

## THE BOOK OF MOSIAH



a 1N 1:1-2

1 AND NOW there was no more contention in all the Land of Zarahemla among all the people which belonged to King Benjamin, So that King Benjamin had continual peace all the remainder of his days.

2 And it came to pass that he had three sons, And he called their names Mosiah and Helorum and Helaman;

3 And he caused that they should be taught in all the <sup>a</sup>language of his fathers, that thereby they might become men of understanding, And that they might know concerning the prophecies which had been spoken by the mouths of their fathers, which were delivered them by the hand of the Lord.

4 And he also taught them concerning the records which were engraven on the plates of brass, saying: “My sons, I would that ye should remember that were it not for these plates which contain these records and these commandments, We must have suffered in ignorance, even at this present time, not knowing the mysteries of God;

b A 17:37

5 For it were not possible that our father Lehi could have <sup>b</sup>remembered all these things, to have taught them to his children, except it were for the help of these plates;

c Mn 4:98-100

6 For he having been taught in the <sup>c</sup>language of the Egyptians, therefore he could read these engravings and <sup>d</sup>teach them to his children, that thereby they could teach them to their children, And so fulfilling the commandments of God, even down to this present time.

d 1N 5:223-224

7 “I say unto you my sons, were it not for these things which have been kept and preserved by the hand of God, that we might read and understand of His mysteries and have His commandments always before our eyes, That even our fathers would have dwindled in unbelief; 8 And we should have been like unto our brethren,

- the Lamanites, which know nothing concerning these things,  
Or even do not believe them when they are taught them,  
because of the <sup>a</sup>traditions of their fathers  
which are not correct.
- 9 “O my sons, I would that ye should remember that these sayings are true, and also that these records are true,  
10 And behold, also the plates of Nephi which contain the records and the sayings of our fathers from the time they left Jerusalem until now—and they are <sup>b</sup>true;  
And we can know of their surety because we have them before our eyes.
- 11 “And now my sons, I would that ye should remember to <sup>c</sup>search them diligently, that ye may profit thereby;  
12 And I would that ye should keep the commandments of God, that ye may prosper in the land according to the promises which the Lord made unto our fathers.”
- 13 And many more things did King Benjamin teach his sons which are not written in this book.
- 14 And it came to pass that after King Benjamin had made an end of teaching his sons, that he waxed old and he saw that he must very soon go the way of all the earth;  
Therefore, he thought it expedient that he should confer the kingdom upon one of his sons.
- 15 Therefore, he had Mosiah brought before him;  
And these are the words which he spake unto him, saying:  
“My son, I would that ye should make a proclamation throughout all this land among all this people—  
or the <sup>d</sup>people of Zarahemla and the <sup>e</sup>people of Mosiah which dwell in this land—that thereby they may be gathered together,
- 16 For on the morrow I shall proclaim unto this my people, out of mine own mouth, that <sup>f</sup>thou art a king and a ruler over this people which the Lord our God hath given us.
- 17 “And moreover, I shall give this people a <sup>g</sup>name that thereby they may be distinguished above all the people which the Lord God hath brought out of the Land of Jerusalem;  
And this I do because they have been a diligent people in keeping the commandments of the Lord;

