

## Alma 8 Chapter 3<sup>th</sup>

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass that Alma returned from the land of Gideon after having taught the people of Gideon many things which cannot be written having established the order of the church according to he had before done in the land of Zarahemla yea he returned to his own house at Zarahemla to rest himself<sup>f</sup> from the labors which he had performed

<sup>2</sup>and thus ended the ninth year of the Reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi,

<sup>3</sup>and it came to pass in the Commencement of the tenth year of the Reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi that Alma departed from thence and took his journey over into the land of Melek on the west of the river Sidon on the west by the borders of the wilderness<sup>s</sup>

<sup>4</sup>and he began to ~~preach~~ teach the people in the land of Melek according to the holy order of God by which he had been called and he began to teach people throughout all the land of Melek

<sup>5</sup>and it came to pass that the people came to him all the borders of the land which was by the wilderness side and it came to pass that they were Baptised, throughout all the land

<sup>6</sup>so that when he had finished his work at Melek he departed thence & traveled three days journey on the north of the land of Melek and he came to a City which was called Ammonidah,

<sup>7</sup>now it was the custom of the people of Nephi to call their Lands and their Cities and their vil<sup>l</sup>ages yea even all their small vil<sup>l</sup>ages after the name of him who first possessed them and thus it was with the land of Ammonidah

<sup>8</sup>and it came to pass that when Alma had come to the City of Ammonidah he began to preach the word of God unto them,

<sup>9</sup>now satan had got great hold upon the hearts of the people of the city of Ammonidah therefore they would not hearken unto the words of Alma

<sup>10</sup>nevertheless Alma labored mu<sup>ch</sup> in the spirit wrestling with God in mighty ~~power~~ prayer that he would pour out his spirit upon the people which was in the city tha<sup>t</sup> he would also grant that he might Baptise them unto repentance

<sup>11</sup>nevertheless they hardened their hearts saying unto him  
behold we know that thou art Alma  
and we know that thou art high Priest over the Church  
which thou hast established in many parts of the land according to your tradition  
and we are not of thy Church  
we know that thou hast no power over us and we do not believe in such foolish traditions  
<sup>12</sup>and now we know that because we are not of thy church  
we know that thou hast no power over us  
and thou hast delivered up the Judgment seat unto Nephiah  
therefore thou art not the Chief Judge over us

<sup>13</sup>now When the people had said this  
and had withstood all his words and reviled him & spit upon him  
and cursed that he should be cast out of their City  
and he departed thence and took his journey  
towards the City which was Called Aaron,  
<sup>14</sup>and it came to pass that while he was journeying thither  
being weighed down with sorrow  
wading through much tribulation and anguish of soul  
because of the wickedness of the people which was in the City of Ammonidah  
and it came to pass that while Alma was thus weighed down with sorrow  
Behold an Angel of the Lord appeared unto him saying

<sup>15</sup>Blessed art thou Alma  
therefore lift up thy head and rejoice  
for thou hast great cause to rejoice  
for thou hast been faithful in keeping the commandments of God  
from the time which thou received thy first message from him  
behold I am he that delivered it unto thee  
<sup>16</sup>and behold I am sent to command thee  
that thou return to the City of Ammonidah  
and preach again unto the people of the City  
yea preach unto them  
yea say unto them  
except they repent the Lord God will destroy them

<sup>17</sup>for behold they do study at this time  
that they may destroy the liberty of the People  
for thus saith the Lord  
which is contrary to the statutes and Judgments and commandments  
which he hath given unto his People,

<sup>18</sup>now it came to pass that  
after Alma had received his message from the Angel of the Lord  
he returned speedily to the land of Ammonihah,  
and it came to pass that he entered the City by another way  
yea by the way which was on the South of the City Ammonihah,  
<sup>19</sup>and It came to pass that as he entered the City  
he was an hungered  
and he saith to a man  
will ye give to an humble servant of God something to eat

<sup>20</sup>and the man saith unto him  
I am a Nephite and I know that thou art a holy Prophet of God  
for thou art the man which an Angel saith in a vision  
thou shalt receive  
therefore go with me into my house  
and I will impart unto thee of my favor  
and I know that thou will be a blessing unto me and my house

<sup>21</sup>And it came to pass that the man received him into his house  
and the man was Called Amulek  
and he brought Bread and meat and sat before Alma  
<sup>22</sup>and it came to pass that Alma ate Bread and was filled  
and he blessd Amulek and his house and he gave thanks unto God,  
<sup>23</sup>And after he had eat and was filled he saith unto Amulek,  
I am Alma and am the high Priest over the churches of God throughout the land,  
<sup>24</sup>And behold I have been called to Preach the word of God among all this People  
according to the spirit of revelation and Prophecy.  
and I was in this land  
and they would not receive me but they Cast me out  
and I was about to set my back towards this land forever,  
<sup>25</sup>but behold I have been commanded  
that I should turn again and prophe<sup>o</sup>y unto this people  
yea and to testify against them concerning their iniquities  
<sup>26</sup>& now Amulek  
because thou hast fed me and took me in,  
thou art blessed  
for I was an hungered  
for I had fasted many days,

<sup>27</sup>And it came to pass that Alma tarried many days with Amulek  
before he began to preach unto the people,  
<sup>28</sup>and it came to pass that the people did wax more gross in their iniquities,  
<sup>29</sup>and the word came to Alma saying go  
and also say unto my servant Amulek  
go forth prophesy unto this people saying  
repent ye  
for thus saith the Lord  
except ye repent I will visit this people in mine anger  
yea & I will not turn my fierce anger away

<sup>30</sup>and it came to pass that  
Alma went forth and also Amulek among the people  
to declare the words of God unto them  
and they were filled with the holy Ghost

<sup>31</sup>and they had power given unto them  
in so much that they Could not be confined in dungeons  
neither were it possible that any man could slay them  
nevertheless they did not exercise their power  
untill they were bound in bands and cast into prison  
now this was done that the Lord might show forth his power in them  
<sup>32</sup>and it came to pass that they went forth  
and began to preach and to prophesy unto the people  
according to the spirit and power which the Lord had given them——