

Alma 52 Chapter

¹And now it came to pass in the twenty & sixth year of the Reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi behold when the Lamanites awoke on the first morning of the first month Behold they found Ameleckiah was died in his tent & they also saw that Teancum was ready to give them Battle on that day

²& now when the Lamanites saw these they were affrighted & they abandoned their design in marching into the land Northwards & retreated with all their army into the City of Mulek & sought protection in their fortifications

³& it came to pass that the Brother of Ameleckiah was appointed King over the People & his name was Ammonon thus King Ammonon the Brother of Aime Ameleckiah was appointed to Reign in his stead

⁴& it came to pass that he did command that his People should maintain these Cities which they had taken by the shedding of blood for they had not taken any cities save they had lost much blood

⁵& now Teancum saw that the Lamanites were determined to maintain those cities which they had taken and those parts of the land which they had obtained possession of & also seeing the enormity of their number Teancum thought it was not expedient that he should attempt to attack them in their forts

⁶but he kept his men round about as if making preparations for war yea & truly he was preparing to defend himself against them by casting up walls round about & preparing places of resort

⁷& it came to pass that he kept thus preparing for war until Moroni had sent a large number of men to strengthen his army

⁸& Moroni also sent^{nt} orders unto him that he should retain all the Prisoners which fell into his hands for as the Lamanites had taken many Prisoners that he should retain all the prisoners of the Lamanites as a ransom for those which the Lamanites had taken

⁹& he also sent orders unto him that he should fortify the land Bountiful & secure the narrow pass which lead into the land northward lest the Lamanites should obtain that point & should have power to harass them on every side

¹ OM Header = ancum to take the city Mulek

¹⁰& Moroniⁱ also sent unto him desireing him
that he would be faithful ~~that~~ in maintaining that quarter of this land
& that he would seek every opportunity
to ~~seize~~ the Lamanites in that quarter as much as was in his power
that perhaps he might take again by stratagem or some other way
those cities which had been taken out of their hands
& that he ^{also} would ~~also~~ fortify & strengthen the Cities round about
which had not fallen into the hand^s of the Lamanites

¹¹& he also said unto him
I would come unto you
but behold the Lamanites are upon us
in the borders of the land by the west Sea
& behold I go against them
therefore I can not come unto you

¹² now the King ~~had~~ Ammoron had departed out of the land of Zarahemla
& had made known unto the Queen concerning the ~~dead~~ death of his Brother
& had gathered together a Large number of men
& had marched forth against the Nephites on the borders ~~by~~ by the West Sea

¹³ & thus he was endeavoring to harrass the Nephites
& to draw away a part of their forces to that part of the land
~~wh~~ while he had commanded those which he had left
to possess the cities which he had taken
that they should also harrass the Nephites & on the borders by the east Sea
& should take possession of their lands
as much as it were in their power
according to the Power of their Armies

¹⁴ & thus were the Nephites in those dangerous circumstances
in the ending of the twenty & sixth year
of the Reign of the Judges over the People of Nephi

¹⁵ but behold it came to pass
in the twentyeth & seventh year of the Reign
that Teancum by the Command of Morone
who had established armies to protect the South & the West borders of the land
had began his march towards the of Bountiful
that he might assist Teancum with his in re
in retaking the cities which they had lost

¹⁶ & it came to pass that Teancum had received orders
to make an attack upon the city of Mulek & retake it if it were possible

¹⁷& it came to pass that Teancum made preparations to make an attack upon the City of Mulek & march forth with his ~~army~~ army against the Lamanites but he saw that it was impossible that he could overpower them while they were in their fortifications therefore he abandon^{ed}² his designs & returned again to the city Bountiful to wait for the coming of Moroni that he might receive strength to his army

¹⁸& it came to pass that Moroni did arrive with his army to ^{the} land of Bountiful in the latter end of the twenty & seventh year of the Reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi

¹⁹& in the commencement of the twenty & eighth year Moroni & Teancum & many of the chief Captains held a council of war what they should do to cause the Lamanites to come out against them to battle or that they might by some means flatter them out of their strong holds that they ~~may~~ might gain advantage over them & take again the city of Mulek

