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**Mosiah 11-17**



**KING  
BENJAMIN**

**NEPHITES**

Zarahemla ●

**LAMANITES**

**NOAH**

Nephi ●

**ABINADI**

7 For the multitude being so great that king Benjamin could not teach them all within the walls of the temple, therefore he caused a <sup>a</sup>tower to be erected, that thereby his people might hear the words which he should speak unto them.

8 And it came to pass that he began to speak to his people from the tower; and they could not all hear his words because of the greatness of the multitude; therefore he caused that the words which he spake should be written and sent forth among those that were not under the sound of his voice, that they might also receive his words.

9 And these are the words which he <sup>a</sup>spake and caused to be written, saying: My brethren, all ye that have assembled yourselves together, you that can hear my words which I shall speak unto you this day; for I have not commanded you to come up hither to <sup>b</sup>trifle with the words which I shall speak, but that you should <sup>c</sup>hearken unto me, and open your ears that ye may hear, and your <sup>d</sup>hearts that ye may understand, and your <sup>e</sup>minds that the mysteries of

serve you with all the might, mind and strength which the Lord hath granted unto me.

12 I say unto you that as I have been suffered to <sup>a</sup>spend my days in your service, even up to this time, and have not sought <sup>b</sup>gold nor silver nor any manner of riches of you;

13 Neither have I suffered that ye should be confined in **dungeons**, nor that ye should make slaves one of another, nor that ye should murder, or plunder, or steal, or commit adultery; nor even have I suffered that ye should commit any manner of wickedness, and have taught you that ye should keep the commandments of the Lord, in all things which he hath commanded you—

14 And even I, myself, have <sup>a</sup>labored with mine own <sup>b</sup>hands that I might serve you, and that ye should not be <sup>c</sup>laden with taxes, and that there should nothing come upon you which was grievous to be borne—and of all these things which I have spoken, ye yourselves are witnesses this day.

15 Yet, my brethren, I have not done these things that I might



AND NOW it came to pass that Zeniff conferred the kingdom upon Noah, one of his sons; therefore Noah began to reign in his stead; and he did not walk in the ways of his father.

2 For behold, he did not keep the commandments of God, but he did walk after the desires of his own heart. And he had many wives and <sup>a</sup>concubines. And he did <sup>b</sup>cause his people to commit sin, and do that which was <sup>c</sup>abominable in the sight of the Lord. Yea, and they did commit <sup>d</sup>whoredoms and <sup>e</sup>all manner of wickedness.

3 And he laid a <sup>a</sup>tax of one fifth part of all they possessed, a fifth part of their gold and of their silver,

and a fifth part of their <sup>b</sup>ziff, and of their copper, and of their brass and their iron; and a fifth part of their fatlings; and also a fifth part of all their grain.

4 And all this did he take to <sup>a</sup>support himself, and his wives and his <sup>b</sup>concubines; and also his priests, and their wives and their concubines; thus he had changed the affairs of the kingdom.

5 For he put down all the priests that had been consecrated by his father, and consecrated new <sup>a</sup>ones in their stead, such as were lifted up in the pride of their hearts.

6 Yea, and thus they were supported in their laziness, and in their idolatry, and in their whoredoms, by the taxes which king Noah had put upon his people; thus did the people labor exceedingly to support iniquity.

7 Yea, and they also became idolatrous, because they were deceived by the vain and flattering words of the king and priests; for they did speak flattering things unto them.

8 And it came to pass that king Noah built many elegant and spacious buildings; and he ornamented them with fine work of wood, and of all manner of <sup>a</sup>precious things, of gold, and of silver, and of iron, and of brass, and of ziff, and of copper;

9 And he also built him a spacious palace, and a throne in the midst thereof, all of which was of fine wood and was ornamented with gold and silver and with precious things.

10 And he also caused that his workmen should work all manner of fine work within the walls of the <sup>a</sup>temple, of fine wood, and of copper, and of brass.

11 And the seats which were set

apart for the <sup>a</sup>high priests, which were above all the other seats, he did ornament with pure gold; and he caused a breastwork to be built before them, that they might rest their bodies and their arms upon while they should speak lying and vain words to his people.

