

& it came to pass that after he had made an end of speaking unto the People many of them did believe on his words & began to repent & to search the scriptures

but the more part of them were desirous that they might destroy Alma & Amulek for they were angry with Alma because of the plainness of his words unto Zeezrom & they also said that Amulek had lied unto them & had reviled against their law & also against their lawyers & Judges

& they were also angry with Alma & Amulek because they had testified so plainly against their wickedness they sought to put them away privelily

but it came to pass that they did not but they took them & bound them with strong cords & took them before the chief Judge of the land

& the People went forth & witnessed against them testifying that they had reviled against their law & their lawyers & Judges of the land & also all the people that were in the land & also testified that there was but one God & that he should send his Son among the People but he should not save them & many such things did the People testify against Alma & Amulek & it came to pass that it was done before the Chief **204** Judge of the land

& it also came to pass that Zeezrom was astonished at the words which had been spoken & he also knew concerning the blindness of the minds which he had caused among the People by his lying words & his soul began to be harrowed up under a conciousness of his own guilt yea he began be be enserceled about by the pains of hell

**CHAPTER 14**

*Alma and Amulek are imprisoned and smitten—  
The believers and their holy scriptures are burned  
by fire—These martyrs are received by the Lord in  
glory—The prison walls are rent and fall—Alma  
and Amulek are delivered, and their persecutors are  
slain. About 82–81 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>**And** it came to pass [X] after he had made an end of speaking unto the **p**eople many of them did believe on his words, **and** began to repent, **and** to search the scriptures.

<sup>2</sup>**But** the more part of them were desir[ ]ous that they might destroy Alma **and** Amulek; for they were angry with Alma, because of the plainness of his words unto Zeezrom; **and** they also said that Amulek had lied unto them, **and** had reviled against their law **and** also against their lawyers **and** judges.

<sup>3</sup>**And** they were also angry with Alma **and** Amulek; **and** because they had testified so plainly against their wickedness, they sought to put them away privil[ ]y.

<sup>4</sup>**But** it came to pass that they did not; but they took them **and** bound them with strong cords, **and** took them before the chief **j**udge of the land.

<sup>5</sup>**And** the **p**eople went forth **and** witnessed against them—testifying that they had reviled against the[ ] law, **and** their lawyers **and** judges of the land, **and** also **of** all the people that were in the land; **and** also testified that there was but one God, **and** that he should send his Son among the **p**eople, but he should not save them; **and** many such things did the **p**eople testify against Alma **and** Amulek. **Now** [X\_X\_X\_X\_X] **this** was done before the **chief** **j**udge of the land.

<sup>6</sup>**And** it [X] came to pass that Zeezrom was astonished at the words which had been spoken; **and** he also knew concerning the blindness of the minds, which he had caused among the **p**eople by his ly[ ]ing words; **and** his soul began to be harrowed up under a conscousness of his own guilt; yea, he began **to** be encirc[ ]led about by the pains of hell.

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& it came to pass that he began to cry unto the People saying behold I am guilty & these men are spotless before God & it came to pass that he began to plead for them ~~fro~~<sup>m</sup> from that time forth but they reviled him saying art thou also possessed with the devil & it came to pass that they spit upon him & cast him out from among them & also all those who believed in the words which had been spoken by Alma & Amulek & they cast them out & sent men to cast stones at them

& they brought their wives & children together & whosoever had believed or had been taught to believe in the word of God they caused that they should be cast into the fire & they also brought forth their records which contained the holy scriptures & cast them into the fire also that they might be burned & destroyed by fire

& it came to pass that they took Alma & Amulek & carried them forth to the place of marterdom that they might witness the destruction of those which were consumed by fire

& it came to pass that when Amulek saw the pains of the women & children which were consumeing in the fire he was also pained & he saith unto Alma how can we witness this awful seen therefore let us streach forth our hands & exercise the power of God which is in us & save them from the flames

but Alma saith unto him the spirit constraineth me that I must not streach forth mine hand for behold the Lord receiveth them up <sup>un</sup>to himself in glory & he doth suffer that they may do this thing or that the people may do this thing unto them according to the hardness of their hearts that the Judgments which he shall exercise upon them in his wrath may be just & the blood of the inocent shall stand as a witness against them yea & cry mightily against them at the last day

now Amulek saith unto Alma behold perhaps they will burn us also

& Alma saith be it according to the will of ~~Ge~~<sup>the</sup>d Lord but behold our work is not finished therefore they burn us not

<sup>7</sup>**And** it came to pass that he began to cry unto the **people**, saying: **Behold**, I am guilty, **and** these men are spotless before God. **And** [X\_X\_X\_X\_X] he began to plead for them [X] from that time forth; but they reviled him, saying: **Art** thou also possessed with the devil? **And** [X\_X\_X\_X\_X] they spit upon him, **and** cast him out from among them, **and** also all those who believed in the words which had been spoken by Alma **and** Amulek; **and** they cast them out, **and** sent men to cast stones at them.

