

# A lma 21

Chapter

An account of the preaching of Aaron & Muloki & their brethren  
to the Lamanites

<sup>1</sup>Now when Ammon & his brethren separated themselves  
in the <sup>borders of the</sup> land of the Lamanites

behold Aaron took his journey towards the land  
which was called by the Lamanites Jerusalem  
calling it after the land of their fathers nativity  
& it was away joining the borders of Mormon

<sup>2</sup>now the Lamanites & the Amalekites & the people of Amulon  
had built a great city which was called Jerusalem

<sup>3</sup>now the Lamanites of themselves were sufficiently hardoned  
but the Amalekites & the Amulonites were still harder  
therefore they did cause the Lamanites that they should harden their hearts  
that they should wax stronger in wickedness & their abominations

<sup>4</sup>& it came to pass that Aaron came to the city of Jerusalem  
& firstly began to preach <sup>to the Amalekites</sup>

& <sup>he</sup> began to preach to them in their Synagogues  
for they had built synagogues after the order of the Nehors  
for many of the Amalekites & the Amulonites were after the order of the Nehors

<sup>5</sup>therefore as Aaron entered into one of them Synagogues to preach unto the people  
& as he was speaking unto them

behold there arose an Amalekites & began to contend with him saying  
what is that that thou hast testified

hast thou seen an Angel

why do not Angels appear unto us

behold are not this people as good as thy people

<sup>6</sup>thou also sayest

except we repent we shall perish

how knowest thou the thought & intent of our heart

how knowest thou that we have cause to repent

how knowest thou that we are not a righteous people

behold we have built sanctuaries

& we do assemble ourselves together to worship God

we do believe that God will save all men

<sup>7</sup>now Aaron said unto him

believest thou that the Son of God shall come to redeem mankind from their sins

<sup>8</sup>& the man sayeth unto him  
we do not believe that thou knowest any such thing  
we do not believe in these foolish traditions  
we do not believe that thou knowest of things to come  
neither do we believe that thy fathers & also that our fathers did know  
concerning the things which they spake of  
that which is to come

<sup>9</sup>now Aaron began to open the scriptures unto them  
concerning the coming of Christ & also concerning the resurrection of the dead  
& that there could be no redemption for mankind  
save it were through<sup>o</sup> the death & sufferings of Christ  
& the atonement of his blood

<sup>10</sup>& it came to pass that as he began to expound these things unto them  
they were angry with him & began to mock him  
& they would not hear the words which he spake

<sup>11</sup>therefore when he saw that they would not hear his words  
he departed out of the Synagogue  
& came over to a vilage which was called ~~Anianti~~ AniAnti  
& there he found Muloki a preaching the word unto them  
& also Ammah & his brethren  
& they contended with many about the word

<sup>12</sup>& it came to pass that they saw that the people would harden their hearts  
therefore they departed & came over into the land of Middoni  
& they did preach the word unto many  
& few believed on the words which they taught

<sup>13</sup>nevertheless Aaron & a certain number of his brethren  
were taken & cast into prison  
& the remainder of them fled out of the land of Middoni  
unto the regions round about

<sup>14</sup>& those which were cast into prison suffered many things  
& they were delivered by the hand of Lamoni & Ammon  
& they were fed & clothed

<sup>15</sup>& they went forth again to declare the word  
& thus they were delivered for the first time out of prison  
& thus they had suffered

<sup>16</sup>& they went forth whithersoever they were led by the spirit of the Lord  
preaching the word of God in every Synagogue of the Amalekites  
or in every assembly of the Lamanites where they could be admitted

<sup>17</sup>& it came to pass that the Lord began to bless them  
in ~~th~~<sup>somuch</sup> ~~ei~~ that they brought many to the knowledge of the truth  
yea they did convince many of their sins  
& of the tradition of their fathers which were not correct

<sup>18</sup>& it came to pass that Ammon & Lamoni returned ~~to~~<sup>from</sup> the land of Middoni  
to the land of Ishmael which was the land of their inheritance

<sup>19</sup>& King Lamoni would not suffer  
that Ammon should serve him or be his servant  
<sup>20</sup>but he caused that there should be Synagogues built in the land of Ishmael  
& he caused that his people or the people which was under his reign  
should assemble themselves together  
<sup>21</sup>& he did rejoice over them  
& he did teach them many things  
& he did also declare unto them  
that they were a people which was under him  
& that they were a free people  
that they were free from the oppressions of the king his father  
for that his father had granted unto him that he might reign over the people  
which were in the land of Ishmael & in all the land round about  
<sup>22</sup>& he also declared unto them  
that they might have the liberty of worshiping the Lord their God  
according to their desires in whatsoever place they were in  
if it were in the land which was under the reign of king Lamoni  
<sup>23</sup>& Ammon did preach unto the people of King Lamoni  
& it came to pass that he did teach them all things  
concerning things pertaining to righteousness  
& he did exhort them daily with all diligence  
& they gave heed unto his word  
& they were Zealous for keeping the commandments of God