12 And it came to pass that he built a <sup>a</sup>tower near the temple; yea, a very high tower, even so high that he could stand upon the top thereof and overlook the land of <sup>b</sup>Shilom, and also the land of <sup>c</sup>Shemlon, which was possessed by the Lamanites; and he could even look over all the land round about.

13 And it came to pass that he caused many buildings to be built in the land Shilom; and he caused a great tower to be built on the <sup>a</sup>hill north of the land Shilom, which had been a resort for the children of Nephi at the time they <sup>b</sup>fled out of the land; and thus he did do with the riches which he obtained by the taxation of his people.

14 And it came to pass that he placed his heart upon his riches, and he spent his time in <sup>a</sup>riotous living with his wives and his concubines; and so did also his priests spend their time with harlots.

15 And it came to pass that he planted vineyards round about in the land; and he built wine-presses, and made <sup>a</sup>wine in abundance; and therefore he became a wine-bibber, and also his people.

16 And it came to pass that the Lamanites began to come in upon his people, upon small numbers, and to slay them in their fields, and while they were tending their flocks.

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20 And it came to pass that there was a man among them whose name was <sup>a</sup>Abinadi; and he went forth among them, and began to prophesy, saying: Behold, thus saith the Lord, and thus hath he commanded me, saying, Go forth, and say unto this people, thus saith the Lord—Wo be unto this people, for I have seen their abominations, and their wickedness, and their whoredoms; and except they repent I will <sup>b</sup>visit them in mine anger.

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concerning the Lamanites, I did stimulate them to go to battle with their might, putting their trust in the Lord; therefore, we did contend with them, face to face.

20 And it came to pass that we did drive them again out of our land; and we slew them with a great slaughter, even so many that we did not number them.

21 And it came to pass that we returned again to our own land, and my people again began to <sup>a</sup>tend their flocks, and to till their ground.

22 And now I, being old, did confer the kingdom upon one of my sons; therefore, I say no more. And may the Lord <sup>a</sup>bless my people. Amen.

## CHAPTER 11

*King Noah rules in wickedness—He revels in riotous living with his wives and concubines—Abinadi prophesies that the people will be taken into bondage—His life is sought by King Noah. About 160–150 B.C.*

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**A “Tippler”:** One who habitually indulges in the excessive use of spiritus liquors; a drunkard; a sot. It however signifies often a person who habitually drinks strong liquors, without absolute drunkenness.

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26 Now it came to pass that when Abinadi had spoken these words unto them they were wroth with him, and sought to take away his life; but the Lord <sup>a</sup>delivered him out of their hands.

27 Now when king Noah had heard of the words which Abinadi had spoken unto the people, he was also wroth; and he said: Who is Abinadi, that I and my people should be judged of him, or <sup>b</sup>who is the Lord, that shall bring upon my people such great affliction?

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## CHAPTER 12

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## Abinadi is Arrested and Accused

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12 And again, he saith thou shalt be as the blossoms of a thistle, which, when it is fully ripe, if the wind bloweth, it is driven forth upon the face of the land. And he pretendeth the Lord hath spoken it. And he saith all this shall come upon thee except thou repent, and this because of thine iniquities.

13 And now, O king, what great evil hast thou done, or what great sins have thy people committed, that we should be <sup>a</sup>condemned of God or judged of this man?

14 And now, O king, behold, we are <sup>a</sup>guiltless, and thou, O king, hast not sinned; therefore, this man has <sup>b</sup>lied concerning you, and he has prophesied in vain.

15 And behold, we are strong, we shall not come into bondage, or be taken captive by our enemies; yea, and thou hast prospered in the land, and thou shalt also prosper.

