

& it came to pass that after two days & two nights they were about to **213** take his body & lay it in <sup>10</sup> a sepulcher which they had made for the purpose of burying their dead

now the Queen having heard of the fame of Ammon therefore she sent & desired that he should come in unto her

& it came to pass that Ammon did as he was commanded & went in unto the Queen & desired to know what she would that he should do

& she saith unto him the servants of my husband have made it known unto me that thou art a prophet of a holy God & that thou hast Power to do many mighty works in his name

therefore if this is the case I would that ye should go in & see my husband for he has been laid upon his bed for the space of two days & two nights & some that he is not dead but others say that he is dead & that he stinketh & that he ought to be placed in the sepulcher but as for myself to me he doth not stink

now this was what Ammon desired for he knew that king Lamoni was under the power of God he knew that the dark veil of unbelief being cast away from his mind & the light which did light up his mind which was the light of the glory of God which was a marvelous light of his goodness yea this light had infused such joy into his soul the cloud of darkness having been dispelled & the light of everlasting light was lit up in his soul yea he knew that this had overcome his natural frame & he was carried away in God

therefore what the Queen desired of him was his only desire therefore he went in to see the King according as the Queen had desired him & he saw the king & he knew that he was not dead

& he saith unto the Queen he is not dead but he sleepeth in God & on the morrow he shall rise again therefore bury him not

## CHAPTER 19

*Lamoni receives the light of everlasting life and sees the Redeemer—His household falls into a trance, and many see angels—Ammon is preserved miraculously—He baptizes many and establishes a church among them. About 90 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass that after two days and two nights they were about to take his body and lay it in [X] a sepulchre, which they had made for the purpose of burying their dead.

<sup>2</sup>Now the queen having heard of the fame of Ammon, therefore she sent and desired that he should come in unto her.

<sup>3</sup>And it came to pass that Ammon did as he was commanded, and went in unto the queen, and desired to know what she would that he should do.

<sup>4</sup>And she said[] unto him: The servants of my husband have made it known unto me that thou art a prophet of a holy God, and that thou hast power to do many mighty works in his name;

<sup>5</sup>Therefore, if this is the case, I would that ye should go in and see my husband, for he has been laid upon his bed for the space of two days and two nights; and some say that he is not dead, but others say that he is dead and that he stinketh, and that he ought to be placed in the sepulchre; but as for myself, to me he do[]th not stink.

<sup>6</sup>Now, this was what Ammon desired, for he knew that king Lamoni was under the power of God; he knew that the dark veil of unbelief was being cast away from his mind, and the light which did light up his mind, which was the light of the glory of God, which was a marvelous light of his goodness— yea, this light had infused such joy into his soul, the cloud of darkness having been dispelled, and that the light of everlasting life was lit up in his soul, yea, he knew that this had overcome his natural frame, and he was carried away in God—

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, what the queen desired of him was his only desire. Therefore, he went in to see[] the king according as the queen had desired him; and he saw the king, and he knew that he was not dead.

<sup>8</sup>And he said[] unto the queen: []He[] is not dead, but he sleepeth in God, and on the morrow he shall rise again; therefore bury him not.

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& Ammon saith unto her believest thou **this** & **she** said I have had no witness save thy word & the word of our servants nevertheless I believe that it shall be according as thou hast said

& Ammon said unto her blessed art thou because of thy exceeding I say unto thee woman **there has not** been such great faith among all the people of the Nephites

& **it came** to pass that she watched over the bed of her husband from **that time** even until that time on the morrow which **Ammon** had appointed that he should rise

& it came to pass that he arose according to the words of Ammon & as he arose he stretched forth his hand unto the woman & said blessed be the name of God

for as sure as thou liest behold I have seen my redeemer & he shall come forth & be born of a woman & he shall believe all mankind who believe on his name now when he had said these words his heart was swollen within him & he sunk again with joy & the Queen also sunk down being overpowered **219** by the spirit

now Ammon seeing the spirit of **God<sup>the Lord</sup>** poured out according to his prayers upon the Lamanites his brethren **which had been the cause** of so much mourning among the **Nephites or among all the people** of God because of their iniquities & **their traditions** & Ammon fell upon his knees & began to pour out **his soul in prayer** & thanks giving to God for what he had done for his brethren & **he also was overpowered** with joy & thus they all three had sunk to the **earth**

**now** when the servants of the king had saw that they had **fallen they also** began to cry unto God for the fear of the Lord had **come upon them** also for it was they which had stood before the **King** & **testified** unto him concerning the great power of Ammon

& **it came** to pass that they did call on the name of the Lord in their **might** even until they had all fallen to the earth save it were **one of the Lamanitish** women whose name was Abish she having been **converted** unto the Lord for many years on account of a remarkable **vision of her fathers**

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<sup>9</sup>**And** Ammon said[ ] unto her: **Believest thou this? And she said unto him:** I have had no witness save thy word, **and** the word of our servants; nevertheless I believe that it shall be according as thou hast said.

<sup>10</sup>**And** Ammon said unto her: **Blessed art thou** because of thy exceeding **faith;** I say unto thee, woman, **there has not** been such great faith among all the people of the Nephites.

