

## **A**lma 22

<sup>1</sup>now as Ammon was thus teaching the people of Lamoni continually  
we will return to the account of Aaron & his other brethren  
for after he departed from the land of Middoni  
he was lead by the spirit to the land of Nephi  
even to the house of the king which was over all the land  
save it were the land of Ishmael  
& he was the father of Lamoni  
<sup>2</sup>& it came to pass that he went in unto him  
into the kings palace with his brethren  
& bowed himself before the king & said unto him  
behold O King we are the brethren  
of Ammon whome thou hast delivered out of prison  
<sup>3</sup>& now O king if thou wilt spare our lives we will be thy servants  
& the King sayeth unto them  
arise for I will grant unto you your lives  
& I will not suffer that ye shall be my servants  
but I will insist that ye shall administer unto me  
for I have been some what troubled in mind  
because of the generosity & the greatness of the words of thy brother Ammon  
& I desire to know the cause why he has not come up out of Middoni with thee  
<sup>4</sup>& & Aaron sayeth unto the king  
behold the spirit of the Lord hath called him another way  
he hath gone to the land of Ishmael to teach the people of Lamoni  
  
<sup>5</sup>now the king sayeth unto them  
what is this that ye have said concerning the spirit of the Lord  
behold this is the thing which doth trouble me  
<sup>6</sup>& also what is this that Ammon said  
if ye will repent ye shall be saved  
& if ye will not repent ye shall be cast off at the last day  
<sup>7</sup>& Aaron answered him & said unto him  
believest thou that there is a God  
& the king sayeth  
I know that the Amalekites say that there is a God  
& I have granted unto them that they should build sanctuaries  
that they might assemble themselves together to worship him  
& if now thou sayest there is a God  
behold I will believe  
  
<sup>8</sup>& now when Aaron heard this his heart began to rejoice & he sayeth  
behold assuredly as thou livest O King there is a God  
<sup>9</sup>& the king sayeth  
is God that great spirit that brought our fathers out of the land of Jerusalem  
<sup>10</sup>& Aaron said unto him  
yea he is that great spirit  
& he created all things both in heaven & in earth  
believest thou this

<sup>11</sup>& he sayeth  
yea I believe that the great spirit created all things  
& I desire that ye should tell me concerning all these things  
& I will believe thy words

<sup>12</sup>& it came to pass that when Aaron saw that the king would believe his words  
he began from the creation of Adam  
reading the scriptures unto the king  
how God created man after his own image  
& that God gave <sup>him</sup> commandments  
& that because of transgression man had fallen

<sup>13</sup>& Aaron did expound unto him the Scriptures from the creation of Adam  
laying the fall of man before him & their carnal state  
& also the plan of redemption  
which was prepared from the foundation of the world through Christ  
for all whosoever would believe on his name

<sup>14</sup>& since man had fallen he could not merit any thing of himself  
but the suffering<sup>s</sup> & death of Christ atoneth for their Sins  
through faith & repentance .&C.  
& that he breaketh the bands of death  
that the grave shall have no victory  
& that the sting of death should be swallowed up in the hopes of glory  
& Aaron did expound all these things unto the king

<sup>15</sup>& it came to pass that  
after Aaron had expounded these things unto him  
the King say<sup>o</sup>th  
what shall I do that I may have this Eternal life of which thou hast spoken  
yea what shall I do that I may be born of God  
having this wicked spirit rooted out of my breast  
& receive his spirit that I may be filled with joy  
that I may not be cast off at the last day  
behold sayeth he I will give up all that I possess  
yea I will forsake my kingdom that I may receive this great joy

<sup>16</sup>but Aaron sayeth unto him  
if thou desirest this thing  
if thou will bow down before God  
yea if thou repent of all thy sins  
& <sup>will</sup> bow down before God & call on his name in faith  
believing that ye shall receive  
then shalt thou receive the hope which thou desirest

<sup>17</sup>& it came to pass that when Aaron had said these words  
the king did bow down before the Lord upon his knees  
yea even he did prostrate himself upon the earth  
& cried mightily saying

<sup>18</sup>O God Aaron hath said me that there is a God  
& if there is a God & if thou art God  
wilt thou make thyself known unto me  
& I will give away all my sins to know thee  
& that I may be raised from the dead & be saved at the last day

& now when the king had said these words  
he was struck as if he were dead

<sup>19</sup>& it came to pass that his servants ran & told the Queen  
all that had happened unto the king  
& she came in unto the king  
& when she saw him lay as if he were dead  
& also Aaron & his brethren standing  
as tho they had been the cause of his fall  
she was angry with them  
& commanded that her servants or the servants of the king  
should take them & slay them

