

KING-MEN VERSUS FREEMEN

Chapter 33



Some Nephites wanted the chief judge, Pahoran, to change some of the laws. *Alma 51:2-3*



When Pahoran refused, the people became angry and wanted to remove Pahoran as chief judge. They wanted to have a king, not judges. *Alma 51:3-5*



Called king-men, they hoped that one of them would become king and have power over the people. *Alma 51:5, 8*



The Nephites who wanted to keep Pahoran as chief judge were called freemen. They wanted to be free to live and worship as they chose. *Alma 51:6*



The people voted between the freemen and the king-men. Most of them voted for the freemen. *Alma 51:7*



At the same time, Amalickiah was gathering a large army of Lamanites to attack the Nephites. *Alma 51:9*



When the king-men heard that the Lamanites were coming, they were pleased and refused to help defend their country. *Alma 51:13*



Captain Moroni was angry with the king-men for not fighting. He had worked hard to keep the Nephites free. *Alma 51:14*



He asked the governor for the power to make the king-men either fight the Lamanites or be put to death. *Alma 51:15*



When the governor, Pahoran, gave Moroni this power, Moroni led his army against the king-men. *Alma 51:16–18*



Many king-men were killed; some were put into prison. The rest agreed to help defend their country against the Lamanites. *Alma 51:19–20*