

BROTHER RIVERA - BYU RELA 122 ~ LESSON 8

# MORONI AND THE TITLE OF LIBERTY ~ ALMA 46



# AMALICKIAH - ONE VERY WICKED MAN

- People of Zarahemla divided, families divided, those who believed Helaman and those who hated him - vs. 1-2
- Amalickiah is the Leader of the Haters - vs. 3
  - Large and Strong
  - Wanted Power & Control of a King
  - Supported by Lower Judges - vs. 4
  - Flatteries and promised Ruler positions - vs. 5
  - He led many away to dissent - vs. 6





# HELAMAN, HIS BRETHREN & PEOPLE

- They were High Priests - vs. 6
- They continued to Preach
- Exceedingly great care over the Church
- Many left the Church who believed the flattering words of Amalickiah
- These were very Precarious and Dangerous times - vs. 7
- They forgot the great battle Victory, their great rejoicings, and God's deliverance





# WARNING FROM MORMON

- People will forget the Lord their God
- Quick to do iniquity and to be led away by the evil one - vs. 8
- Great wickedness one very wicked man can cause:
  - Cunning device & many flattering words
  - Led away the hearts of many
  - Seek to destroy the Church of God, Liberty from God, & the Blessings of the righteous





# MORONI LEADS THE CAUSE OF THE CHRISTIANS

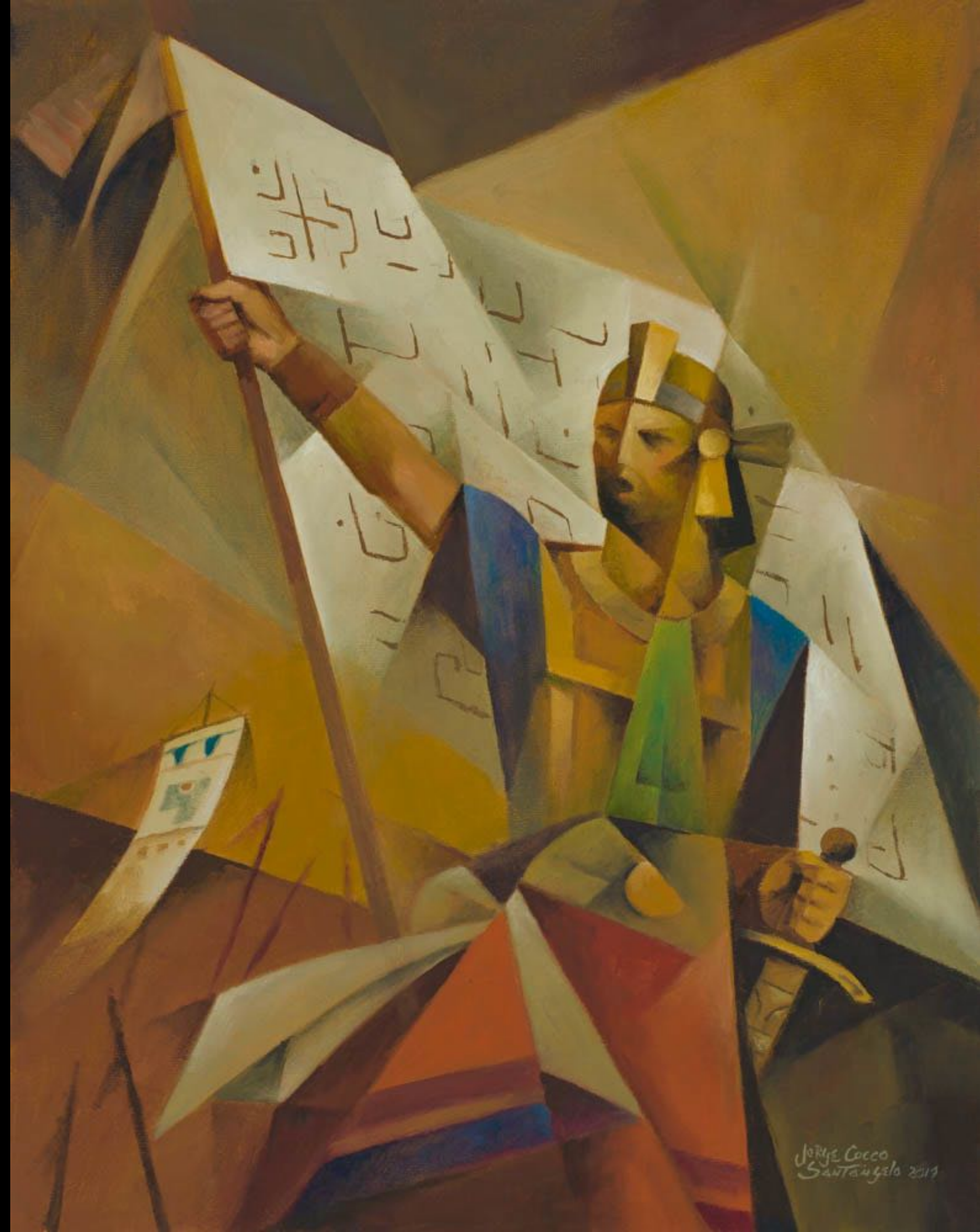
- How did the righteous react?
- Moroni's righteous indignation - vs 11
- Created a Flag of the Faithful - vs. 12
- Prayed mightily to God for Blessings of Liberty - vs. 13
- Mustered the Band of Christians, true believers of Christ, faithful Church members - vs. 14
- The Cause of the Christians and Freedom





