

BROTHER RIVERA - BYU RELA 122 ~ LESSON 13

PREPARE TO DEFEND
YOURSELVES ~ ALMA 52

“And now, it came to pass in the twenty and 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 Amalickiah was dead in his own tent; and they also saw that Teancum was ready to give them battle on that day. .”

– ALMA 52:1

A NEW LAMANITE KING REIGNS

- 3. And it came to pass that the brother of Amalickiah was appointed king over the people; and his name was Ammoron; thus king Ammoron, the brother of king Amalickiah, was appointed to reign in his stead.



CAPTAIN TEANCUM PREPARES DEFENSES

- 6. But he kept his men round about, as if making preparations for war; yea, and truly he was preparing to defend himself against them, by casting up walls round about and preparing places of resort.
- 7. And it came to pass that he kept thus preparing for war until Moroni had sent a large number of men to strengthen his army.



“We believe that men should appeal to the civil law for redress of all wrongs and grievances, where personal abuse is inflicted or the right of property or character infringed, where such laws exist as will protect the same; but we believe that all men are justified in defending themselves, their friends, and property, and the government, from the unlawful assaults and encroachments of all persons in times of exigency, where immediate appeal cannot be made to the laws, and relief afforded..”

– DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 134:11

MORONI'S ORDERS

- Retain all Lamanite prisoners for ransom - vs. 8
- Fortify the Land Bountiful & secure the narrow pass to the Land Northward - vs. 9
- Be faithful in defending homelands
- Moroni defending borders - vs. 11



“And thus were the Nephites in those dangerous circumstances in the ending of the twenty and sixth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi.”

– ALMA 52:14

MORONI'S WAR COUNCIL

- Moroni arrives in Bountiful with his army - vs. 18
- Moroni holds a War Council - vs. 19
- Diplomacy failed with Jacob the Zoramite, a Lamanite Captain - vs. 20
- Diplomacy failed



THE BATTLE AT MULEK

- Captain Teancum's Army was a decoy - vs. 24
- Commander Moroni's Army takes the city
- Captain Lehi's Army of fresh troops meet the Lamanites - vs. 28
- Moroni's and Lehi's Armies surround the Lamanite Army - vs. 31



JACOB THE ZORAMITE

- 33. And it came to pass that Jacob, being their leader, being also a Zoramite, and having an unconquerable spirit, he led the Lamanites forth to battle with exceeding fury against Moroni.



MORONI WAS MORE POWERFUL

- 34. But behold, Moroni and his men were more powerful; therefore they did not give way before the Lamanites.
- 35. And it came to pass that they fought on both hands with exceeding fury; and there were many slain on both sides; yea, and Moroni was wounded and Jacob was killed.



LEHI AND HIS STRONG MEN

- 36. And Lehi pressed upon their rear with such fury with his strong men, that the Lamanites in the rear delivered up their weapons of war; and the remainder of them, being much confused, knew not whither to go or to strike.



LAMANITES SURRENDER

- 37. Now Moroni seeing their confusion, he said unto them: "If ye will bring forth your weapons of war and deliver them up, behold we will forbear shedding your blood."
- 38. And it came to pass that when the Lamanites had heard these words, their chief captains, all those who were not slain, came forth and threw down their weapons of war at the feet of Moroni, and also commanded their men that they should do the same.



“But behold, there were many that would not; and those who would not deliver up their swords were taken and bound, and their weapons of war were taken from them, and they were compelled to march with their brethren forth into the land Bountiful.”

“And now the number of prisoners who were taken exceeded more than the number of those who had been slain, yea, more than those who had been slain on both sides.”

– ALMA 52:39-40