16 Behold, here is the man, we deliver him into thy hands; thou mayest do with him as seemeth thee good.

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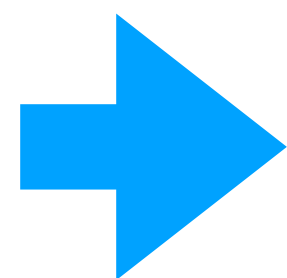
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CHAPTER 14  
*Isaiah speaks messianically—The Messiah's humiliation and sufferings are set forth—He makes His soul an offering for sin and makes intercession for transgressors—Compare Isaiah 53. About 148 B.C.*  
  
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*(Elder Dallin H. Oaks, “Another Testament of Jesus Christ,” Ensign, Mar. 1994, 67).*

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began—have they not spoken more or less concerning these things?  
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4 Surely he has <sup>a</sup>borne our <sup>b</sup>griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

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Isaiah 53:1-12



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**“... It is crucial to understand that the law of Moses was overlaid upon, and thereby included, many basic parts of the gospel of Jesus Christ, which had existed before it. It was never intended to be something apart or separated from, and certainly not something antagonistic to, the gospel of Jesus Christ. ... Its purpose was never to have been different from the higher law. Both were to bring people to Christ”**

*(Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, “Christ and the New Covenant” [1997], 136–37, 147).*

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### Doctrine and Covenants 93:3-4

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“With this meaning, as the context shows in every case, Jehovah, who is Jesus Christ the Son of Elohim, is called ‘the Father,’ and even ‘the very Eternal Father of heaven and of earth’ [see Ether 4:7; Alma 11:38–39; Mosiah 15:4; 16:15]. ...

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8 And thus God breaketh the <sup>a</sup>bands of death, having gained the <sup>b</sup>victory over death; giving the Son power to make <sup>c</sup>intercession for the children of men—

9 Having ascended into heaven, having the bowels of mercy; being filled with compassion towards the children of men; standing betwixt them and justice; having broken the bands of death, taken upon <sup>a</sup>himself their iniquity and their transgressions, having redeemed them, and <sup>b</sup>satisfied the demands of justice.

10 And now shall declare and hold, I say unto you, whose soul has been saved for <sup>b</sup>sin he shall now what say ye to be his seed?

11 Behold I say unto you, whosoever he is of the <sup>a</sup>prophets who have prophesied concerning the coming of the Son of Man, say unto you, that he shall be heard, and shall be believed that they shall be his people, and shall be saved to that day for their sins, I say unto you, that they shall be his seed, or that they shall be in the <sup>b</sup>kingdom of God.

12 For these things shall I do, <sup>a</sup>because he has borne the sins of his people, whom he has redeemed from their transgressions, are they not his seed?

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12 For these are they whose sins <sup>a</sup>he has borne; these are they for whom he has died, to redeem them from their transgressions. And now, are they not his seed?

13 Yea, and are not the <sup>a</sup>prophets, every one that has opened his mouth to prophesy, that has not fallen into transgression, I mean all the holy prophets ever since the world began? I say unto you that they are his seed.

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16 And again, how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those that are still publishing peace!

17 And again, how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who shall hereafter publish peace, yea, from this time henceforth and forever!

18 And behold, I say unto you, this is not all. For O how beautiful upon the mountains are the <sup>a</sup>feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that is the founder of <sup>b</sup>peace, yea, even the Lord, who has redeemed his people; yea, him who has granted salvation unto his people;

19 For were it not for the redemption which he hath made for his people, which was prepared from the <sup>a</sup>foundation of the world, I say unto you, were it not for this, all mankind must have <sup>b</sup>perished.

20 But behold, the bands of death shall be broken, and the Son reigneth, and hath power over the dead; therefore, he bringeth to pass the resurrection of the dead.

21 And there cometh a resurrection, even a <sup>a</sup>first resurrection; yea, even a resurrection of those that have been, and who are, and who shall be, even until the resurrection of Christ—for so shall he be called.

22 And now, the resurrection of all the prophets, and all those that have believed in their words, or all those that have kept the commandments of God, shall come forth in the first resurrection; therefore, they are the first resurrection.

23 They are raised to <sup>a</sup> dwell with

God who has redeemed them; thus they have eternal life through Christ, who has <sup>b</sup>broken the bands of death.

24 And these are those who have part in the first resurrection; and these are they that have died before Christ came, in their ignorance, not having <sup>a</sup>salvation declared unto them. And thus the Lord bringeth about the restoration of these; and they have a part in the first resurrection, or have eternal life, being redeemed by the Lord.

