

Chapter

Behold now it came to pass that the king of the Lamanites sent a proclamation among all his People that they should not lay their hands on Ammon or Aaron or Omner or themni nor neither of their brethren which should go forth preaching the word of God in whatsoever place they should be in any part of their land

yea he sent a decree among them that they should not lay their hands on them to bind them or to cast them into prison neither should they Spit upon them nor **231** smite them nor cast them out of their Synagogue nor scourge them neither should they cast stones at them but that they should have free access to their houses & also their tempels & their Sanctuaries

& thus they might go forth & preach the word according to their desires for the King had been converted unto the Lord & all his household therefore he sent this proclamation through out the land unto his people that the words f God might have no obstruction but that it might go forth throughout all his^{the} land that his people might be convincee concerning the wickedæe raditions of their fathers & that they might be convinced that they were all brethren & that they had not ought to Murder nor to Plunder nor to steel nor to commit aduilty nor to commit any manner of wickedness

And now it came to pass that when the King had sent forth this proclamation that Aaron & his brethren went forth from city to city & from one house of worship to another establishing churches & consecrating Priests & teachers throughout the land amond the Lamanites to preach & to teach the word of God among them & thus they began to have great success

& thousands were borought to the Knowledge of the Lord yea thousands were brought to believe in the thaditions of the Nephites & they were taught the records & the Prophesies which were handed down even to the presant time

CHAPTER 23 [X]

Religious freedom is proclaimed—The Lamanites in seven lands and cities are converted—They call themselves Anti-Nephi-Lehies and are freed from the curse—The Amalekites and the Amulonites reject the truth. About 90–77 B.C.

¹Behold, now it came to pass that the king of the Lamanites sent a proclamation among all his people, that they should not lay their hands on Ammon, or Aaron, or Omner, or []Himni, nor []either of their brethren who should go forth preaching the word of God, in whatsoever place they should be, in any part of their land.

²Yea, he sent a decree among them, that they should not lay their hands on them to bind them, or to cast them into prison; neither should they spit upon them, nor smite them, nor cast them out of their synagogues, nor scourge them; neither should they cast stones at them, but that they should have free access to their houses, and also their tempels, and their sanctuaries.

³And thus they might go forth and preach the word according to their desires, for the king had been converted unto the Lord, and all his household; therefore he sent []his proclamation through []out the land unto his people, that the word [] of God might have no obstruction, but that it might go forth throughout all [X] the land, that his people might be convince []d concerning the wicked [] traditions of their fathers, and that they might be convinced that they were all brethren, and that they [X X] ought not to murder, nor to plunder, nor to steal, nor to commit adultery, nor to commit any manner of wickedness.

⁴And now it came to pass that when the king had sent forth this proclamation, that Aaron and his brethren went forth from city to city, and from one house of worship to another, establishing churches, and consecrating priests and teachers throughout the land among the Lamanites, to preach and to teach the word of God among them; and thus they began to have great success.

⁵And thousands were b []rought to the knowledge of the Lord, yea, thousands were brought to believe in the traditions of the Nephites; and they were taught the records and [X] prophecies which were handed down even to the present time.

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& as sure as the Lord lieveth so sure as many as believed or as many as were brought to the Knowledge of the truth through the preaching of Amreon & his Brethren according to ^{the} spirit of revelation & of prophecy & the Power of god workinj miracles in them yea I say unto you as the Lord lieveth as many of the Lamanites as believed in their preaching & were converted unto the Lord never wid fall away

for they became a reghteous people they did lay down their weopons of their rebellion that phiLehi Reigns in his ste they did not fight against God no more neither against any of them brethren

now these are they which were converted unto the Lord

the People of the Lamanites which were in the land of Ishmael

& also of the ~~Peop~~ people of the Lamanites which were in the land of Middoni

& also of the People of the Lamanites which were in the city of Nephi

& also of the people of the Lamanites which were in the land of Shilom & which were in the land of Shemlon & in the City of Lemule & en the City of Shimnilom

& these are the names of the Citties of the Lamanites which were converted unto the Lord & these are they that **232** lay down the waopars of their rebellion yea all their weopans of war & thej were all Lamanites

& the Amalekites were not converted save only one neither was any of Amulonites but they did heardon their hearts & also the hearts of the Lamanites in that part of the land ~~wher~~ whi'heesoever they dweld yea & all their villiges & all their Citties

therefore we have named all the Cittis of the Lamanites in Which they did repent & come to the Knowledge of the truth & were converted

⁶And as sure as the Lord li[_]veth, so sure as many as believed, or as many as were brought to the knowledge of the truth, through the preaching of Amm[_]on and his brethren, according to the spirit of revelation and of prophecy, and the power of God working miracles in them—yea, I say unto you, as the Lord li[_]veth, as many of the Lamanites as believed in their preaching, and were converted unto the Lord, never did fall away.

⁷For they became a righteous people; they did lay down the[_ _] weapons of their rebellion, that [_ _ _ _ _ X X X _ _ _] they did not fight against God any more, neither against any of their brethren.

⁸Now, these are they who were converted unto the Lord:

⁹The people of the Lamanites who were in the land of Ishmael;

¹⁰And also of the [_ _ _] people of the Lamanites who were in the land of Middoni;

¹¹And also of the people of the Lamanites who were in the city of Nephi;

¹²And also of the people of the Lamanites who were in the land of Shilom, and who were in the land of Shemlon, and in the city of Lemuel, and in the city of Shimnilom.

¹³And these are the names of the cit[_]ies of the Lamanites which were converted unto the Lord; and these are they that lai[_]d down the weapons of their rebellion, yea, all their weapons of war; and they were all Lamanites.

¹⁴And the Amalekites were not converted, save only one; neither were any of the Amulonites; but they did h[_]arden their hearts, and also the hearts of the Lamanites in that part of the land [_ _ _] where[_ _ _]soever they dwelt, yea, and all their villiges and all their cit[_]ies.

¹⁵Therefore, we have named all the cities of the Lamanites in which they did repent and come to the knowledge of the truth, and were converted.

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& now it came to pass that the King & those People which were converted were desirous that they might have a name that thereby they might be distinguished from their Brethren therefore the king consulted with Aaron & many of their Priests concerning the name that they should take upon them that they might be distinguished

& it came to pass that they called their name AntiNephiLehies & they were called by this name & were no more called Lamanites

& they began to be a verry industrious people yea & they were friendly wiith the Nepites therefore they did open a corrispondence with them & the cures of God did no more follow them

¹⁶And now it came to pass that the king and those [X] who were converted were desir[]ous that they might have a name, that thereby they might be distinguished from their brethren; therefore the king consulted with Aaron and many of their priests, concerning the name that they should take upon them, that they might be distinguished.

¹⁷And it came to pass that they called their names Anti-Nephi-Lehies; and they were called by this name and were no more called Lamanites.

¹⁸And they began to be a ver[]y industrious people; yea, and they were friendly wi[]th the Nephites; therefore, they did open a correspondence with them, and the curse of God did no more follow them.