

## A lma 20

<sup>1</sup>& it came to pass that when they had established a church in that land that King Lamoni desired that Ammon should go with him to the land of Nephi that he might shew him unto his father

<sup>2</sup>& it came to pass that the voice of the Lord came to Ammon saying thou shalt not go up to the land of Nephi for behold the king will seek thy life but thou shalt go to the land of Middoni for behold thy brother Aaron & also Muloki & Ammah are in prison

<sup>3</sup>now it came to pass that when Ammon had heard this he sayeth unto Lamoni behold my brother & brethren are in prison at Middoni & I go that I may deliver them

<sup>4</sup>now Lamoni sayeth unto Ammon I know in the strength of the Lord thou canst do all things but behold I will go with thee to the land of Middoni for the king of the land of Middoni whose name is Antiomno is a friend unto me therefore I go to the land of Middoni that I may flatter the king of the land & he will cast thy brethren out of prison now Lamoni sayeth unto him who told thee thy brethren were in prison

<sup>5</sup>& Ammon sayeth unto him no one hath told me save it be God & he said unto me go & deliver thy brethren for they are in prison in the [land of Meddoni](#)

<sup>6</sup>now when Lamoni had ~~hea~~<sup>heard</sup>~~red~~ this he caused that his [servants should make](#) ready his horses & his charriots

<sup>7</sup>& he sayeth unto [Ammon](#) [come I will go with thee down to the land of Middoni & there I will plead](#) with the king that he will cast thy brethren [out of prison](#)

<sup>8</sup>& it came to pass that as Ammon was a journeying thither that they met the father of Lamoni who was king over all the land

<sup>9</sup>& behold the father of Lamoni sayeth unto him why did ye not come to the feast on that great day when I made a feast unto my Sons & unto my people

<sup>10</sup>& he also sayeth whither art thou going ~~w~~<sup>with</sup>~~h~~ this Nephite which is one of the ~~Sons~~<sup>children</sup> of a liar

<sup>11</sup>& it came to pass that Lamoni rehearst unto him whither he was going for he feared to offend him

<sup>12</sup>& he also told him all the cause of his tarrying in his own kingdom that he did not go unto his father to the feast which he had prepared

<sup>13</sup>& now when Lamoni had rehearsed unto him all these things  
behold to his astonishment his father was angry with him & sayeth  
Lamoni thou art going to deliver these Nephites which are Sons of liar  
behold he robbed our fathers

& now his children also are come amongst us  
that they may by their cunning & their lyings deceive<sup>us</sup>  
thy they again may rob us of our property

<sup>14</sup>now the father of Lamoni commanded him  
that he should slay Ammon with the sword  
& he also commanded him  
that he should not go to the land of Middoni  
but that he should return With him to the land of Ishmael

<sup>15</sup>but Lamoni sayeth unto him  
I will not slay Ammon  
neither will I return to the land of Ishmael  
but I go to the land of Middoni that I may releas the brethren of Ammon  
for I know that they are just men & holy prophets of the true God

<sup>16</sup>now when his father heard these words  
he was angry with him  
& he drew his sw<sup>sword</sup>ord that he might smite him to the earth

<sup>17</sup>but Ammon stood forth & sayeth unto him  
behold thou shalt not slay thy Son  
nevertheless it were better that he should fall than thee  
for behold he hath repented of his sins  
but if thou shouldst fall at this time in thine anger  
thy soul could not be saved

<sup>18</sup>& again it is expediant that thou shouldst forbear  
for if thou shouldst slay thy Son he being an inocent man  
his blood would cry from the ground to the Lord his God  
for vengance to come upon thee  
& perhaps thou wouldst lose thy Soul

<sup>19</sup>now when Ammon had said these words unto him  
he answered him saying  
I know that if I should slay my son that I should shed inocent blood  
for it is **thou that hast** sought to destroy him

<sup>20</sup>& he stretched forth his hand **to slay Ammon**  
**but Ammon** withstood his blows  
& also smote his arm that **he could not use it**

<sup>21</sup>now when the King saw that Ammon could slay him  
he began **to plead with Ammon** that he would spare his life

<sup>22</sup>but Ammon raised his sword **& said unto him**  
behold I will smite thee except thou wilt grant unto me  
that my brethren may be cast out of prison

<sup>23</sup>now the king fearing that he should lose his life said  
if thou wilt spare me  
I will grant unto thee whatsoever thou wilt ask  
even to the half of the Kingdom

<sup>24</sup> now when Ammon saw  
that he had wrought upon the old king according to his desire  
he sayeth unto him  
if thou wilt grant that my brethren may be cast out of prison  
& also that Lamoni may retain his kingdom  
& that ye be not displeas'd with him  
but grant that he may do according to his own desires  
in whatsoever thing he thinketh  
& then will I spare thee  
otherwise I will smite thee to the earth

<sup>25</sup> now when Ammon had said these words  
the king began to rejoice because of his life  
<sup>26</sup> & when he saw that Ammon had no desire<sup>s</sup> to destroy him  
& when he also saw the great love he had for his Son Lamoni  
he was astonished exceedingly & sayeth  
because this is all that thou hast desired  
that I would release thy brethren  
& suffer that my Son Lamoni should retain his kingdom  
behold I will grant unto you  
that my Son may retain his kingdom from this time & forever  
& I will govern him no more

<sup>27</sup> & I will also grant unto thee that thy brethren may be cast out of prison  
& thou & thy brethren may come unto me in my kingdom  
for I shall greatly desire to see thee  
for the king was greatly astonished at the words which he had spoken  
& also at the words which had been spoken by his son Lamoni  
therefore he was desirous to learn them

<sup>28</sup> And it came to pass that  
Ammon & Lamoni proceeded on their journey towards the land of Middoni  
& it came to pass that Lamoni found favour in the eyes of the king of the land  
therefore the brethren of Ammon was brought<sup>forth</sup> out of prison  
<sup>29</sup> & when Ammon did meet them he was exceeding sorrowful  
for behold they were naked & their skins were worn exceedingly  
because of being bound with strong cords  
& they also had suffered hunger thirst & all kind of affliction  
nevertheless they were patient in all their sufferings  
<sup>30</sup> & as it happened it was their lot  
to have fallen into the hands of a more hardened & a more stiffnecked people  
therefore they would not hearken unto their words  
& they had cast them out & had smote them  
& had driven them from house to house & from place to place  
even until they had ariven to the land of Middoni  
& their they were taken & cast into prison  
& bound with strong cords & kept in prison for many days  
& were delivered by Lamoni & Ammon ——