

CAPTAIN MORONI DEFEATS ZERAHEMNAH

Chapter 31



Zerahemnah, the leader of the Lamanites, wanted his people to continue hating the Nephites and to make them their slaves. *Alma 43:5, 8*



The Nephites wanted to keep their land and their families free. They also wanted to be free to worship God.

Alma 43:9



Captain Moroni was the leader of the Nephite armies. When the Lamanites came to fight, Moroni and his armies met them in the land of Jershon. *Alma 43:15–16*



Captain Moroni had prepared his army with weapons, shields, armor, and thick clothing. *Alma 43:18–19*



The Lamanites had a larger army but were scared when they saw the Nephites' armor—the Lamanites were wearing very little clothing. *Alma 43:20–21*



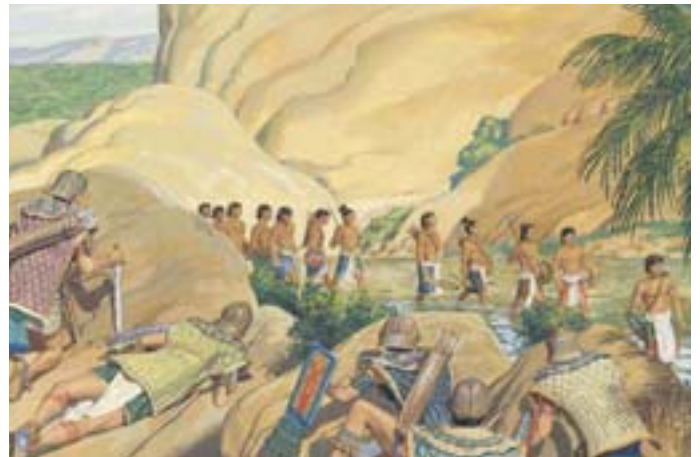
The Lamanite army did not dare fight Captain Moroni's army. The Lamanites ran into the wilderness and decided to attack a different Nephite city. *Alma 43:22*



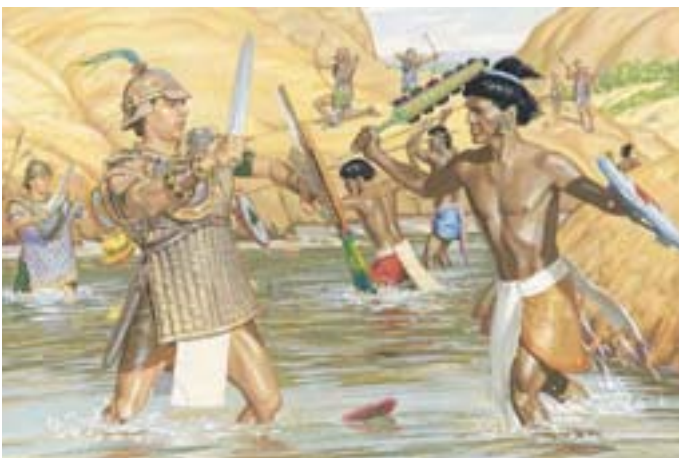
Moroni sent spies to watch the Lamanites. He also asked Alma to pray to the Lord for help. The Lord told Alma where the Lamanites would attack. *Alma 43:23–24*



When Moroni received Alma's message, he left some soldiers to guard Jershon and marched the rest of them to meet the Lamanites. *Alma 43:25*



Captain Moroni's soldiers hid on both sides of the river Sidon, waiting to trap the Lamanite army. *Alma 43:27, 31–35*



A battle began, and the Lamanites tried to escape by crossing the river, but more Nephites were waiting for them on the other side. *Alma 43:36, 39–41*



Fighting harder than they ever had before, Zerahemnah and his army killed many Nephites. The Nephites cried to the Lord for help. *Alma 43:43–44, 49*



The Lord strengthened the Nephite army. The army surrounded the Lamanites, and Moroni ordered the fighting to stop. *Alma 43:50, 52-54*



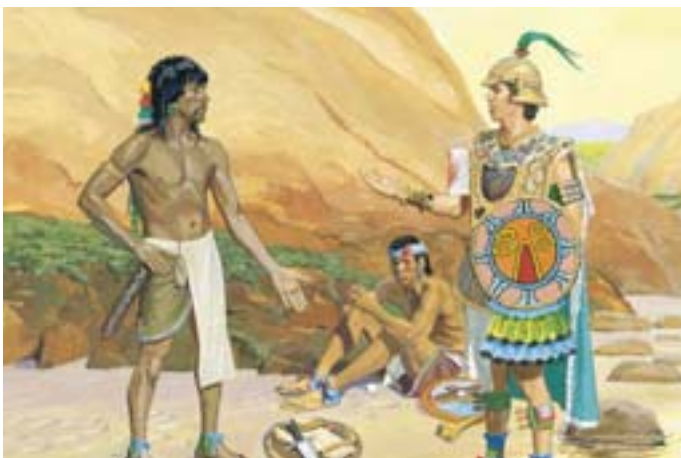
Moroni told Zerahemnah that the Nephites did not want to kill the Lamanites or make them their slaves. *Alma 44:1-3*



