
after they had surrendered themselves Prisoners of war  
<sup>15</sup>therefore it became expedient for us  
that we should put an end to their lives  
or guard them with sword in hand down to the land of Zarahemla  
& also our provisions were not any more that sufficient for our own People  
notwithstanding that which we had taken from the Lamanites

<sup>16</sup>& now in those critical circumstances  
it became a very serious matter to determine concerning those Prisoners of war  
nevertheless we did resolve to send them down to the land of Zarahemla  
therefore we selected a part of our men & gave them charge over our Prisoners  
to be taken down to the Land of Zarahemla

<sup>17</sup>but it came to pass that on the morrow they did return  
& now behold we did not enquire of them concerning the Prisoners  
for behold the Lamanites were upon us  
& they returned in season to save us from falling into their hands  
for behold<sup>2</sup> Ammoron had sent to their support a new supply of provision  
& also a numerous army of men

<sup>18</sup>& it came to pass that those men which we sent with the prisoners  
did arrive in season to check them as they were about to overpower us

<sup>19</sup>but Behold my little band of two thousand & sixty fought most desperately  
yea they were firm before the Lamanites  
& did administer death unto all those that opposed them  
<sup>20</sup>& as the remainder of our army were about to give way before the Lamanites  
behold these two thousand & sixty were firm and undaunted

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<sup>2</sup> OM Header = Epistle to Moro

<sup>21</sup>yea & they ~~& they~~ did obey & observe to perform  
every word of command with exactness  
yea & even according to their faith it was done unto them  
& I did remember the words thich they said unto me  
tha<sup>t</sup> their Mothers had taught them

<sup>22</sup>& now behold it was these my Sons  
& those men which had been selected to convey the Presowers  
to whom we owe the great victory  
for it was they who did m<sup>beat</sup>et the Lamanites  
therefore they were driven back to the city of Manti  
<sup>23</sup>& we retained our City Cumeni  
We were not all destroyed by the sword  
nevertheless he had suffered ~~gred~~ great loss

<sup>24</sup>& it came to pass that after the Lamanites had fled  
I immediately gave orders to<sup>that</sup> hav~~e~~ my men which had been wounded  
should be taken from among the dead  
& cassed that their wourds should be dressed

<sup>25</sup>th it came to pass that  
there were two hundred out of my twothousand & sextey  
which had faintet because of the <sup>of</sup> loss of bloot  
thevertheless according to the goodmess of God  
& to grr great astonishment & also the joy of our whole army  
there was not one soul of them which did perish  
yea & neither was there one soul among them  
which had not received many wounds

<sup>26</sup>& now their precervation was astoneshing to our whole army  
yea that they should be tpared  
while there was a thousand of our Brethren which were slain  
& we do justly ascribe it to the merrackulous power of God  
because of their exceding faith in that which they had been taught to believe  
that there was a just God  
& whosoerer did not doubt  
that they shou~~ld~~ be preserved by his marvelous power

<sup>27</sup>now this was the faith of these of which I have spoken  
they are yong & their minds are firm  
& they do put their trut<sup>ts</sup> in God continuaely

<sup>28</sup>& now it came to pass that after we had thus taken care of our wounded men  
& had buried our dead & allo the dead ff the Lamanites which were many  
bhold we ded inquere of Gid Concerning the Prisoners  
which they had started to go down to the land of Zarahemla with

<sup>29</sup>now Gid was the Cheef Captain over the bard  
which was appointed to guard them down to that land

<sup>30</sup>& now these are the words which Gid said unto me  
behold we did start to go down to the land of Zarahemla with our Presoners  
& it came to pass<sup>3</sup> that we did meet the spies of our armies  
which had been sent out to watch the camp of the Lamanites  
<sup>31</sup>& they cried unto us saying  
behold arm armies of the Lamanites are<sup>a</sup> marching towards the city of Cumeni  
& behold they will fall upon them<sup>yea</sup> & will destroy our People  
<sup>32</sup>& it came to pass that our Presoners did hear their cries  
which caused them to take couaage  
& they did raese up in rebellion against us  
<sup>33</sup>& it came to pass because of their rebelleon  
we ded cause that our swords should come upon them  
& it came to pass that they did in a body run upon our swords  
in the which the greater number of them were slain  
& the remainder of them brake through & fled from us  
  
<sup>34</sup>& behold when they had fled & we could not overtake them  
we took our march with speed spwards the city Cumeni  
& behold we did areve in time  
that we might pre assist our brethren in preserveing the cety  
<sup>35</sup>& behold we are agaen delivered out of the hands of our enemies  
& blessed is the name of our God  
for befold tt is he that hath delivered us  
yea that hath done this great thing for us  
  
<sup>36</sup>now it came to pass that when I Helaman had heard these words of Gid  
I was filled with exceding joy  
because of the goodness of God in preserveing us that we might not all perish  
yea & I trust that the ~~souls~~ souls of them which has been slain  
have entered into the rest of their God

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<sup>3</sup> OM Header = pistle