<sup>20</sup>now the servants had seen the cause of the king,s fall  
therefore they dearst not lay their hands on Aaron & his brethren  
& they fled with the Queen saying  
why commandest thou that we should slay these men  
when behold one of them is mightier than us all  
therefore we shall fall before them

<sup>21</sup>now when the Queen saw the fear of the servants  
she also began to fear excedingly  
lest there should some evil come upon her  
& she commanded her servants that they should go & call the people  
that they might slay Aaron & his brethren

<sup>22</sup>now when Aaron saw the determination of the Queen  
& he also knowing the heardness of the hearts of the people  
feared lest that a multitude should assemble themselves together  
& there should be a great contention & a disterbance among them  
therefore he put forth his hand & raised the king from the earth  
& said unto him stand

& he stood upon his feet receiving his strength

<sup>23</sup>now this was done in the presance of the Queen & many of his servants  
& when they saw it they greatly marveled & began to fear  
& the King stood forth & began to minister unto them  
& he did minister unto them  
insomuch that his whole household were converted unto the Lord

<sup>24</sup>now there was a multitude gathered together  
because of the commandment of the Queen  
& there began to be great murmurings among them  
because of Aaron & his brethren

<sup>25</sup>but the king stood forth among them & administered unto them  
& it came to pass that they were pacified towards Aaron  
& his brethren which were with him  
<sup>26</sup>& it came to pass that when the king saw that the people were pacified  
he caused that Aaron & his brethren should stand forth  
in the midst of the multitude  
& that they should preach the word unto them

<sup>27</sup>& it came to pass that the King sent a proclamation through out all the land  
among all his People which was in all his land  
which was in all the regions round about  
which was bordering even to the Sea on the east & on the west  
& which was divided from the land of Zarahemla  
by a narrow strip of wilderness which ran from the sea east even to the sea west  
& round about on the borders of the Sea shore & the borders of the wilderness  
which was on the north by the land of Zarahemla through the borders of Manti  
by the head of the river Sidon running from the east towards the west  
& thus were the Lamanites & the Nephites divided

<sup>28</sup>now the more part of the Lamanites lived in the wilderness & lived in tents  
& they were spread through the wilderness on the west in the land of Nephi  
yea & also on the west of the land of Zarahemla in the borders by the Sea shore  
& on the west in the land of Nephi in the place of their fathers first inheritance  
& thus bordering along by the Sea shore

<sup>29</sup>& also there was many Lamanites on the east by the Sea shore  
whither the Nephites had driven them  
& thus the Nephites were nearly surrounded by the Lamanites

nevertheless the Nephites had taken possession of all the northren parts of the land  
bordering on the wilderness at the head of the River Sidon  
from the east to the west round about on the wilderness sides on the North  
even until they came to the land which they called Bountiful

<sup>30</sup>& it bordered upon the land which they called desolation  
it being so far northward that it came into the land  
which had been peopled & had been destroyed  
of whose bones we have spoken  
which was discovered by the people of Zarahemla  
it being the place of their first landing

<sup>31</sup>& they came from there up into the south wilderness  
thus the land on the northward was called desolation  
& the land on the Southward was called bountiful  
it being the wilderness which is filled  
with all manner of wild animals of every Kind  
a part of which had come from the land northward for food

<sup>32</sup>& now it was only the distance of a day & a half's Journey for a Nephite  
on the line w bountiful & the land desolation  
from the east to the west Sea  
& thus the land of Nephi & the land of Zarahemla  
was nearly surrounded by wates  
there being a small neck of land between the land Northward & the land Southward  
<sup>33</sup>& it came to pass that the Nephites had inhabited the land buntiful  
even from the east unto the west Sea

& thus the Nephites in their wisdom with their guards & their armies  
had hemed in the Lamaites on the South  
that thereby they should have no more posses'ion on the north  
that they might not overrun the land northward  
<sup>34</sup>therefore the Lamanites could have no more possessions  
only in the land of Nephi & the wilderness round about  
now this was wisdom in the Nephites as the Lamanites were an enemy to them  
they would not suffer their afflictions on every hand  
& also that they might have a country  
whither they might flee according to their desires  
<sup>35</sup>& now I after having said this return again  
to the account <sup>1</sup> of Ammon & Aaron Omner & Himni & their brethren — ——

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<sup>1</sup> OM Header = lamanite◇ ◇◇◇s  
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