

Alma 9 Chapter 7th

The words of Alma and also the words of Amulek
which was declared unto the people which was in the land of Amonihah

and also they were cast into prison
and delivered by the miraculous power of God which was in them
according to the Record of Alma—

¹And again I Alma having been commanded of God
that I should take Amulek & go forth & preach again unto this people
or the people which was in the city of Amonihah
and it came to pass as I began to preach unto them
they began to contend with me saying,

²who art thou

suppose ye that we shall believe the Testimony of one man
although he should preach unto us that the earth should pass away

³now they understood not the words which they spake
for they knew not that the earth should pass away

⁴and they sayeth also

we will not believe thy words

if thou shouldst Prophecy that this great city should be destroyed in one day

⁵now they knew not that God could do such marvelous works

for they were a hard hearted & a stiffnecked people

⁶& they sayeth

who is God that sendeth no more authority than one man among this people
to declare unto them the truth of such great and marvelous things

⁷and they stood forth to lay their hands on me

but Behold they did not,

and I stood with Boldness to declare unto them

yea I did boldly testify unto them saying

⁸Behold O ye wicked and perverse Generation

how have ye forgotten the tradition of your Fathers

yea how soon ye have forgotten the commandments of God

⁹do ye not remember

that our Father Lehi was brought out of Jerusalem by the hand of God

do ye not remember

that they were all led by him through the wilderness

¹⁰and have ye forgotten so soon

how many times he delivered our Fathers out of the hands of their Enemies

and preserved them from being destroyed

even by the hands of their own Brethren

¹¹yea & if it had not been for his matchless power
and his mercy and his long suffering towards us
we should unavoidably have been cut off from the face of the earth
long before this period of time,
and perhaps been consigned to a state of endless misery and woe,
¹²Behold now I say unto you that he commandeth you to repent
and except ye repent ye can not in no wise inherit the Kingdom of God
but Behold this is not all
he hath Commanded you to repent
or he will utterly destroy you from off the face of the earth
yea he will visit you in his anger.
and in his fierce anger, he will not turn away

¹³behold do ye not remember the words which he spake unto Lehi
saying that in as much as ye shall keep my commandments
ye shall prosper in the land
and again it is said that in as much as ye will not keep my commandments
ye shall be cut off from the ~~prese~~ presence of the Lord
¹⁴now I would that ye should remember
that in as much as the Lamanites have not kept the commandmen^{ts} of Gode
they have been cut off from the presence of the Lord
now we see that the word of the Lord hath been verified in this thing
and the Lamanites have been Cut off from his presence
from the begining of their transgressions in the Lord

¹⁵nevertheless I say unto you
that it shall be more tolerable for them in the day of Judgment than for you
if ye remain in your sins
yea and even more tolerable for them in this life than for you
except ye repen^t

¹⁶for there are many promises which is extended to the Lamanites
for it is because of the traditions of their Fathers
that causes them to remain in their state of ignorance
therefore the Lord will be merciful^l unto them
and prolong their existance in the land

¹⁷and at some periad of time they will be brought to believe in his work
and to know of the incorrectness of the tradtions of their Fathers
and many of them will be saved
for the Lord will be merciful unto all who call on his name,

¹⁸but Behold I say unto you that
if ye persist in your wickedness
that you^r days shall not be prolonged in the land
for the Lamanites shall be sent upon you
and if ye repent not
they shall come in a time when you know not
and ye shall be visited with utter destruction
and it shall be according to the fierce anger of the Lord

¹⁹for he will not suffer you that ye shall live in your iniquities
to destroy his people,
I unto you
nay he would rather suffer that the Lamanites might destroy all this people
which is called the People of Nephi
if it were possible that they could fall into sins and transgressions
after having had so much light and so much knowledge
given unto them of the Lord their God
²⁰yea after having been such a highly favoured People of the Lord
yea after having been favored above every others Nation Kindred tongue or people
after having had all things made known unto them
according to their desires and their faith and prayers
of that which has been and which is and which is to come
²¹having been visited by the spirit of God
having conversed with Angels
and having been spoken unto by the voice of the Lord
and having the spirit of prophesy and the spirit of revelation
and also many gifts
the gift of speaking with tongues
and the gift of preaching
and the gift of the holy Ghost
and the gift of translation
²²yea and after having been delivered of God
out of the land of Jerusalem by the hand of the Lord
having been saved from famine
and from sicknesses and all manner of diseases of every kind
and they having been waxed strong in battle that they might not be destroyed
having been brought out of bondage time after time
and having been kept and preserved until now,
and they have been prospered until they are rich in all manner of things.
²³And now behold I say unto you that
if this People who have received so many blessings from the hand of the Lord
should transgress contrary to the light and knowledge which they do have
I say unto you that if this be the case
that if they should fall into transgressions
that it would be far more tolerable for the Lamanites than for them,
²⁴for behold, the promises of the Lord are extended to the Lamanites
but they are not unto you if ye transgress
for hath not the Lord expressly promised and firmly decreed
that if ye will rebel against him
that ye shall utterly be destroyed from off the face of the earth

²⁵and now for this cause that ye may not be destroyed
the Lord hath sent his Angel to visit many of his people
declaring unto them that they must go forth
and cry mightily unto this People saying
repent ye repent ye
for the Kingdom of Heaven is nigh at hand

²⁶and not many days hence the son of God shall come in his Glory
and his Glory shall be the Glory of the only begotten of the Father
full of Grace equity and truth
full of patience mercy and long suffering
quick to hear the cries of his people and to answer their prayers
²⁷and behold he cometh to redeem those who will be Baptised
unto Repentance through faith on his name
²⁸therefore prepare ye the way of the Lord
for the time is at hand that every man shall reap a reward of their works
according^{to} that which they have been
if they have been righteous
they shall reap the salvation of their souls
according to the power and deliverance of Jesus Christ
and if they have been evil
they shall reap the damnation of their souls
according to the power and Captⁱvation of the Devil
²⁹now Behold this is the voice of the Angel Crying unto the people
³⁰and now my beloved Brethren
for ye are my Brethren
and ye had aught to be blomed
and ye had aught to bring forth works which is mete for repentance
seeing that your hearts have been grossly hardened against the word of God
and seeing that ye are a lost and a fallen people,

³¹now it came to pass that when I Alma had spoken these words
Behold the people were wroth with me
because I said unto them that they was a hard hearted and a stiffnecked People
³²and also because I said unto them that they were a lost and a fallen people
they was angry with me and saught to lay^{their} hands upon
that they might cast me into Prison
³³but it came to pass that the Lord did not suffer them
that they should take me at that time & cast me into prison

³⁴and it came to pass that Amulek went and stood forth
and began to preach unto them also
and now the words of Amulek are not all written
nevertheless a part of his words are written in this Book——