<sup>8</sup>**And** they brought their wives **and** children together, **and** whosoever [X] believed or had been taught to believe in the word of God they caused that they should be cast into the fire; **and** they also brought forth their records which contained the holy scriptures, **and** cast them into the fire also, that they might be burned **and** destroyed by fire.

<sup>9</sup>**And** it came to pass that they took Alma **and** Amulek, **and** carried them forth to the place of martyrdom, that they might witness the destruction of those **who** were consumed by fire.

<sup>10</sup>**And** [X\_X\_X\_X\_X] when Amulek saw the pains of the women **and** children **who** were consum[ ]ing in the fire, he **also was** pained; **and** he said[ ] unto Alma: **How** can we witness this awful **scene**? **Therefore** let us **stretch** forth our hands, **and** exercise the power of God which is in us, **and** save them from the flames.

<sup>11</sup>**But** Alma said[ ] unto him: **The Spirit** constraineth me that I must not **stretch** forth mine hand; for behold the Lord receiveth them up **un**to himself, in glory; **and** he doth suffer that they may do this thing, or that the people may do this thing unto them, according to the hardness of their hearts, that the **judgments** which he shall exercise upon them in his wrath may be just; **and** the blood of the **innocent** shall stand as a witness against them, yea, **and** cry mightily against them at the last day.

<sup>12</sup>**Now** Amulek said[ ] unto Alma: **Behold**, perhaps they will burn us also.

<sup>13</sup>**And** Alma said[ ]: **Be** it according to the will of [ ]**the**[ ] Lord. **But**, behold, our work is not finished; therefore they burn us not.

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now it came to pass that when the bodies of those which had been cast into the fire were consumed & also the records which were cast in with them the chief Judge of the land came & stood before Alma & Amulek as they were bound & he smote them with his hand upon their cheeks & saith unto them after what ye have seen will ye preach again unto this people that they shall **205** be cast into a lake of fire & brimstone

behold ye see that ye had not power to save them which had been cast into the fire neither hath God saved them because they were of thy faith & the Judge smote them again upon their cheeks & asked what say ye for yourselves

now this Judge was after the order & faith of Nehor which slew Gideon

& it came to pass that Alma & Amulek answered him nothing & he smote them again & delivered them to the officers to be cast into prison

& it came to pass that when they had been cast into prison three days there came many lawyers & Judges & Priests & teachers which were of the profession of Nehor & they came in unto the prison to see them & they questioned them about many words & <sup>but</sup> they answered them nothing

& it came to pass that the Judge stood before them & sayeth why do ye not answer the words of this people know ye not that I have power to deliver ye up unto the flames & he commanded them to speak but they answered nothing

& it came to pass that they departed & went their ways but came again on the morrow & the Judge also smote them again on their cheeks & many came forth also & smote them saying will ye stand again & Judge this People & condemn our law if ye have such great power why do ye not deliver yourselves

& many such things did they say unto them gnashing their teeth upon them & spitting upon them & saying how shall we look when we are damned

<sup>14</sup>Now it came to pass that when the bodies of those **who** had been cast into the fire were consumed, **and** also the records which were cast in with them, the chief **judge** of the land came **and** stood before Alma **and** Amulek, as they were bound; **and** he smote them with his hand upon their cheeks, **and** said[ ] unto them: **A**fter what ye have seen, will ye preach again unto this people, that they shall be cast into a lake of fire **and** brimstone?

<sup>15</sup>Behol[ ]d, ye see that ye had not power to save **those who** had been cast into the fire; neither has[ ] God saved them because they were of thy faith. **A**nd the **judge** smote them again upon their cheeks, **and** asked: **W**hat say ye for yourselves?

<sup>16</sup>Now this **judge** was after the order **and** faith of Nehor, **who** slew Gideon.

<sup>17</sup>**A**nd it came to pass that Alma **and** Amulek answered him nothing; **and** he smote them again, **and** delivered them to the officers to be cast into prison.

<sup>18</sup>**A**nd [X\_X\_X\_X\_X] when they had been cast into prison three days, there came many lawyers, **and** judges, **and** priests, **and** teachers, **who** were of the profession of Nehor; **and** they came in unto the prison to see them, **and** they questioned them about many words; [X]but they answered them nothing.

<sup>19</sup>**A**nd it came to pass that the **judge** stood before them, **and** said: **W**hy do ye not answer the words of this people? **K**now ye not that I have power to deliver **you** up unto the flames? **A**nd he commanded them to speak; but they answered nothing.

<sup>20</sup>**A**nd it came to pass that they departed **and** went their ways, but came again on the morrow; **and** the **judge** also smote them again on their cheeks. **A**nd many came forth also, **and** smote them, saying: **W**ill ye stand again **and** judge this **people**, **and** condemn our law? **I**f ye have such great power why do ye not deliver yourselves?