25 And little <sup>a</sup>children also have eternal life.

26 But behold, and <sup>a</sup>fear, and tremble before God, for ye ought to tremble; for the Lord redeemeth none such that <sup>b</sup>rebel against him and <sup>c</sup>die in their sins; yea, even all those that have perished in their sins ever since the world began, that have wilfully rebelled against God, that have known the commandments of God, and would not keep them; <sup>a</sup>these are they that have <sup>e</sup>no part in the first <sup>f</sup>resurrection.

27 Therefore ought ye not to tremble? For salvation cometh to none such; for the Lord hath redeemed none such; yea, neither can the Lord redeem such; for he cannot deny himself; for he cannot deny <sup>a</sup>justice when it has its claim.

28 And now I say unto you that the time shall come that the <sup>a</sup>salvation of the Lord shall be declared to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

29 Yea, Lord, <sup>a</sup>thy <sup>b</sup>watchmen shall lift up their voice; with the voice together shall they sing; for

they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.

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18a Nahum 1:15;

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4 Thus all mankind were <sup>a</sup>lost; and behold, they would have been endlessly lost were it not that God redeemed his people from their lost and fallen state.

5 But remember that he that persists in his own <sup>a</sup>carnal nature, and goes on in the ways of sin and rebellion against God, remaineth in his fallen state and the <sup>b</sup>devil hath all power over him. Therefore he is as though there was no <sup>c</sup>redemption made, being an enemy to God; and also is the <sup>d</sup>devil an enemy to God.

6 And now if Christ had not come into the world, speaking of things to come <sup>a</sup>as though they had already come, there could have been no redemption.

7 And if Christ had not risen from the dead, or have broken the bands of death that the grave should have no victory, and that death should have no <sup>a</sup>sting, there could have been no resurrection.

8 But there is a <sup>a</sup>resurrection, therefore the grave hath no victory, and the sting of <sup>b</sup>death is swallowed up in Christ.

9 He is the <sup>a</sup>light and the life of the world; yea, a light that is endless,

31 a TG Salvation.

16 1 a TG Salvation.

b Mosiah 3:20 (20–21).

c Mosiah 27:31;

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c Moses 5:13.

d Ps. 14:3.

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c 1 Ne. 10:6;

2 Ne. 2:6 (5–8); 25:20;

Alma 12:22 (22–25).

d TG Devil.

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that can never be darkened; yea, and also a life which is endless, that there can be no more death.

10 Even this mortal shall put on <sup>a</sup>immortality, and this <sup>b</sup>corruption shall put on incorruption, and shall be brought to <sup>c</sup>stand before the bar of God, to be judged of him according to their works whether they be good or whether they be evil—

11 If they be good, to the resurrection of <sup>a</sup>endless life and <sup>b</sup>happiness; and if they be evil, to the resurrection of <sup>c</sup>endless damnation, being delivered up to the devil, who hath subjected them, which is damnation—

12 Having gone according to their own carnal wills and desires; having never called upon the Lord while the arms of mercy were extended towards them; for the arms of mercy were extended towards them, and they would <sup>a</sup>not; they being warned of their iniquities and yet they would not depart from them; and they were commanded to repent and yet they would not repent.

13 And now, ought ye not to tremble and repent of your sins, and remember that only in and through Christ ye can be saved?

14 Therefore, if ye teach the <sup>a</sup>law of Moses, also teach that it is a <sup>b</sup>shadow of those things which are to come—

15 Teach them that redemption cometh through Christ the Lord, who is the very <sup>a</sup>Eternal Father. Amen.

CHAPTER 17

*Alma believes and writes the words of Abinadi—Abinadi suffers death by*

10 a Alma 40:2

12 a TG Prophets

2 a Mosiah 23:9

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**“He said, ‘No.’ “How is that?’**

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**“You never can foretell the consequences of your work, my beloved brethren and sisters, when you serve as missionaries”**