a Jac 5:39  
Mos 6:45-53  
A 12:195-196

b 1N 1:2; 3:256  
2N 11:39  
A 1:110  
Eth 2:2  
Mi 7:37;  
10:4-6, 26

c 2N 14:4

d O 1:24-27  
e Mos 11:80

f Mos 4:3, 5

g Mos 3:6-20

MOSIAH 1:18

a Mos 1:79-80

b 1N 1:108-109

c 1N 5:11-12  
A 17:71-80

d 1N 5:45-46  
Mos 1:120

- 18 And I give unto them a name that never shall be blotted out, except it be through transgression.
- 19 “Yea, and moreover I say unto you, that if this highly favored people of the Lord should fall into <sup>a</sup>transgression and become a wicked and an adulterous people,  
That the Lord will deliver them up, that thereby they become weak like unto their brethren,
- 20 And He will no more preserve them by His matchless and marvelous power, as He hath hitherto preserved our fathers;
- 21 For I say unto you, that if He had not extended His arm in the preservation of our fathers, they must have fallen into the hands of the Lamanites and become victims to their hatred.”
- 22 And it came to pass that after King Benjamin had made an end of these sayings to his son, that he gave him charge concerning all the affairs of the kingdom.
- 23 And moreover, he also gave him charge concerning the records which were engraven on the plates of brass,  
And also the plates of Nephi,
- 24 And also the <sup>b</sup>sword of Laban,  
And the <sup>c</sup>ball, or director, which led our fathers through the wilderness, which was prepared by the hand of the Lord that thereby they might be led, everyone according to the heed and diligence which they gave unto Him—
- 25 Therefore, as they were unfaithful, they did not prosper nor progress in their journey, but were driven back and incurred the displeasure of God upon them;
- 26 And therefore they were smitten with famine and sore <sup>d</sup>afflictions to stir them up in remembrance of their duty.
- 27 And now it came to pass that Mosiah went and did as his father had commanded him and proclaimed unto all the people which were in the Land of Zarahemla,  
That thereby they might gather themselves together to go up to the temple to hear the words which his father should speak unto them.
- 28 And it came to pass that after Mosiah had done as his father had commanded him and had made a proclamation throughout all the land,  
That the people gathered themselves together

- throughout all the land, that they might go up  
to the temple to hear the words which  
King Benjamin should speak unto them;
- 29 And there were a great number, even so many  
that they did not number them,  
For they had multiplied exceedingly  
and waxed great in the land.
- 30 And they also took of the firstlings of their flocks,  
that they might offer sacrifice and burnt offerings  
according to the law of Moses,
- 31 And also, that they might give thanks to the Lord  
their God who had brought them  
out of the Land of Jerusalem,  
And who had delivered them out of the hands  
of their enemies and had appointed just men  
to be their teachers,  
And also a just man to be their king
- 32 who had established peace in the Land of Zarahemla,  
And who had taught them to keep the commandments  
of God, that thereby they might rejoice and be filled  
with love toward God and all men.
- 33 And it came to pass that when they came up to the temple,  
they pitched their tents round about,  
Every man according to his family—  
consisting of his wife,  
and his sons and his daughters,  
and their sons and their daughters,  
from the eldest down to the youngest—  
Every family being separate one from another.
- 34 And they pitched their tents round about the temple,  
Every man having his tent with the door thereof toward  
the temple, that thereby they might remain in their tents  
and hear the words which King Benjamin  
should speak unto them;
- 35 For the multitude being so great that King Benjamin could  
not teach them all within the walls of the temple,  
Therefore, he caused a tower to be erected,  
that thereby his people might hear the words  
which he should speak unto them.
- 36 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,  
 37 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.  
 38 And these are the words which he 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,  
 39 For I have not commanded you to come up hither  
 to trifle with the words which I shall speak,  
 But that you should hearken unto me  
 and open your ears, that ye may hear,  
 And your hearts, that ye may understand,  
 And your minds, that the mysteries of God  
 may be unfolded to your view.  
 40 “I have not commanded you to come up hither  
 that ye should fear me, or that ye should think that I,  
 of myself, am more than a mortal man;  
 41 But I am like as yourselves, subject to all manner  
 of infirmities in body and mind.  
 42 “Yet as I have been chosen by this people  
 and was consecrated by my <sup>a</sup>father,  
 And was suffered by the hand of the Lord that I  
 should be a ruler and a king over this people,  
 And have been kept and preserved by His matchless power  
 to serve thee with all the might, mind and strength  
 which the Lord hath granted unto me—  
 43 I say unto you, that as I have been suffered to spend  
 my days in your service, even up to this time,  
 And have not sought gold nor silver  
 nor no manner of riches of you;  
 44 Neither have I suffered that ye should be  
 confined in dungeons,  
 Nor that ye should make slaves one of another,  
 Or that ye should murder or plunder or steal  
 or commit adultery;  
 45 Or even I have not suffered that ye should commit  
 any manner of wickedness,  
 And have taught you that ye should keep

a O 1:40

the commandments of the Lord in all things  
which He hath commanded you.

