

## **ALMA AND AMULEK PREACH IN AMMONIHAH**

(Alma 6)

### **V1-3**

After he finishes preaching and arranging the affairs of the church in the land of Gideon, Alma returns to Zarahemla and rests for a while.

### **V4-7**

In the tenth year of the judges Alma resumes his missionary labors and travels throughout the land of Melek (v. 4). He teaches them according to the Priesthood (v. 5-6), and they're baptized (v. 7).

### **V7-16**

After he is done in the land of Melek, Alma travels to the city of Ammonihah (v. 7) and preaches the word of God there (v. 9). The people there are very wicked, so they refuse to listen to Alma's preaching (v. 10). Alma works very hard with the Spirit, and pleads with God in prayer that He might pour His spirit out on the people there so they will repent (v. 11). But, they never do. They inform him they are not part of his church and don't believe in his foolish traditions (v. 12-13), and since he gave up the position of chief judge they don't have to answer to him on that account either (v. 14-15). They then insult him, spit on him, and have him thrown out of the city. Given this overwhelming rejection, Alma gives up and decides to move on to another city (v. 16).

### **V17-22**

Alma is feeling depressed and dejected after the upset at the city Ammonihah when he is confronted by an angel (v. 17-18). The angel blesses Alma for his faithfulness in keeping the commandments since the time he was first told to repent by none other than he himself (v. 18-19).

The angel then tells Alma to return to the city Ammonihah and tell them to repent otherwise the Lord will destroy them (v. 20-21), because they are planning to overthrow the freedom of the Nephites. And this is a direct contradiction of the commands He has given (v. 22).

### **V23-35**

The angel's commission reinvigorates Alma and he quickly returns to the city Ammonihah, but he goes back in a different way than that which he was thrown out in v. 16 (v. 23-24). As he was going in the city he humbly asks a man for something to eat (v. 25).

It turns out the man he asks for something to eat has been prepared beforehand by a vision of an angel. The man, named Amulek, says that as a result of the vision he knows Alma is a prophet and he is to take him in and feed him (v. 26-27), and he does so (v. 28).

After eating, Alma gives thanks to God, presumably for the act of providence in leading him to Amulek, and blesses Amulek and his house (v. 29), presumably for their generosity. He then informs Amulek he is the high priest over the church (v. 30) and was called to preach the word of God to all the people in the land. But, he has been rejected by the people in this city. So, he was about to abandon the city entirely (v. 31-32) when he was commanded to return and testify against their iniquities (v. 33). He then informs Amulek that he will be blessed for his act of charity in feeding him, because he had been fasting for some time (v. 34). Alma then stays with Amulek some time before they begin to preach to the people (v. 35).

### **V36-42**

The people of Ammonihah continue in the downward spiral of iniquity (v. 36) so the Lord commands Alma and Amulek to preach repentance to the people or He will destroy them (v. 37).

Mormon then offers a prelude to their ministry (v. 38-42), informing us both Alma and Amulek follow the Lord's command and have the Spirit (v. 38) and are filled with the power of the Lord (v. 39-41). And thus they did preach according to the Spirit and power made available to them (v. 42).