<sup>21</sup>**A**nd many such things did they say unto them, gnashing their teeth upon them, **and** spitting upon them, **and** saying: **H**ow shall we look when we are damned?

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& many such things yea all manner of such things did they say unto them & thus they did mock them for many days & they did withhold food from them that they might hunger & water that they might thirst & they also did take from them their cloths that they were naked & thus they were bound with strong cords & confined in prison

& it came to pass after they had thus suffered for many days & it was on the twelvth day in the tenth month in the tenth year of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi that the chief Judge over the land of Amonihah & many of their teachers & their lawyers went in unto the prison where Alma & Amulek was bound with cords

& the chief Judge stood before them & smote them again & saith unto them if ye have the power of God deliver yourselves from these bands & then we will believe that the Lord will destroy this People according to your words

& it came to pass that they all went forth & smote them saying the same words even until the last & when **206** the last had spoken unto them the power of God was upon Alma & Amulek & they arose & stood upon their feet

& Alma creied saying how long shall we suffer these great afflictions O Lord O Lord give us strength according to our faith which is in christ even unto deliverance & they brake the cords with which they were bound & when the people saw this they began to flee for the fear of destruction had come upon them

& it came to pass that so great was their fear that they fell to the earth & did not obtain the outer door of the prison & the earth shook mightily & the walls of the prison were wrent in twain so that they fell to the earth & the chief Judge & the lawyers & <sup>& priests</sup> & teachers which smote upon Alma & Amulek were slain by the fall thereof

& Alma & Amulek came forth out of the prison & they were not hurt for the Lord had granted unto them power according to their faith which was in christ & they straitway came forth out of the prison & they were loosed from their bands & the prison had fallen to the earth & every soul which was within the walls thereof save it were Alma & Amulek were slain & they <sup>straitway</sup> came forth into the city

<sup>22</sup>**And** many such things, yea, all manner of such things did they say unto them; **and** thus they did mock them for many days. **And** they did withhold food from them that they might hunger, **and** water that they might thirst; **and** they also did take from them their clothes that they were naked; **and** thus they were bound with strong cords, **and** confined in prison.

<sup>23</sup>**And** it came to pass after they had thus suffered for many days, (**and** it was on the twelfth day, in the tenth month, in the tenth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi) that the chief judge over the land of Ammonihah **and** many of their teachers **and** their lawyers went in unto the prison where Alma **and** Amulek **were** bound with cords.

<sup>24</sup>**And** the chief judge stood before them, **and** smote them again, **and** said[] unto them: If ye have the power of God deliver yourselves from these bands, **and** then we will believe that the Lord will destroy this **people** according to your words.

<sup>25</sup>**And** it came to pass that they all went forth **and** smote them, saying the same words, even until the last; **and** when the last had spoken unto them the power of God was upon Alma **and** Amulek, **and** they []rose **and** stood upon their feet.

<sup>26</sup>**And** Alma cr[]ied, saying: How long shall we suffer these great afflictions, O Lord? O Lord, give us strength according to our faith which is in **Christ**, even unto deliverance. **And** they broke the cords with which they were bound; **and** when the people saw this, they began to flee, for the fear of destruction had come upon them.

<sup>27</sup>**And** it came to pass that so great was their fear that they fell to the earth, **and** did not obtain the outer door of the prison; **and** the earth shook mightily, **and** the walls of the prison were []rent in twain, so that they fell to the earth; **and** the chief judge, **and** the lawyers, **and** **priests**, **and** teachers, **who** smote upon Alma **and** Amulek, were slain by the fall thereof.

<sup>28</sup>**And** Alma **and** Amulek came forth out of the prison, **and** they were not hurt; for the Lord had granted unto them power, according to their faith which was in **Christ**. **And** they straightway came forth out of the prison; **and** they were loosed from their bands; **and** the prison had fallen to the earth, **and** every soul [X\_X] within the walls thereof, save it were Alma **and** Amulek, **was** slain; **and** they **straightway** came forth into the city.

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now the people having heard a great noise came running together by multitudes to know the cause of it & when they saw Alma & Amulek coming forth out of the prison & the walls thereof had fallen to the earth they were struck with great fear & fled from the presance of Alma & Amulek even as a goat fleeth with her young from two lions & thus they did flee from the presance of Alma & Amulek

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<sup>29</sup>Now the people having heard a great noise came running together by multitudes to know the cause of it; **and** when they saw Alma **and** Amulek coming forth out of the prison, **and** the walls thereof had fallen to the earth, they were struck with great fear, **and** fled from the presence of Alma **and** Amulek even as a goat fleeth with her young from two lions; **and** thus they did flee from the presence of Alma **and** Amulek.