- 46 “And even I, myself, have <sup>a</sup>labored with mine own hands  
that I might serve you,  
And that ye should not be 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.
- 47 “Yet, my brethren, I have not done these things  
that I might boast,  
Neither do I tell these things that thereby  
I might accuse you;  
But I tell you these things that ye may know that I can  
answer a clear conscience before God this day.
- 48 “Behold I say unto you, that because I said unto you  
that I had spent my days in your service,  
I do not desire to boast, for I have only been  
in the service of God;
- 49 And behold, I tell you these things  
that ye may learn wisdom,  
That ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your  
fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God.
- 50 “Behold, ye have called me your king;  
And if I, whom ye call your king, do labor to serve you,  
then had not ye ought to labor to serve one another?
- 51 And behold also, if I, whom ye call your king, who has  
spent his days in your service and yet hath been in the  
service of God, doth merit any thanks from you,  
O how had you ought to thank your heavenly King!
- 52 “I say unto you my brethren, that if you should render all  
the thanks and praise which your whole souls hath  
power to possess to that God who hath created you,  
And hath kept and preserved you,  
And hath caused that ye should rejoice,  
And hath granted that ye should live in peace,  
one with another—
- 53 I say unto you, that if ye should serve Him  
who hath created you from the beginning,  
And art preserving you from day to day

a Mos 4:10; 9:57;  
11:155  
A 1:37-42

- by lending you breath, that ye may live and move  
and do according to your own will,  
And even supporting you from one moment to another—
- 54 I say, if ye should serve Him with all your whole soul,  
and yet ye would be unprofitable servants.
- 55 “And behold, all that He requires of you  
is to keep His commandments;  
And He hath promised you that if ye would keep  
His commandments, ye should prosper in the land;
- 56 And He never doth vary from that which He hath said;  
Therefore, if ye do keep His commandments  
He doth bless you and prosper you.
- 57 “And now in the first place, He hath created you  
and granted unto you your lives, for which  
ye are indebted unto Him.
- 58 “And secondly, He doth require that ye should do  
as He hath commanded you, for which,  
if ye do, He doth immediately bless you,  
And therefore, He hath paid you,
- 59 And ye are still indebted unto Him and art  
and will be forever and ever;  
Therefore, of what have ye to boast?
- 60 “And now I ask, can ye say aught of yourselves?  
I answer you, Nay,
- 61 Ye cannot say that thou art even as much as the dust of the  
earth, yet thou wast created of the dust of the earth;  
But behold, it belongeth to Him who created you;
- 62 And I, even I whom ye call your king, am no better  
than ye yourselves are, for I am also of the dust.
- 63 “And thou beholdest that I am old and am about to yield  
up this mortal frame to its mother earth;
- 64 Therefore, as I said unto you that I had served you,  
walking with a clear conscience before God,  
Even so, I at this time have caused that ye should assemble  
yourselves together, that I might be found blameless,  
And that your blood should not come upon me when I  
shall stand to be judged of God of the things whereof  
He hath commanded me concerning you.
- 65 “I say unto you that I have caused that ye should assemble  
yourselves together, that I might rid my garments