# THE TITLE OF LIBERTY - ALMA 46:13

- In Memory of our God - vs. 12
- Our Religion
- Our Freedom
- Our Peace
- Our Families
- The Cause of Christians
- The Freedom of the Land - vs. 16





# THE DECLARATION AND COVENANT

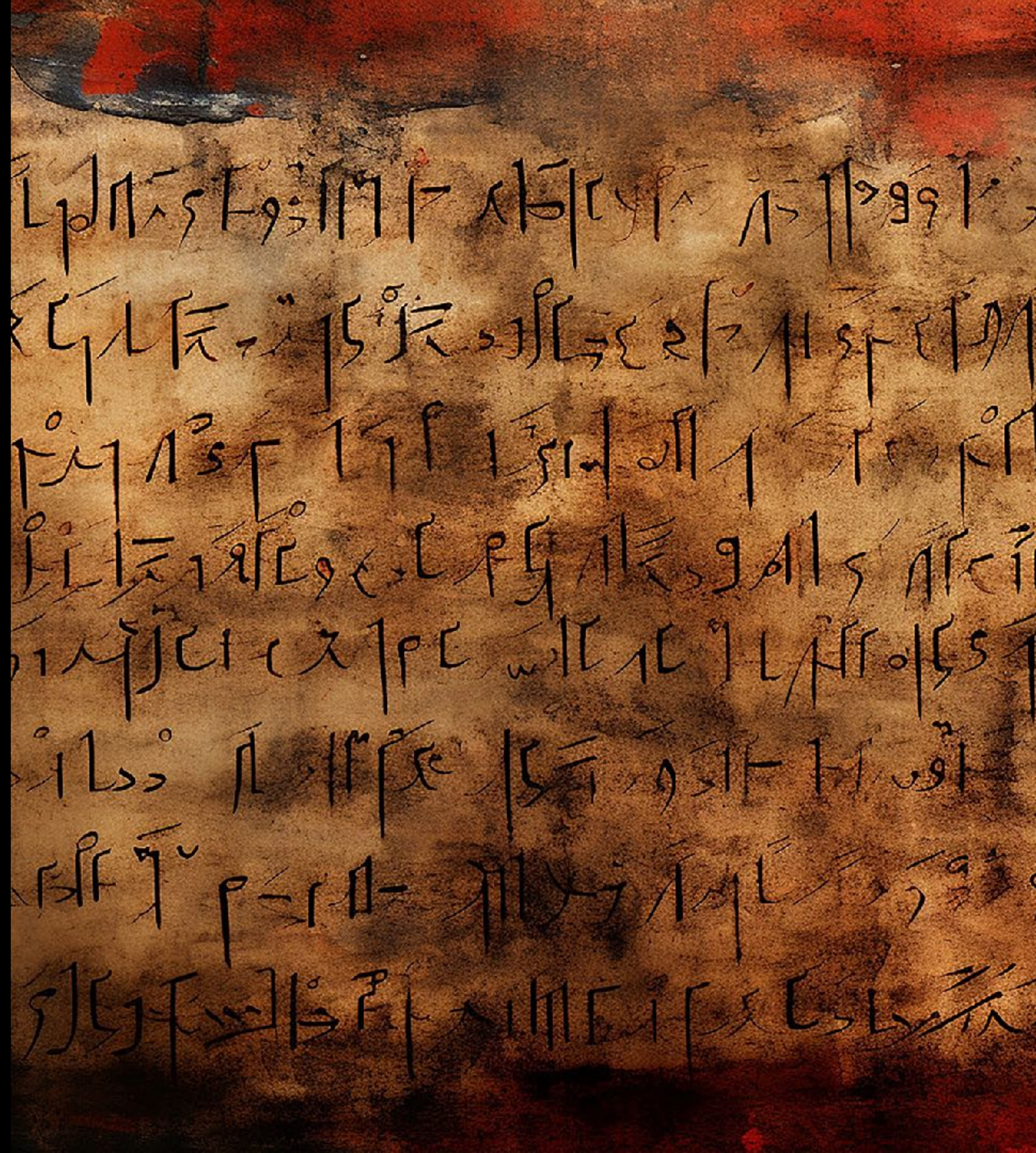
- New Name of the Land = A Chosen Land and the Land of Liberty - vs. 17
- Declaration and Muster of people - vs. 18 - 20
- The Covenant of Rights and Religion
- "Behold, the people came running together" - vs. 21