²⁰& it came to pass that they sent embassies to the army of the Lamanites which protected the city of Mulek their leader whose name was Jacob desiring him that he would come out with his armies to meet them upon the plains between the two cities but Behold Jacob which was a Zoramite would not come out with his army to meet them upon the plains

²¹& it came to pass that Moroni having no hopes of meeting them upon fair grounds therefore he resolved upon a plan that he might decoy the Lamanites out of their strong holds

²²therefore he caused that Teancum should take a small number of men & march down toward the Seashore & Moroni & his army by night marched into the wilderness on the West of the city Mulek & thus on the morrow when the guards of the Lamanites had discovered Teancum they ran & told it unto Jacob their leader

²³& it came to pass that the armies of the Lamanites did march forth against Teancum supposing by their numbers to overpower Teancum because of the smallness of his numbers & as Teancum saw the armies of the Lamanites coming out against him he began a retreat down by the Sea shore northward

² OM Header = Moroni uses stratagem to

²⁴ & it came to pass whae when the Lamanites saw that he began to flee they took courage & persued them with vigor

& while Teancum was thes leading away the lamanites
w which were persueeng them ~~invng~~ invare
behold Moreni commaaded that a part of ~~the~~ his army which were with him
should march forth into the city & take possesseon of it

²⁵ & thus they did & slew all those who had been left to proteck the cety
yea all those who would not yeeld un their weopons of war

²⁶ & thiss Morone had obtained a possession of that city Mulek
with a part of hes army
while he marched with the remainder be meet the Lamanites
when they should return from the persuit of Teancum

²⁷ & it came be pass that the Lameenites did feersue teancum
until they cane near the cety Bounteful

& then they were met by Lehi & a small army
which had been left be protect the cety Bounteful

²⁸ & now Behold when the Cheef Captains³ of the Lamanites had beheld Lehi
with his army comeing against them
they fled in much confusion

lest perhaps they should not obtain the city Mulek
before Lehi should overtaake them

for they were wearied because of their march
& the men of Lehi were fresh

²⁹ now the Lamanttes ded not know
that Moroni had been in their rear with his army

~~ba~~ & all they feard was Lehi & his men

³⁰ now Lehi was not desireous to overtake them
till they should meet Moroni & his army

³¹ & it came to pass that before the Lamanites had retreated far
they were surrounded by the Nephites

by the men of Moroni on one hand & the men of Lehi on the other
all of whom w^{were}as fresh & full of strenghh

^{but} the Lamanetes were wearied because of their long march

³² & Morone comnanded hit men that they should fall upon them
~~untill~~ untill they had given up their weopons of war

³³ & it came to pass that Jacob being their leadir
being also a Zoramites & haveing an unconquerable spirit
led the Lamanites forth to battle whith exceding fury against Moroni

³ OM Header = of Mulek & takes the army
of Lamanites &C

³⁴ Moroni being in their course of march
therefore Jacob was determined to slay them
& cut his way through to the City of Mulek
but Behold Moroni & his men were more powerful
therefore they did not give way before the Lamanites
³⁵ & it came to pass that they fought on both hands with exceeding fury
& there were many slain on both sides
yea & Moroni was wounded & Jacob was killed
³⁶ & Lehe pressed upon their rear with such fury with his strong men
that the Lamanites in the rear delivered up their weapons of war
& the remainder of them being much confused
knew not whither to go or to strike

³⁷ Moroni seeing their confusion he said unto them
if ye will bring forth your weapons of war & deliver them up
behold we will forbear shedding your blood
³⁸ & it came to pass that when the Lamanites had heard these words
their Chief Captains all those which were not slain came forth
& threw down their weapons of war at the feet of Moroni
& also commanded their men that they should do the same
³⁹ but Behold there were many that would not
& those who would not ~~deliver~~ deliver up their swords were taken & bound
& their weapons of war were taken from them
& they were compelled to march with their Brethren forth into the land Bountiful
⁴⁰ & now the number of Prisoners which were taken
exceeded more than the number ~~those~~ those which had been slain
yea more than those which had been slain on both sides