- of your <sup>a</sup>blood at this period of time  
 when I am about to go down to my grave,  
 66 that I might go down in peace,  
 And my immortal spirit may join the <sup>b</sup>choirs above  
 in singing the praises of a just God.
- 67 “And moreover, I say unto you that I have caused  
 that ye should assemble yourselves together,  
 that I might declare unto you that I can no longer  
 be your teacher nor your king,  
 68 For even at this time my whole frame doth tremble  
 exceedingly while attempting to speak unto you;  
 69 But the Lord God doth support me and hath suffered me  
 that I should speak unto you,  
 And hath commanded me that I should declare  
 unto you this day that my son Mosiah  
 is a king and a ruler over you.
- 70 “And now my brethren, I would that ye should  
 do as ye hath hitherto done,  
 71 As ye have kept my commandments, and also the  
 commandments of my father, and have prospered and have  
 been kept from falling into the hands of your enemies;  
 72 Even so, if ye shall keep the commandments of my son—  
 or the commandments of God which shall be delivered  
 unto you by him—  
 Ye shall prosper in the land and your enemies  
 shall have no power over you.
- 73 “But O my people, beware lest there shall arise contentions  
 among you and ye list to obey the evil spirit  
 which was spoken of by my father Mosiah!  
 74 For behold, there is a <sup>c</sup>wo pronounced upon him  
 that listeth to obey that spirit;  
 For if he listeth to obey him and remaineth and dieth in his  
 sins, the same drinketh damnation to his own soul,  
 75 For he receiveth for his wages an everlasting punishment,  
 having transgressed the law of God  
 contrary to his own knowledge.
- 76 “I say unto you that there are not any among you, except  
 it be your little children, that have not been taught  
 concerning these things but what knoweth that ye are  
 eternally indebted to your heavenly Father,  
 77 to render to Him all that you have and are;

a 2N 6:88  
 Jac 1:20  
 Mn 4:101  
 Eth 5:39  
 b Mn 3:29

c 2N 6:56-72



a 1N 1:2; 3:256  
 2N 11:39  
 Mos 1:9-10  
 A 1:110  
 Eth 2:2  
 Mi 7:37;  
 10:4-6, 26

b H 5:10

- And also have been taught concerning the records  
 which contain the prophecies which hath been spoken  
 by the holy prophets, even down to the time  
 our father Lehi left Jerusalem,  
 And also all that hath been spoken  
 by our fathers until now;
- 78 And behold also, they spake that which  
 was commanded them of the Lord,  
 Therefore, they are just and <sup>a</sup>true.
- 79 “And now I say unto you my brethren, that after ye  
 have known and have been taught all these things,  
 If ye should transgress and go contrary to that  
 which hath been spoken,  
 That ye do <sup>b</sup>withdraw yourselves from the Spirit  
 of the Lord, that it may have no place in you  
 to guide you in wisdom’s paths, that ye may be blessed,  
 prospered and preserved—
- 80 I say unto you, that the man that doeth these things,  
 the same cometh out in open rebellion against God;
- 81 Therefore, he listeth to obey the evil spirit and becometh  
 an enemy to all righteousness;
- 82 Therefore, the Lord hath no place in him,  
 for He dwelleth not in unholy temples.
- 83 “Therefore, if that man repenteth not and remaineth  
 and dieth an enemy to God, the demands of divine  
 justice doth awaken his immortal soul  
 to a lively sense of his own guilt,
- 84 Which doth cause him to shrink  
 from the presence of the Lord,  
 And doth fill his breast with guilt and pain and anguish,  
 which is like an unquenchable fire whose flames  
 ascendeth up forever and ever.
- 85 “And now I say unto you, that mercy  
 hath no claim on that man;  
 Therefore, his final doom is to endure  
 a never-ending torment.
- 86 “O all ye old men, and also ye young men and you little  
 children which can understand my words, for I have  
 spoken plain unto you that ye might understand,
- 87 I pray that ye should awake to a remembrance of the awful  
 situation of those that have fallen into transgression.