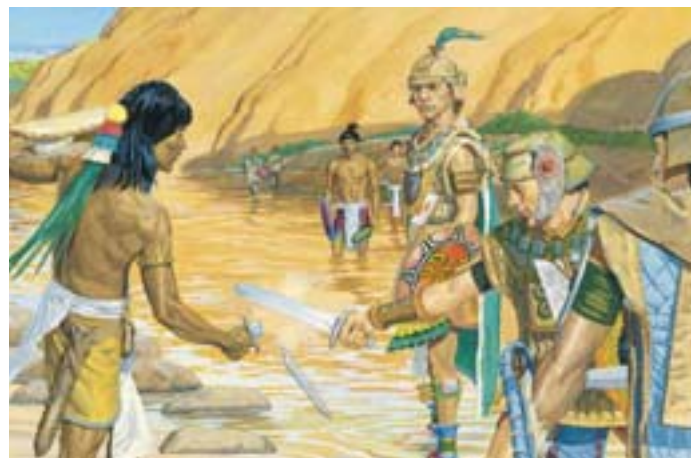
Moroni said the Lamanites could not destroy the Nephites' faith in Jesus Christ. He said God would continue to help the Nephites fight as long as they were faithful. *Alma 44:4*



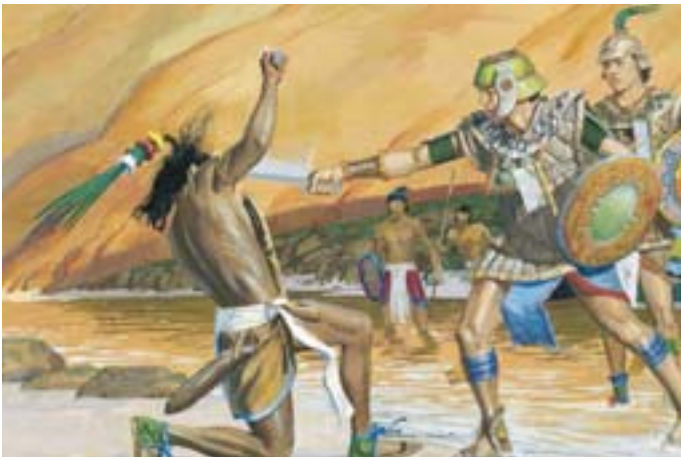
Moroni ordered Zerahemnah to give up his weapons. The Lamanites would not be killed if they promised never to fight the Nephites again. *Alma 44:5-6*



Zerahemnah gave Moroni his weapons but would not promise not to fight. Moroni handed the weapons back so the Lamanites could defend themselves. *Alma 44:8, 10*



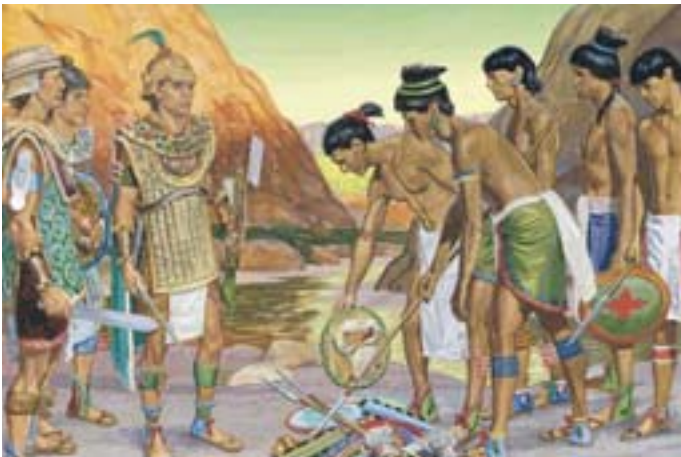
Zerahemnah rushed at Moroni to kill him, but a Nephite soldier hit and broke Zerahemnah's sword. *Alma 44:12*



Then the soldier cut off Zerahemnah's scalp, put it on the tip of his sword, and raised it into the air. *Alma 44:12-13*



The Lamanites would fall as the scalp had fallen, he told them, unless they gave up their weapons and promised never to fight again. *Alma 44:14*



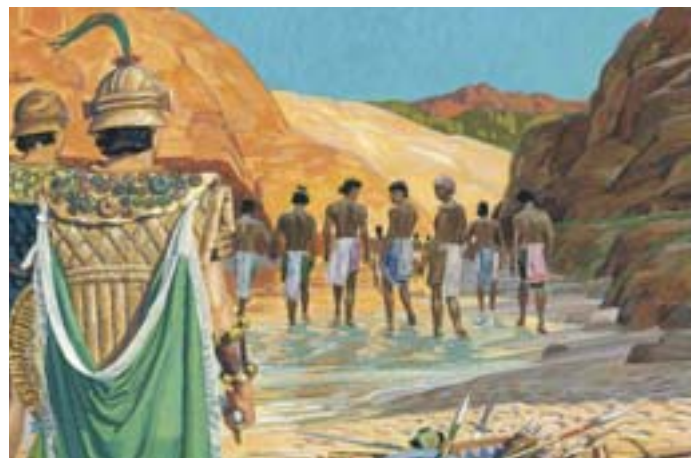
Many Lamanites placed their weapons at Moroni's feet and promised not to fight. They were allowed to go free. *Alma 44:15*



Furious, Zerahemnah stirred up the rest of his soldiers to fight. Moroni's soldiers killed many of them. *Alma 44:16-18*



When Zerahemnah saw that he and all his men would be killed, he begged Moroni to spare them. He promised never to fight the Nephites again. *Alma 44:19*



Moroni stopped the fighting and took the Lamanites' weapons. After they promised not to fight, the Lamanites left. *Alma 44:20, 23*