# TERMS & TOKENS OF THE COVENANT

- TOKEN: Tore their Clothes as a sign of their faith in Christ - vs. 21
- TERMS: They will not transgress the Commandments of God
- They will not be ashamed to take upon them the name of Christ
- If not, then they will be destroyed - vs. 22
- OATH: "We covenant with our God..."
- Remember our Ancestor Joseph - vs.23-26





# MORONI GATHERS THE PEOPLE

- Moroni taught the Cause of the Christians in the land
- He sent others to teach it also
- He gathered together all people who desired Liberty
- Those willing to stand against Amalickiah and his dissenters - vs. 28





# AMALICKIAH'S REACTION...

- Nephite gathering was larger
- Doubt of the evil cause, not just
- Afraid he was not going to beat the Truth
- Retreated to the Lamanites in the Land of Nephi - vs. 29





# MORONI'S THOUGHTS

- Moroni calling the shots!
- He thought the Lamanites didn't need any more numbers of traitor Nephites
- He thought to cut off and kill Amalickiah's retreat
- He knew evil leaders will do anything to win! - vs. 30
- He thought lead the armed Freedom Fighters he gathered - vs. 31





# MORONI A LAWFUL LEADER OF ARMY

- Appointed by the Chief Judges to be Chief Commander of the Armies of the Nephites
- Confirmed by consensus of the people
- Had power and discretion to establish and exercise authority over the Army - vs. 34





# RESULTS OF A RIGHTEOUS CAUSE

- Amalickiah and his followers offered the Covenant of Peace and Freedom to maintain Freedom and Free Government - vs. 35
- Death to the rebels of Freedom
- Standard of Liberty on every tower - vs. 36
- Maintained Peace in the land - vs. 37
- Helaman and High Priests maintained order, much peace, and rejoicing in the Church - vs. 38





# THE NEPHITE PANDEMIC

- Many of the faithful died rejoicing - vs. 39
- Seasonal Fevers and diseases very frequent
- God has prepared excellent natural remedies - vs. 40





“And it came to pass that there were many who died, firmly believing that their souls were redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ; thus they went out of the world rejoicing.”

“And those who died in the faith of Christ are happy in him, as we must needs suppose.”

—ALMA 46:39, 41