- 88 “And moreover, I would desire that ye should consider  
on the blessed and happy state of those  
that keep the commandments of God,
- 89 For behold, they are blessed in all things,  
both temporal and spiritual;
- 90 And if they hold out faithful to the end, they are received  
into heaven, that thereby they may dwell with God  
in a state of never-ending happiness.
- 91 “O remember, remember that these things are true,  
for the Lord God hath spoken it!
- 92 “And again my brethren, I would call your attention,  
for I have somewhat more to speak unto you,
- 93 For behold, I have things to tell you  
concerning that which is to come;  
And the things which I shall tell you are made known  
unto me by an angel from God;
- 94 And he said unto me, ‘Awake!’ and I awoke,  
And behold, he stood before me.
- 95 “And he said unto me:  
‘Awake and hear the words which I shall tell thee,  
For behold, I am come to declare unto thee  
glad tidings of great joy!
- 96 ‘For the Lord hath heard thy prayers  
and hath judged of thy righteousness,  
And hath sent me to declare unto thee that thou mayest  
rejoice and that thou mayest declare unto thy people,  
that they may also be filled with joy.
- 97 ‘For behold, the time cometh and is not far distant,  
that with power the Lord Omnipotent who reigneth,  
which was and is from all eternity to all eternity,  
Shall come down from heaven among the children of men,  
And shall dwell in a <sup>a</sup>tabernacle of clay,
- 98 And shall go forth amongst men,  
Working mighty miracles, such as—  
healing the sick,  
raising the dead,  
causing the lame to walk,  
the blind to receive their sight,  
and the deaf to hear,  
and curing all manner of diseases;

<sup>a</sup> Mos 8:29

a 1N 3:58

- 99 And He shall cast out devils, or the evil spirits, which dwelleth in the hearts of the children of men.
- 100 ‘And lo, He shall suffer temptations and pain of body, hunger, thirst and fatigue, even more than man can suffer, except it be unto death;
- 101 For behold, blood cometh from every pore, so great shall be His anguish for the wickedness and the abominations of His people.
- 102 ‘And He shall be called Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of heaven and of earth, the Creator of all things from the beginning;  
And His <sup>a</sup>mother shall be called Mary;
- 103 And lo, He cometh unto His own that salvation might come unto the children of men, even through faith on His name.
- 104 ‘And even after all this, they shall consider Him as a man and say that He hath a devil,  
And shall scourge Him and shall crucify Him,
- 105 And He shall rise the third day from the dead;  
And behold, He standeth to judge the world.
- 106 ‘And behold, all these things are done that a righteous judgment might come upon the children of men.
- 107 ‘For behold, and also His blood atoneth for the sins of those who have fallen by the transgression of Adam, who hath died not knowing the will of God concerning them and who have ignorantly sinned.
- 108 ‘But wo, wo unto him who knoweth that he rebelleth against God!  
For salvation cometh to none such, except it be through repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 109 ‘And the Lord God hath sent His holy prophets among all the children of men to declare these things to every kindred, nation and tongue,  
That thereby whosoever should believe that Christ should come, the same might receive remission of their sins and rejoice with exceeding great joy, even as though He had already come among them.
- 110 ‘Yet the Lord God saw that His people

were a stiff-necked people and He appointed  
unto them a law, even the law of Moses.

- 111 ‘And many signs and wonders and types and shadows  
showed He unto them concerning His coming;
- 112 And also holy prophets spake unto them  
concerning His coming,
- 113 And yet they hardened their hearts and understood not  
that the law of Moses availeth nothing, except  
it were through the atonement of His blood.
- 114 ‘And even if it were possible that little children could sin,  
they could not be saved;  
But I say unto you, they are blessed;
- 115 For behold, as in Adam, or by nature, they fall,  
even so the blood of Christ atoneth for their sins.
- 116 ‘And moreover, I say unto you that there shall be no other  
name given, nor no other way nor means whereby  
salvation can come unto the children of men—  
Only in and through the name of Christ,  
the Lord Omnipotent.
- 117 ‘For behold, He judgeth and His judgment is just,  
And the infant perisheth not that dieth in his infancy;
- 118 But men drinketh damnation to their own souls, except  
they humble themselves and become as little children,  
And believeth that salvation was and is and is to come,  
in and through the atoning blood of Christ,  
the Lord Omnipotent.
- 119 ‘For the natural man is an enemy to God and has been  
from the fall of Adam and will be forever and ever,
- 120 <sup>1</sup>But if he yieldeth to the enticings of the Holy Spirit  
and putteth off the natural man—  
And he becometh a saint through the atonement  
of Christ the Lord,  
And becometh as a <sup>a</sup>child—submissive,  
meek, humble, patient, full of love,  
Willing to submit to all things which the Lord  
seeth fit to <sup>b</sup>inflict upon him, even as a child  
doth submit to his father.
- 121 ‘And moreover I say unto you, that the time shall come  
when the knowledge of a Savior shall spread  
throughout every nation, kindred, tongue and people;

