

A lma 48

¹& now it came to pass that
as soon as Ameleckiah had obtained the Kingdom
he began to inspire the hearts of the Lamanites against the People of Nephi
yea he did appointed^{men} to speak unto the Lamanites from their towers
against the Nephites

²& thus he did inspire their hearts against the Nephites
insomuch that in the latter end of the nineteenth yea of the Reign of thee Judes
he having accomplished hes designs therefore^{yea} heving been made King over the Lamonites
he sought also to Reign over all the land
yea & all the People which were in the land
the Npphites as well as the Lamanites

³therefore he had accomplished his design
for he had hardened the hearts of the Lamanites & blinded therr minds
& stired them up to angar
inso much that he had gathered together a numerous hoast
to go to Battle ggainst the Nephites

⁴for he was determined because of the greatness of the number of his People
to over power the Nephites & to bring them into bondage

⁵& thus he did appoint Cap Chief Captains of the Zorametes
they being the most acquainted whicht the strength of the Nepehites
& their places of resort & the weakest ports of their City Cities
therefore he appointed them to be chief Captains over his armies

⁶& it came p pass that they took their camp
& moved forth towards the land of Zarahemla in the wilderness

⁷now it came to pass that
while Ameleckiah had thus been obtaining Power by fraud & deceit
moroni on the other hand had been a preparing the minds of the People
to be faithful unto the Lord their Lod

⁸yea had been streng thening the armies of the Nephites
& erecting small forts or places of resort
thhowing upø Banks of earth round about to ensercle his armies
& also building walls of stone to ensercle them about
around about their Citees & the borders of their lands
yea all round about the land

⁹& in their weakest fortifications he did place the greater^{number-of} ~~men~~ number of men
& thus he did fortify & strengthen the land
which was posessed by the Nephites

¹⁰& thus he was preparing to support their biberty
there lands therr wives & their children & their peace
& that they might live unto the Lord their God
& that they might maintain
that which was called by their enemies the cause of Chrestions

¹¹& Moroni was a strong & a mighty man

he was a man of a ^{perfect understanding}¹
yea & man that did not delight in bloodshed
a man whose soul did joy in the liberty
& the freedom of his country & his brethren from bondage & slavery
¹²yea a man whose heart did swell with ~~in~~ thanks giving to his God
for the many privileges & Blessings ~~he~~ which he bestowed upon his people
a man who did labour exceedingly for the welfare & tafty of his People
¹³yea & he was a man who was firm in the faith of Christ
& he had sworn with an oath to defend his People
his rights & his country & his religion
even to the loss of his Blood

¹⁴now the Nephites were taught to defend themselves against their enemies
even to the sheading of blood even if it were necessary
yea & they were also taught never to give an offence
yea & never to raise the sword
except it were against an enemy
except it were to preserve their lives
¹⁵& this was their faith
that by so doing God would prosper them in the land
or in other words if they were faithful in keeping the commandments of God
that he would prosper them in the land
yea warn them to flee or be prepared for war according to their danger
¹⁶& also that God would make it known unto them
whither they should go to defend themselves against their enemies
& by so doing the Lord would deliver them

& this was the faith of Moroni
& his heart ~~of~~ did glory in it
not in the sheading of blood
but in doing good in preserving his People
yea in keeping the commandments of God
yea & resisting iniquity
¹⁷yea verily verily I say unto you
if all men had been & were & ever would be like unto Moroni
behold the very powers of Hell would have been shaken forever
yea the Devil would never have no power over the hearts of the Children of men
¹⁸Behold he was a man like unto Amon the Son of Mosiah
yea & even the other Sons of Mosiah
yea & also Almon & his Sons
for they were all men of God

¹⁹now behold Helaman & his Brethren

¹ OM Header = the Nephites are compe

were not less serviseble unto the People then was Moreni
for they did Preach the word of God
& they did Baptise unto repentence all men
whosoever would hearken unto their words
²⁰& thus they went fort
& the People did humble themselves because of their words
insomuch that they were highly favored of the $\text{\textcircled{G}}$ Lord
& thus they were free from wars & contentions among themselves
yea even for the space of four years

²¹but as I have said in the latter end of the nineteenth year
norwithstanding their peace amongst themselves
they w^{were}as compeled reluctantly to contend with their Brethren the Lamonites
²²yea & en fene their wars never did cease for the space of mony years with the Lamonites
norwithstanding their much reluctonce
²³now they were sorry to take up arms against the Lamanites
because they did not delight in the shadding of Blood
yea & this was wot all
they wa^{were}s sorry to be the means of sending so mony of their Brethren
out of this world ^{world}² into an eternal world unprepared to meet their God

²⁴nevertheless they could not suffer to lay down their lives
that their wives & their children should be massacred
by the barbarous cruelty of those who was once their Brethren
yea & had desented from their church
& had left them & had gone to destroy th^{them}e by joining the Lamanites
²⁵yea they could not bare
that their Brethren should rejoice over the blood of the Nephites
so long as there were any who should keep the^s commandments of God
for the promises of the Lord were
if they should keep his commandments
they should prosper in the land

² OM Header = go to the Cety of Ammonihah