

BROTHER RIVERA - BYU RELA 122 ~ LESSON 10

THEY WERE PREPARED ~ ALMA 49

“We have never needed *positive* spiritual momentum more than we do now, to counteract the speed with which evil and the darker signs of the times are intensifying. Positive spiritual momentum will keep us moving forward amid the fear and uncertainty created by pandemics, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, and armed hostilities. Spiritual momentum can help us withstand the relentless, wicked attacks of the adversary and thwart his efforts to erode our personal spiritual foundation.”

—PRESIDENT RUSSELL M. NELSON

WISE NEPHITE PREPARATIONS

- Moroni stationed Army at the borders - 49:2
- Built natural shields around cities
- Built a high border wall - 49:4
- Made weak places strong - 49:3
- Created Places of Security - 49:5
- Built Forts of Security - 49:13
- Lamanites astonished and retreat - 49:9, 14



“But behold, to their [the Lamanite Army] uttermost astonishment, they were prepared [the Nephites] for them, in a manner which never had been known among the children of Lehi. Now they were prepared for the Lamanites, to battle after the manner of the instructions of Moroni.”

—ALMA 49:8

“The forces of evil have never raged more forcefully than they do today. As servants of the Lord, we cannot be asleep while this battle rages.”

“I pray daily that you will be protected from the fierce attacks of the adversary and have the strength to push forward through whatever challenges you face.”

—PRESIDENT RUSSELL M. NELSON

MORONI CALLING THE SHOTS!

- Lamanites thought the Nephites were still weak - 49:14
- The Wisdom of Moroni
- Makes weak places strong - 49:15
- Anticipate the enemy
- Appoint feared Leaders like him - Chief Captain Lehi - 49:16-17



"Thus they were prepared, yea, a body of their strongest men, with their swords and their slings, to smite down all who should attempt to come into their place of security by the place of entrance; and thus were they prepared to defend themselves against the Lamanites.."

—ALMA 49:20

“Thus the Nephites had all power over their enemies; and thus the Lamanites did attempt to destroy the Nephites until their chief captains were all slain; yea, and more than a thousand of the Lamanites were slain; while, on the other hand, there was not a single soul of the Nephites which was slain..”

—ALMA 49:23

KING AMALICKIAH RESPONSE TO DEFEAT

- King Amalickiah didn't even lead the army into battle
- All of his Chief Captains were killed - 49:25
- He was exceedingly angry for not fulfilling his desires of Nephite bondage - 49:26
- He cursed God and Moroni
- He swore to drink Moroni's blood - 49:27



NEPHITE RESPONSE TO THEIR VICTORY

- They thanked the Lord their God - 49:28
- Thanked God for His matchless power and deliverance
- Established peace - 49:30
- Exceedingly great prosperity in the Church
- Gave heed and diligence to the Word of God
- Followed all those who were ordained by the holy order of God
- Were baptized unto repentance



“My dear brothers and sisters, with all the pleadings of my heart, I urge you to get on the covenant path and stay there. Experience the joy of repenting daily. Learn about God and how He works. Seek and expect miracles. Strive to end conflict in your life.

As you act on these pursuits, I promise you the ability to move forward on the covenant path with increased momentum, despite whatever obstacles you face. And I promise you greater strength to resist temptation, more peace of mind, freedom from fear, and greater unity in your families.

God lives! Jesus is the Christ! He lives! He loves us and will help us.”

—PRESIDENT RUSSELL M. NELSON