<sup>11</sup>**And it came** to pass that she watched over the bed of her husband, from **that time** even until that time on the morrow which **Ammon** had appointed that he should rise.

<sup>12</sup>**And** it came to pass that he arose, according to the words of Ammon; **and** as he arose, he stretched forth his hand unto the woman, **and** said: **Blessed** be the name of God, **and blessed art thou.**

<sup>13</sup>**F**or as sure as thou liest, behold, I have **seen** my **Redeemer;** **and** he shall come forth, **and** be born of a woman, **and** he shall **redeem** all mankind who believe on his name. **Now,** when he had said these words, his heart was swollen within him, **and** he sunk again with joy; **and** the **queen** also sunk down, being overpowered by the **Spirit.**

<sup>14</sup>**Now** Ammon seeing the **Spirit of [X]the Lord** poured out according to his prayers upon the Lamanites, his brethren, **who had been the cause** of so much mourning among the **Nephites, or among all the people** of God because of their iniquities **and their traditions,** **[X] he** fell upon his knees, **and** began to pour out **his soul in prayer** **and** thanks[ ]giving to God for what he had done for his brethren; **and he was also overpowered** with joy; **and** thus they all three had sunk to the **earth.**

<sup>15</sup>**Now,** when the servants of the king had **seen** that they had **fallen, they also** began to cry unto God, for the fear of the Lord had **come upon them** also, for it was they **who** had stood before the **king** **and** **testified** unto him concerning the great power of Ammon.

<sup>16</sup>**And it came** to pass that they did call on the name of the Lord, in their **might,** even until[ ] they had all fallen to the earth, save it were **one of the Lamanitish** women, whose name was Abish, she having been **converted** unto the Lord for many years, on account of a remarkable **vision of her father[ ]—**

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thus having been converted to the Lord never had **made it known** therefore when she saw that all the servants of Lamoni **had fallen** to the earth & also her mistress the Queen & the King & Ammon **lay** prostrate upon the earth she knew that it was the **power of God** & supposing that this opportunity by making known unto **the** people what had hapened among them that by **beholding** this scene it would cause them to believe in the power **of God** therefore she ran forth from house to house making it **known** unto the people

& they began to assemble themselves together unto the **House of the king** & there came a multitude & to their astonishment **they** beheld the king & the Queen & their servants prostrate **upon** the eath & they all lay there as though they were **de<sup>a</sup>d** & **they** also saw Ammon & behold he was a Nephite

& now the people **began** to murmur among themselves some saying that it was a great evil that had come upon them or upon the king & his house because he had suffered that the Nephite should remain in the land

but others rebuked them saying the king hath brought this evil upon his house because he slew his servants who had had their flocks scattered at the waters of Sebus

& they were also rebuked by those men which had stood at the waters of Sebus & **scattered the flocks** which belonged to the king for they **were angry at with Ammon** **220** because of the number which he had slain **of their Brethren at the waters** of Sebus while defending the flocks **of the King**

now one of <sup>wh</sup> **them** whose brother had been slain with **the sward of Ammon** being exceding angry with Ammon **drew his sward** & **went forth** that he might ~~let~~<sup>let</sup> it fall upon **Ammon to slay him** & **as he lifted** the sword to smite him behold **he fell dead**

now we see that Ammon could not be slain for **the Lord had said** unto Mosiah his father I will spare **him** & **it shall be** unto him according to thy faith therefore **Mosiah** trusted him unto the Lord

<sup>17</sup>**Thus**, having been converted to the Lord, **and** never **having made it known**, therefore, when she saw that all the servants of Lamoni **had fallen** to the earth, **and** also her mistress, the **queen, and the king, and Ammon lay** prostrate upon the earth, she knew that it was the **power of God; and** supposing that this opportunity, by making known unto **the** people what had happened among them, that by **beholding** this scene it would cause them to believe in the power **of God**, therefore she ran forth from house to house, making it **known** unto the people.

<sup>18</sup>**And** they began to assemble themselves together unto the **house of the king. And** there came a multitude, **and** to their astonishment, **they** beheld the king, **and** the **queen, and** their servants prostrate **upon** the earth, **and** they all lay there as though they were **dead; and they** also saw Ammon, **and** behold, he was a Nephite.

<sup>19</sup>**And** now the people **began** to murmur among themselves; some saying that it was a great evil that had come upon them, or upon the king **and** his house, because he had suffered that the Nephite should remain in the land.

<sup>20</sup>**But** others rebuked them, saying: **The** king hath brought this evil upon his house, because he slew his servants who had had their flocks scattered at the waters of Sebus.

<sup>21</sup>**And** they were also rebuked by those men **who** had stood at the waters of Sebus **and scattered the flocks** which belonged to the king, for they **were ang[ ]ry [ ] with Ammon** because of the number which he had slain **of their brethren at the waters** of Sebus, while defending the flocks **of the king.**

<sup>22</sup>**Now**, one of [ ] **them**, whose brother had been slain with the **swo[ ]rd of Ammon**, being excedingly angry with Ammon, **drew his swo[ ]rd and went forth** that he might [ ] **let** it fall upon **Ammon, to slay him; and** as he lifted the sword to smite him, behold, **he fell dead.**

<sup>23</sup>**Now** we see that Ammon could not be slain, for **the Lord had said** unto Mosiah, his father: I will spare **him, and it shall be** unto him according to thy faith—therefore, **Mosiah** trusted him unto the Lord.