<sup>1</sup> but if = unless,  
except

<sup>a</sup> 3N 4:51; 5:39-40

<sup>b</sup> Mos 1:25-26

1 only = except

- 122 And behold, when that time cometh, none shall be found blameless before God, except it be little children,  
<sup>1</sup>Only through repentance and faith on the name of the Lord God Omnipotent.
- 123 ‘And even at this time when thou shalt have taught thy people the things which the Lord thy God hath commanded thee,  
 Even then are they found no more blameless in the sight of God,  
 Only according to the words which I have spoken unto thee.’
- 124 “And now, I have spoken the words which the Lord God hath commanded me,  
 125 And thus saith the Lord:  
 ‘They shall stand as a bright testimony against this people at the judgment day,  
 126 Whereof they shall be judged, every man according to his works, whether they be good or whether they be evil.  
 127 ‘And if they be evil, they are consigned to an awful view of their own guilt and abominations,  
 Which doth cause them to shrink from the presence of the Lord into a state of misery and endless torment from whence they can no more return;  
 Therefore, they have drunk damnation to their own souls.  
 128 ‘Therefore, they have drunk out of the cup of the wrath of God,  
 Which justice could no more deny unto them than it could deny that Adam should fall because of his partaking of the forbidden fruit;  
 Therefore, mercy could have claim on them no more forever.  
 129 ‘And their torment is as a lake of fire and brimstone, whose flames are unquenchable and whose smoke ascendeth up forever and ever.’  
 130 “Thus hath the Lord commanded me. Amen.”

**2** AND NOW it came to pass that when King Benjamin had made an end of speaking the words which had been delivered unto him by the angel of the Lord,

- that he cast his eyes round about on the multitude;  
 And behold, they had fallen to the earth, for the fear  
 of the Lord had come upon them,
- 2 And they had viewed themselves in their own carnal state  
 even less than the dust of the earth;
- 3 And they all cried aloud with one voice, saying:  
 “O have mercy and apply the atoning blood of Christ,  
 that we may receive forgiveness of our sins and our  
 hearts may be purified!
- 4 For we believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God,  
 who created heaven and earth and all things,  
 Who shall come down among the children of men.”
- 5 And it came to pass that after they had spoken these  
 words, the Spirit of the Lord came upon them,  
 And they were filled with joy,
- 6 having received a remission of their sins and having  
 peace of conscience because of the exceeding faith  
 which they had in Jesus Christ which should come,  
 according to the words which King Benjamin had  
 spoken unto them.
- 7 And King Benjamin again opened his mouth and began  
 to speak unto them, saying:  
 “My friends and my brethren, my kindred and my people,  
 I would again call your attention that ye may hear  
 and understand the remainder of my words  
 which I shall speak unto you.
- 8 “For behold, that if the knowledge of the goodness of God  
 at this time hath awakened you to a sense of your  
 nothingness and your worthlessness and fallen state,
- 9 I say unto you, that if ye have come to a knowledge  
 of the goodness of God and His matchless power  
 and His wisdom and His patience and His longsuffering  
 toward the children of men,
- 10 And also the atonement which hath been prepared from  
 the foundation of the world, that thereby salvation  
 might come to him that should put his trust in the Lord,  
 And should be diligent in keeping His commandments  
 and continue in the faith, even unto the end of his life—  
 I mean the life of the mortal body—
- 11 I say that this is the man that receiveth salvation through  
 the atonement which was prepared from the foundation

of the world for all mankind,  
 Which ever was, ever since the fall of Adam, or which is  
 or which ever shall be, even unto the end of the world.

