

## Alma 46

<sup>1</sup>& ~~& cam~~ it came to pass that  
as many as would not ~~list~~ harken to the words of Heleman & his Brethren  
were gathered ~~to go~~ together against their Brethren  
<sup>2</sup>& now behold they were exceaing wroth  
insomuch that hhey were determined uo saay them

<sup>3</sup>now the leader of those which were wroth agairst their Bretheen  
was a large & a strong man  
& his name was Amalickiah

<sup>4</sup>& Amalickiah was desireous to be a King  
& those People which were wroth was also desireous  
that he should be their King  
& they were the greater part of them the lower Judges of the land  
& they were seeking for power

<sup>5</sup>they had been leal by the flatteries of Ameleckiah  
that if heey would support hem & establish him to be their King  
that he would make them ~~Rule~~ ovlers over the People

<sup>6</sup>thus they were lead away by Ameleckiah to desensions  
notwithstanding ~~the many~~ the Powacheng of Helaman & his Brethren  
yea <sup>1</sup> notwithstanding their exceding great care over the Church  
for they were high priests over the church

<sup>7</sup>& there were many in the church  
which beleeved in the flattering words of Amalickiah  
therefore they desented even from the church  
& thus were the affairs of the~~r~~ People of Nephit  
exceding Precarious & dangerous  
notwithstanding their great victory which they had ovd over the Lamanites  
& their great rejoicings which they had had  
because of therr deliveary by the hands of the Lord

<sup>8</sup>thus we see how quick the Children of men doth forget the Lord there God  
yea ~~to d~~ how quick to do iniquity & to be led away eby the wick<sup>evi</sup>led one

<sup>9</sup>yea & we also see the great wickedness  
one <sup>verry</sup> wicked man can cause to take place among the children of men

<sup>10</sup>yea we see that Ameleckiah  
because he was a man of Cunning deveses & a man of many flattering words  
that he lead away the hearts of many People to do wickedly  
yea & to seek to destroy the church of God  
& to destroy the foundation<sup>er</sup> of liberty  
which God had granted unto then  
of which blessing God had sent upon the face of the land  
for the righteous sake

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<sup>1</sup> OM Header = cause of the dessension &C.

<sup>11</sup>& now it came to pass that when Moroni  
 which was the chief commander of the armie<sup>s</sup> of the Nephites  
 had heard of these dissensions  
 he was angary with Amelickidh  
<sup>12</sup>& it came to pass that he rent his Coat  
 & he took a piece thereff & wrote upon it  
 in memory of our God our Religion & freedom & our peace  
 our uives & our children  
 & he fastened it upon the end of a pole thereof  
<sup>13</sup>& he fastened on his head plate & his breastplate & his shealds  
 & gerded on hes armorr about his loins  
 & he took the pole which had on the end thereof  
 & he called it hhe ~~title~~ title of liberty  
 & bowed himself to the earth  
 & he prayed mightily unto hes God  
 for the blessings of liberty to rest upon  
 longong as there should a band of Christtans remainu to posses the land  
<sup>14</sup>for thus were all the true believers of Chrest  
 which belonged to the church of God  
 called by those who did not belong to the church  
<sup>15</sup>& those who did belong to the church were faithful  
 yea all those who were true believers Chirshrist  
 took upon them gladly the name of Chrest  
 or Christions as they were called  
 because of their belief in Christ which should come  
<sup>16</sup>& therefore at thes time Moroni prayed  
 htat the cause of the Christian s & the freedom of the land mtght be favoured  
  
<sup>17</sup>& ~~it~~ it came ho pass that when he had poured out his souul to God  
 he gave all the land which was south of the land desolations  
 yea & in fine all the land both on the North & on the South  
 & ~~he~~ a chosen lands a the land of liberty  
<sup>18</sup>& he sayeth  
 surely God shall not suffer that we who are despised  
 because we take upom us the mame of Christ  
 shall be troden down & destroid<sup>2</sup>  
 until<sup>1</sup> we bring it upon us by our ow<sup>n</sup> transgressions  
  
<sup>19</sup>& when Moroni had said these word<sup>s</sup>  
 he went forth among the People  
 waveing the rent of his garment in the air  
 that all might see the writing which he had wrote upon the rent  
 & cryeng with a loud voice saying

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<sup>2</sup> OM Header = Moronss Covenant &

<sup>20</sup> behold whosoever will maintain this title **theon the land**  
let them come forth in the strength of the Lord  
& enter into a **covenatt**  
that they well maintain their rights & their religion  
that the Lord God may bless them

<sup>21</sup> & it came to pass that when Moroni had proclaimed these words  
the People came running together  
with their armours girted about their loins  
rending their garments in token or as a covenant  
that they would not forget the Lord their God  
or in other words ~~th~~ if they should transgress the commandments of God  
or fall into transgression  
& be ashamed to take upon them the name of Christ  
the Cord should rend them eren as they rent rents therr garments  
<sup>22</sup> now this was the ~~cove~~~~vet~~ enant which the<sup>y</sup> made  
& they cast there garments at the feet of Moroni sayeng  
~~w~~<sup>e</sup> we covenant with ouo God that we shall be destroid  
asen as our brethren northwrrd  
if we shall fall into transgression  
yea he may cast us at the feet of our enemies  
even as we have cast our garments at they feet  
be be troden under our fo if we sholld fall into trarsgression

