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Alma 23-29

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They Never Did Fall Away

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Ch 23

Ishmael - Ammon & Lemoni

Middoni - Aaron & brethren imprisoned

Nephi - king over all the Lamanites, former dwelling place of Zeniff - Noah - Limhi

Shilom - sister city to Nephi

Shamlon - where the Lamanites dwelt in the time of ↗

Lemuel - "Lamanites in Nephi, Ishmaelites in Lemuel"

Shimniton - only mention here

v. 18 - curse of God did no more follow them - never was a racial difference

- summarize teachings of Marvin Perkins "Race and the Priesthood"

2 Ne 5:21 - curse

2 Ne 30:7 - scales fall from eyes

Jeremiah 8:21 "I am black" KJV = "I mourn"

Alma 55 - Nephite blends in w/ Lamanites (v. 1-9)

- conflicting messages are part of our test

Ethan Sproot
"Skins as Garments
in the Book of
Mormon: A Textual
Exegesis"

Ch 24 Land of Amulon/Helam - descendants (spiritual as well as physical)

from wicked priests of Noah

Land of Jerusalem - where Amolekites (Amlicites?) ended up

Great address of Anti-Nephi-Lehi

- as marvelous a call to courage as can be found anywhere

- took great courage and faith for him to ask this of his people - Leadership

Victory, but not in any way they could have foreseen

- they lost fewer and gained more than would have been possible in any other course

- they could have fought and won, and wiped Amolekites/Amulonites off of the map, but it would have changed them.

- this is the perpetual disadvantage of believers - the tactics of the devil are forever closed to them

v. 30 After enlightenment, falling has greater consequences, repentance less likely

Ch. 25

end of ~~Amulonites~~ Amulonites

- 1st killed by Nephites

- 2nd ~~cause~~ cause death of those Lamanites humbled unto belief

- 3rd slaughtered & hunted in retribution

- We are now just over 10 years into their mission

Ch 26

Rejoicing of ~~Ammon~~ Ammon

the miracle of the salvation of the sons of Mosiah as well as the Lamanites

v 3, 15 - brought from darkness to light - no mention of skin

Ch 27

Amalekites still around, angrier than ever - start killing again

v. 4 - proof of legendary status of Ammon & brethren

King requests Ammon inquire of the Lord - Lord commands departure

they all leave and await word outside the land of Zerkomb

- they wait long enough for a referendum to be held

reunion of Ammon & sons of Mosiah / end of flashback - up to date

- Ammon again experiences unconsciousness due to joy (Alma 29:16)

READ v. 28-29 Their view of violence & death

Ch 28

greatest battle in all of Nephite history to that point - Nephites willing to die for the people of Ammon to be free. (and to refrain from fighting)

v. 13 TRUE INEQUALITY of man comes because of sin and transgression

Message of this chapter - death comes to all. Mourning has a limit when there is repentance

Ch 29

O that I were an angel - Alma's (?) prayer (we guess it's him because of context and because Mormon has been taking from the record of Alma up to this point)

trump of God, shake the earth, voice of thunder - all ways in which he described his own experience

v. 3 "I do sin in my wish" - he wants everyone to have the experience he had.
- would this violate our agency? If so, why was it OK for God to do to Alma?
brought up by scriptural accounts of God's goodness.