- 12 “And this is the means whereby salvation cometh;  
 And there is none other salvation save this  
 which hath been spoken of;  
 Neither are there any conditions whereby man can be  
 saved, except the conditions which I have told you:
- 13 “Believe in God;  
 Believe that He is and that He created all things,  
 both in heaven and in earth;
- 14 Believe that He hath all wisdom and all power,  
 both in heaven and in earth;
- 15 Believe that man doth not comprehend all the things  
 which the Lord can comprehend.
- 16 “And again, believe that ye must repent of your sins  
 and forsake them,  
 And humble yourselves before God and ask in sincerity  
 of heart that He would forgive you;
- 17 And now if you believe all these things,  
 see that ye do them!
- 18 “And again, I say unto you as I have said before, that as  
 ye have come to the knowledge of the glory of God,  
 19 Or if ye have known of His goodness and have tasted of  
 His love and have received a remission of your sins,  
 which causeth such exceeding great joy in your souls,  
 20 Even so, I would that ye should remember and always  
 retain in remembrance the greatness of God and your  
 own nothingness and His goodness and longsuffering  
 toward you unworthy creatures;
- 21 And humble yourselves, even in the depths of humility,  
 calling on the name of the Lord daily,  
 And standing steadfastly in the faith of that which is to  
 come which was spoken by the mouth of the angel.
- 22 “And behold, I say unto you that if ye do this, ye shall  
 always rejoice and be filled with the love of God  
 and always retain a remission of your sins;
- 23 And ye shall grow in the knowledge of the glory of Him  
 that created you, or in the knowledge of that  
 which is just and true.

- 24 “And ye will not have a mind to injure one another,  
but to live peaceably and to render to every man  
according to that which is his due.
- 25 “And ye will not suffer your children,  
that they go hungry or naked;
- 26 Neither will ye suffer that they transgress the laws of God  
and fight and quarrel one with another and serve the  
devil which is the master of sin—or which is the evil  
spirit which hath been spoken of by our fathers,  
he being an enemy to all righteousness—
- 27 But ye will teach them to walk in the ways  
of truth and soberness;  
Ye will teach them to love one another  
and to serve one another.
- 28 “And also, ye yourselves will succor those  
that stand in need of your succor;  
Ye will administer of your substance unto him  
that standeth in need;
- 29 And ye will not suffer that the beggar putteth up his  
petition to you in vain and turn him out to perish.
- 30 “Perhaps thou shalt say, The man hath brought upon  
himself his misery, therefore I will stay my hand  
and will not give unto him of my food, nor impart  
unto him of my substance that he may not suffer,  
for his punishments are just’;
- 31 But I say unto you O man, whosoever doeth this,  
the same hath great cause to repent;  
And except he repenteth of that which he hath done,  
he perisheth forever and hath no interest  
in the kingdom of God.
- 32 “For behold, are we not all beggars?  
Do we not all depend upon the same Being, even God,  
for all the substance which we have?  
For both food and raiment and for gold and for silver  
and for all the riches which we have of every kind?
- 33 “And behold, even at this time ye have been calling on  
His name and begging for a remission of your sins;
- 34 And hath He suffered that ye have begged in vain?
- 35 Nay, He hath poured out His Spirit upon you,  
And hath caused that your hearts should be filled with joy,