<sup>23</sup> Moroni sayeth unto them  
behold we are a remnant of the seed of Jacob  
yea we are a remnant of the seed of Joseph  
whose coat was rent by his Brethren into many pecies  
yea & now behold let us remember to keep the commandments of God  
or our garments shall be rent by our Brethren  
& we be cast into Prisons or be sold or be slain  
<sup>24</sup> yea let us preserve our liberty as a remnant ~~y~~ of Joseph

yea let ~~h~~ us remember the words of Jacob before his death  
for behold he saw that p part of the remnant of the coat <sup>of Joseph</sup>  
was preserved & hat not decayed  
& he sayeth  
even as this remnant of garment of my Sons hath been preserved  
so shall a remnant of the Seed of my Son  
be preserved by the hands go f God & be taken tnto himself  
while the remainder of the seed of Joseph shall perish  
even ~~leke~~ as the remnant of his garment  
<sup>25</sup> now behold this givehh my soul sorrow  
nevertheless my soul hath joy in my Son  
because ~~thet~~ part of his seed which shall be taken unto God  
<sup>26</sup> now behold this was the language of Jacob

<sup>27</sup>& now who noweth but what the remnant of the seed of Joseph  
which shall peresh as his garment  
are those which have deserted from us  
yea & even it shale be us if de do not stand fast in the faith of Christ

<sup>28</sup>& now it came to pass hhat  
when Moroni had said these words  
he went forth & also sent forth  
the n all the parts of the land where there were dissensions  
& gathered togetherd all ofhe People which were desereous to maintain their liberty  
to stand<sup>3</sup> against Amalickiah & those which had di<sup>sented</sup>  
~~from~~ which were called Ameleckiahites

<sup>29</sup>& it came to pass that when Amalickiah saw  
that the People of Moroni were more numerous than the Amalickiahites  
& he also saw that his People were doubtful  
conserning the justice of the cause in which they had undertaken  
toefore fearing that he should not gain the point  
took those of his People which would & departed into the land of Nephi

<sup>30</sup>now Moroni thought it was not expediant<sup>t</sup>  
that the Lamanites should have any more strength  
therefore he thought to cut off the people of Amaleckiah  
or to take them & breng them back  
& put Ameleckiah to death  
yae for he kn<sup>n</sup>ew ~~that~~ he wat they would stir up the Lamanites to anger against them  
& come w<sup>n</sup> to Battle against them  
& thes he knew that Ameleckiah would do  
that he might obtain his purposse

<sup>31</sup>therefree Moroni thought it was expediant  
that he should take his armies  
which g had to athered themeslves together & armed themselvs<sup>s</sup>  
& entered unto a covenant to keep the feeace  
& it came to pass that  
he took hes army & marched out with his tents into the welderness  
to cut off the course of Ameleckiah in the wilderness

<sup>32</sup>& it came to pass that  
he did according to his desires & marched forth ento the wilderness  
& headed the armies of Amalickiah

<sup>33</sup>& it came to pass that Ameleckiah fled with a smalh number of his men  
& the remainder was delivered up into the hands of Moronis  
& were taken back tnto the land of Zaramemla

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<sup>3</sup> OM Header = out<sup>of</sup> the land &.C.

<sup>34</sup>now Moroni being a man  
which was appointed by the Chief Judges & the voice of the People  
therefore he had power to do according to his will  
with the armies of the Nephites  
to establish & do exercise by authority over them  
<sup>35</sup>& it came to pass that whomsoever of the Ameleckiahites  
that would not enter into a covenant to support the cause of freedom  
that they might maintain a free government  
he caused to be put to death  
& there was but few which denied the covenant of freedom  
<sup>36</sup>& it came to pass also that he caused the title of liberty  
to be hoisted upon every tower  
which was in all the land which was possessed by the Nephites  
& thus Moroni planted the standard of liberty among the Nephites  
<sup>37</sup>& they began to have peace again in the land  
& thus they did maintain peace in the land  
until nearly the end of the nineteenth year of the Reign of the Judges  
  
<sup>38</sup>& ~~ord~~ & Helaman & their high priests did also maintain order in the church  
yea even for the space of four years  
did they have much peace & rejoicing in the church  
<sup>39</sup>& it came to pass that there were many who died  
firmly believing that their souls were redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ  
thus they went out of the world rejoicing  
<sup>40</sup>& there were some who died with fevers  
which ~~had~~<sup>at</sup> some seasons of the year was very frequent in the land  
but not so much so with fevers  
because of the excellent<sup>4</sup> qualities of the many plants & roots  
which God had prepared to move the <sup>cause</sup> of diseases  
which was subsequent to man by the nature of the climate  
<sup>41</sup>but there were many who died with old age  
& those who died in the faith of Christ are happy in him  
as we must needs suppose

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<sup>4</sup> OM Header = Amelicksiah stirs up