*(Teachings of Gordon B. Hinckley [1997], 360 – 61).*

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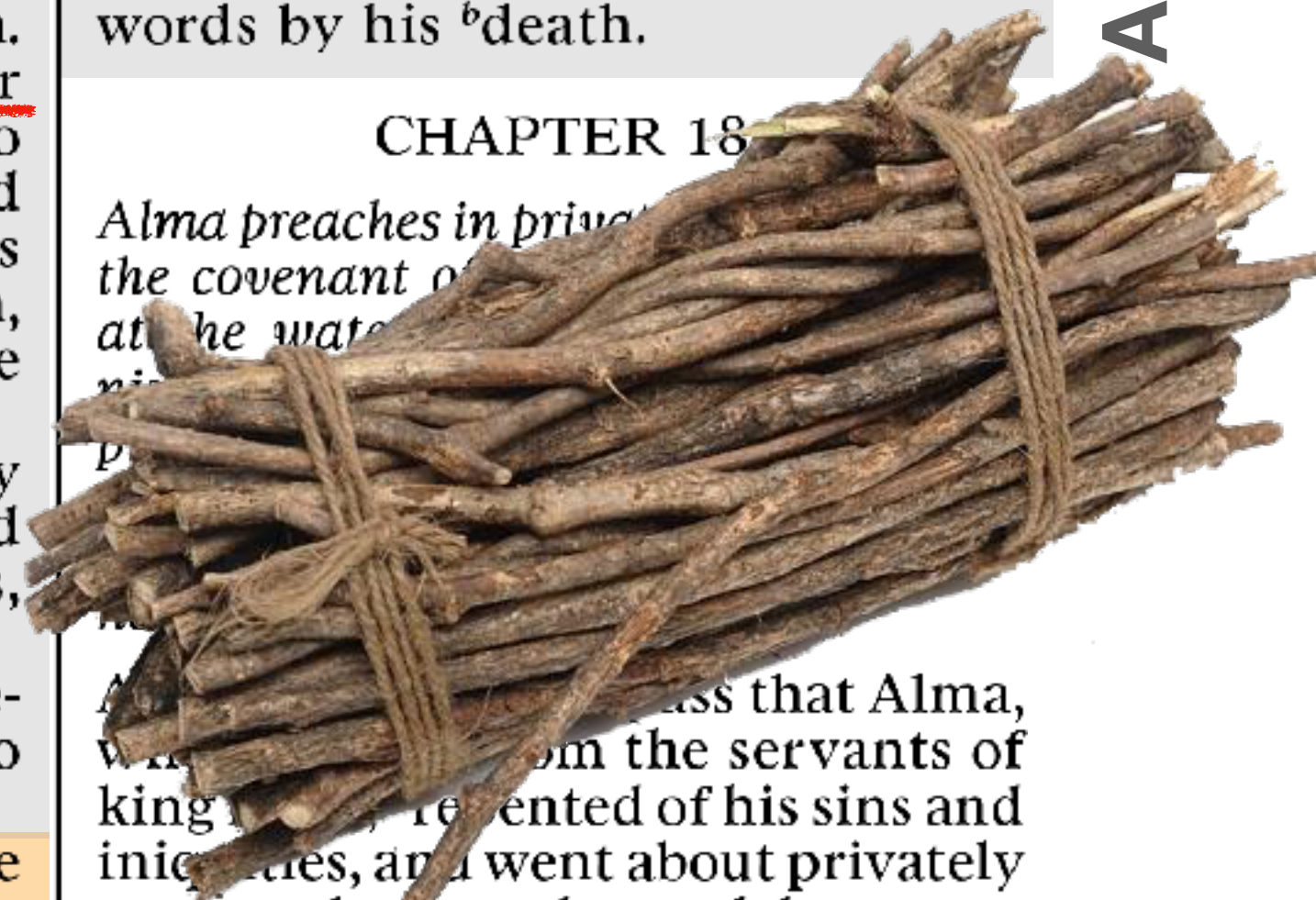
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*(President Ezra Taft Benson in Conference Report, Oct. 1985, 5–6; or Ensign, Nov. 1985, 6).*



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*(Elder Robert D. Hales in Conference Report, Apr. 1996, 49; or Ensign, May 1996, 35).*