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& it came to pass that when the multitude beheld that the man had fallen dead who lifted the sword to slay Ammon fear came upon them all & they dearest not put forth their hands to touch him or any of those which had fallen & they began to marvel again among themselves what could be the cause of this great power or what all these things could mean

& it came to pass that there was many among them who said that Ammon was the great spirit, <sup>sp</sup> & others said he was sent by the great spirit

but others rebuked them all saying that he was a monster which hath been sent from the Nephites to torment us

& there were some which said that Ammon was sent by the great spirit to afflict them because of their iniquities & that it was the great spirit that had always attended the Nephites which had ever delivered them out of their hands & they said that it was this great spirit which had destroyed so many of their brethren the Lamanites

& thus the contention began to be exceeding sharp among them & while they were thus contending the woman servant which had caused the multitude to be gathered together came & when she saw the contention which was among the multitude she was exceeding sorrowful even unto tears

& it came to pass that she went & took the Queen by the hand that perhaps she might raise her from the ground & as soon as she touched her hand she arose & stood upon her feet & cried with a loud voice saying O blessed Jesus who has saved me from an awful hell O blessed God have mercy on this people

& when she had said this she clasped her hands being filled with joy speaking many words which were not understood & when she had done this she took the king Lamoni by the hand & behold he arose & stood upon his feet

& he immediately seeing the contention among his people went forth & began to rebuke them & to teach them the words **221** which he had heard from the mouth of Ammon & as many as heard his words believed & were converted unto the Lord

<sup>24</sup>And it came to pass that when the multitude beheld that the man had fallen dead, who lifted the sword to slay Ammon, fear came upon them all, and they **du**[\_]rst not put forth their hands to touch him or any of those who had fallen; and they began to marvel again among themselves what could be the cause of this great power, or what all these things could mean.

<sup>25</sup>And it came to pass that there were many among them who said that Ammon was the Great Spirit[ \_ ], and others said he was sent by the Great Spirit;

<sup>26</sup>But others rebuked them all, saying that he was a monster, who had[ \_ ] been sent from the Nephites to torment them.

<sup>27</sup>And there were some who said that Ammon was sent by the Great Spirit to afflict them because of their iniquities; and that it was the Great Spirit that had always attended the Nephites, who had ever delivered them out of their hands; and they said that it was this Great Spirit who had destroyed so many of their brethren, the Lamanites.

<sup>28</sup>And thus the contention began to be exceedingly sharp among them. And while they were thus contending, the woman servant who had caused the multitude to be gathered together came, and when she saw the contention which was among the multitude she was exceedingly sorrowful, even unto tears.

<sup>29</sup>And it came to pass that she went and took the queen by the hand, that perhaps she might raise her from the ground; and as soon as she touched her hand she arose and stood upon her feet, and cried with a loud voice, saying: O blessed Jesus, who has saved me from an awful hell! O blessed God, have mercy on this people!

<sup>30</sup>And when she had said this, she clasped her hands, being filled with joy, speaking many words which were not understood; and when she had done this, she took the king, Lamoni, by the hand, and behold he arose and stood upon his feet.

<sup>31</sup>And he, immediately, seeing the contention among his people, went forth and began to rebuke them, and to teach them the words which he [X] had heard from the mouth of Ammon; and as many as heard his words believed, and were converted unto the Lord.

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but there was many among them who would not hear his words therefore they went their way

& it came to pass that when Ammon arose he also ~~ad~~<sup>administered</sup> unto them & also did all the servants of Lamoni & they did all declare unto the people the selfsame thing that their hearts had been changed that they had no more desire to do evil

& behold many did declare unto the people that they had seen angels & had conversed with them & thus they had told them things of God & of his righteousness

& it came to pass that there was many that did believe in their words & as many as did believe were baptised & they became a righteous people & they did establish a church among them

& thus the work of the Lord did commence among the Lamanites thus the Lord did begin to pour out his spirit upon them & we see that his arm is extended to all people who will repent & believe on his name

<sup>32</sup>But there were many among them who would not hear his words; therefore they went their way.

<sup>33</sup>And it came to pass that when Ammon arose he also [ \_ \_ ] administered unto them, and also did all the servants of Lamoni; and they did all declare unto the people the selfsame thing—that their hearts had been changed; that they had no more desire to do evil.

<sup>34</sup>And behold, many did declare unto the people that they had seen angels and had conversed with them; and thus they had told them things of God, and of his righteousness.

<sup>35</sup>And it came to pass that there were many that did believe in their words; and as many as did believe were baptized; and they became a righteous people, and they did establish a church among them.

<sup>36</sup>And thus the work of the Lord did commence among the Lamanites; thus the Lord did begin to pour out his Spirit upon them; and we see that his arm is extended to all people who will repent and believe on his name.