

## Alma 51

<sup>1</sup>And now it came to pass  
in the commencement of the twenty & fifth year  
of the reign of the Judges over the People  
having established peace  
between the People of Lehi & the people of Morianton  
concerning their lands  
& having commenced the twenty & fifth year in peace  
<sup>2</sup>nevertheless they did not long maintain an entire peace in the land  
for there began to be a contention among the People  
concerning the Chief Judge Parhoron  
for behold there were a part of the People  
which desired that a few particular Points of the law should be altered  
<sup>3</sup>but behold Parhoron would not alter nor suffer the law to be altered  
therefore he did not hearken to those  
who had sent in their voices with their petitions  
concerning the altering of the law  
<sup>4</sup>therefore those which were desirous that the law should be altered  
were angry with him  
& desired that he should no longer be chief Judge over the land  
therefore there arose a warm dispute concerning the matter  
but not unto bloodshed  
<sup>5</sup>& it came to pass that those who were desirous  
that Parhoron should be dethroned from the Judgment seat  
were called King men  
for they were desirous that the law should be altered in a manner  
to overthrow the free government & to establish a King over the land  
<sup>6</sup>& those who were desirous  
that Parhoron should remain Chief Judge over the land  
took upon them the name of freemen  
& thus was the division among them  
for the freemen had covenanted for covenanted  
to maintain their rites & the Privileges of their Religion by a free government  
  
<sup>7</sup>& it came to pass that this matter of their contention  
was settled by the voice of the People  
& it came to pass that the voice of the People came in the favour of the freemen  
& Parhoron retained the Judgment seat  
which caused much rejoicing among the Brethren of Parhoron  
& also among the People of liberty  
which also put the King men to silence  
that they durst not oppose  
but were obliged to maintain the cause of freedom  
  
<sup>8</sup>now those which were in favour of Kings were those <sup>1</sup> of high Birth  
& they sought to be Kings

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<sup>1</sup> OM Header = Ameleckeah comes up to atta

& they were supported by those  
which sought Power & authority over the People  
<sup>9</sup>but Beheld this was a critical time  
for such contentions to be among the People of Nephi  
for behold Amalickiah had again stired up  
the hearts of the Peofle of the Lamanites againts the people of the Nephites  
& he was gathering together Soldiers from all parts f of his land  
& arming them & prepareing for war with all diligence  
for he had sworn to dring the Blood of Moroni  
<sup>10</sup>but behold we shall see that this promise which he made was rash  
nevertheless he did prepare himself & his armies  
to come to Battle against the Nephites

<sup>11</sup>now his armies were not so great as they had hitherto been  
because of the many thousands which had been slain by the hand of the Nephites  
but notwithstanding their great loss  
Amalickiah had gathered together a wonderful great army  
insomuch that he feared not to come down to the cand of Zarahemla  
<sup>12</sup>yea even Amalickiah did himself come down at the head of the Lamanites  
& it was in the twenty & fifth year of the reign of the Judges  
& it was at the sam time that they had began  
to settle the affairs of their comensions Concening the Chief Judge Parhoron

<sup>13</sup>& it came to pass that  
when the e men ofhich were called King men had heard  
that the Lamanites were coming down to Battle against them  
they were glad in their hearts  
& they refused to take up arms  
for they were so wroth weth the chief Judge  
& also with the People of liberty  
that they would not take up arms to defend their country

<sup>14</sup>& it came to pass that when Moroni saw this  
& also saw that the Lamanites were comeing into the borders of the land  
he was exceding wroth because of the stubborness of those People  
of whom he had laboured weth somuch diligence to preserre  
yea he was was exceding wroth  
his soul was filled with angar against them

<sup>15</sup>& it came to pass that he sent a petition  
wiith the voice of the People unto the Governor of the land  
desireing that he should head it  
& give him Moroni power to compel those dessenters  
to defenl their Country or to put them to death

<sup>16</sup>for it was his first care to put an end  
to such contentions & dissentions among the People  
for behold this had been hitherto a cause of thl their destructions  
& it came to pass that it was granted accordinj to the voice of the People

<sup>17</sup>& it came to pass that Morone commanded  
that tis army should go against those King men  
w pull pwn their Plides & their nobility  
& level them with the earth  
or they should take up arms & support the cause of liberty  
<sup>18</sup>& it came to pass ~~that~~ that the armies did march forth against them  
& they did pull down their pride & their nobility  
insomuch that as they did left their weopons of war  
to fight against the men of Moroni  
they were hewn dow & levelled to the earth  
<sup>19</sup>& it came to pass that there <sup>were</sup> four thousand of those dessenters  
which were hewn dow by the sword  
& those of their leaders which were not slain <sup>in Battle 2</sup>  
were taken & cast into prison  
for there was not time for their traals at this period  
<sup>20</sup>& the remainder of those dissenters  
rather that to be smote down to the earth by the sword  
yielded to the standard of liberty  
& were compeled to hoist the title of liberty  
upon their towers & in their Cities  
& to take up arms en defence of their country  
<sup>21</sup>& thus Moroni put an end to those Kingmen  
that there were not any known by the appellation of king men  
& thus he put an end to the stubborness & the prides of those people  
which profesed the Blood of nobelity  
but they were brought down to humble themselves like unto therr Brethren  
& to feght valiantly ~~for~~ for their freedom from bondage

<sup>22</sup>behold it cane to pass that while Moroni was thus breaking down  
the wars & contentions among his own People  
& subjecting them to peace & civiliseation  
& making regulating to prepare for war against the ~~Lannitis~~ Lamanites  
behold the Lamanites had came into the land of Moroni  
which was in the borders by the Sea shore  
<sup>23</sup>& it came to pass that  
the Nephites were not sufficiently s'rong in the city of Moroni  
therefore Ameleckiah did drive them slaying many  
& it came to pass that Amelickiah took possession of the City  
&yea possession of all their fortifications

<sup>24</sup>& those which fled out of the City of Moroni came to the City of Nephiah  
& also the People of the City of Lehi gathered themselves together  
& made freperations & were ready to receive the Lamanites to Battle  
<sup>25</sup>but it came to pass that Ameleckiah would not suffer the Lamanites  
to go against the city of Nephiah to Battle

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<sup>2</sup> OM Header = by Teancum &C

but he kept them down by the Sea shore  
leaving men in every City to maintain & defend it

<sup>26</sup>& thus he went on taking possession of many cities  
the City of Nephiah & the city of Lehi & the City of Morianton  
& the City of Omner & the city of Gid & the City of Mulek  
all of which were on the east Borders by Sea the Sea Shore  
<sup>27</sup>& thus had the Lamanites obtained by the cunning of Amelickiah  
some many Cities by their numberless hoasts  
all of which were strongly fortified  
after the manner of the fortifications of Moroni  
all of which afforded strong holds for the Lamanites

<sup>28</sup>& it came to pass that they marched to the borders of the land bountiful  
driving the Nephites before them & slaying many  
<sup>29</sup>but it came to pass that they were met by Teancum  
who had slain Morianton & had ~~hedd~~ headed his People in his flight  
<sup>30</sup>& it came to pass that he headed Amelickiah also  
as he was marching forth with his numerous army  
that he might take possession of the land Bountiful & also the land Northward  
<sup>31</sup>but behold he met with a disappointment  
of being repulsed by Teancum & ~~hs~~<sup>hes</sup> men  
for they were great warriors  
for every man of Teancum did exceed the Lamanites  
in their strength & in their skill of war  
insomuch that they did gain <sup>3</sup> advantage over the Lamanites  
<sup>32</sup>& it came to pass that they did harass them  
insomuch that they did slay them even until it was dark  
& it came to pass that  
Teancum & his men did pitch their tents in the borders of the land Bountiful  
& Ameleckiah did pitch his tents in the borders on the beach by the Sea shore  
& after this manner were they driven

<sup>33</sup>& it came to pass that when the night had come  
Teancum & his Servant stole forth & went out by night  
& went into the camp of Ameleckiah  
& behold sleep had overpowered them  
because of their much fatigue  
which was caused by the labours & heat of the day

<sup>34</sup>& it came to pass that Teancum stole privily into the tent of the King  
& put a javelin to his heart  
& he did cause the death of the King immediately  
that he did not awake his servants  
<sup>35</sup>& he returned again privily to his own camp

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<sup>3</sup> OM Header = Ameleckiah Slain by T

& behold his men were asleep  
& he awoke them & told them all the things that he had done  
<sup>36</sup>& he caused that his armies should stand in readiness  
lest the Lamanites had awoke & should come upon them  
<sup>37</sup>& thus endeth the twenty & fifth & year  
of the reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi  
& ~~this~~ thus ended the days of Amelickiah