a En 1:24  
 A 13:51  
 3N 8:51; 13:6  
 Mn 4:84  
 Mi 7:26  
 b Jac 2:22-24

- And hath caused that your mouths should be stopped,  
 that ye could not find utterance, so exceeding great  
 was your joy.
- 36 “And now, if God who hath created you, on whom you  
 are dependent for your lives and for all that ye have  
 and are, doth grant unto you whatsoever ye ask  
 that is right, in faith <sup>a</sup>believing that ye shall receive,  
 O then, how had ye ought to <sup>b</sup>impart of the substance  
 that ye have one to another!
- 37 “And if ye judge the man who putteth up his petition  
 to you for your substance, that he perish not,  
 and condemn him,  
 How much more just will be your condemnation for  
 withholding your substance which doth not belong  
 to you, but to God to whom also your life belongeth?
- 38 And yet ye put up no petition, or repenteth not  
 of the thing which thou hast done;
- 39 I say unto you, wo be unto that man!  
 for his substance shall perish with him.
- “And now, I say these things unto those which are rich  
 as pertaining to the things of this world.
- 40 “And again I say unto the poor, ye that have not and yet  
 hath sufficient that ye remain from day to day—  
 I mean all you that deny the beggar because ye have not—  
 I would that ye say in your hearts that ‘I give not because  
 I have not, but if I had I would give.’
- 41 “And now, if ye say this in your hearts, ye remain guiltless,  
 Otherwise, ye are condemned and your condemnation  
 is just, for ye covet that which ye have not received.
- 42 “And now for the sake of these things which I have spoken  
 unto you—that is, for the sake of retaining a remission  
 of your sins from day to day, that ye may walk guiltless  
 before God—
- 43 I would that ye should impart of your substance  
 to the poor,  
 Every man according to that which he hath, such as—  
 feeding the hungry,  
 clothing the naked,  
 visiting the sick and administering to their relief,  
 both spiritually and temporally,  
 according to their wants.

- 44 “And see that all these things are done in wisdom  
and order, for it is not requisite that a man  
should run faster than what he hath strength.
- 45 “And again, it is expedient that he should be diligent,  
that thereby he might win the prize;  
Therefore, all things must be done in order.
- 46 “And I would that ye should remember that whosoever  
among you that borroweth of his neighbor should  
return the thing that he borroweth according  
as he doth agree,
- 47 Or else thou shalt commit sin,  
And perhaps thou shalt cause thy neighbor  
to commit sin also.
- 48 “And finally, I cannot tell you all the things whereby ye  
may commit sin, for there are divers ways and means,  
Even so many that I cannot number them.
- 49 “But this much I can tell you:  
That if ye do not watch yourselves and your thoughts  
and your words and your deeds,  
And observe to keep the commandments of God and  
continue in the faith of what ye have heard concerning  
the coming of our Lord, even unto the end of your lives,  
Ye must perish.
- 50 “And now O man, remember and perish not!”

**3** **AND NOW** it came to pass that when King Benjamin  
had thus spoken to his people, he sent among them  
desiring to know of his people if they believed the  
words which he had spoken unto them.

- 2 And they all cried with one voice, saying:  
“Yea, we believe all the words  
which thou hast spoken unto us!
- 3 And also we know of their surety and truth because  
of the Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent which hath  
wrought a mighty change in us, or in our hearts,  
That we have no more disposition to do evil,  
but to do good continually.
- 4 “And we ourselves also, through the infinite goodness

a Mos 3:6-8; 9:41,  
44, 174  
A 5:27  
3N 2:96; 10:1

b 2N 11:39  
Mos 1:17, 116;  
4:2  
H 2:71

- of God and the manifestations of His Spirit,  
have great views of that which is to come,  
And were it expedient, we could prophesy of all things;  
5 And it is the faith which we have had on the things  
which our king hath spoken unto us and hath  
brought us to this great knowledge whereby  
we do rejoice with such exceeding great joy;  
6 And we are willing to enter into a <sup>a</sup>covenant with our God,  
to do His will and to be obedient to His commandments  
in all things that He shall command us  
all the remainder of our days,  
That we may not bring upon ourselves a never-ending  
torment as has been spoken by the angel,  
That we may not drink out of the cup  
of the wrath of God.”
- 7 And now, these are the words which King Benjamin  
desired of them and therefore he said unto them:  
“Ye have spoken the words that I desired,  
And the covenant which ye have made  
is a righteous covenant.
- 8 “And now, because of the covenant which ye have made,  
ye shall be called the children of Christ,  
His sons and His daughters;
- 9 For behold, this day He hath spiritually begotten you,  
for ye say that your hearts are changed  
through faith on His name;  
Therefore, ye are born of Him and have  
become His sons and His daughters.
- 10 “And under this head ye are made free,  
And there is no other head whereby ye can be made free;
- 11 There is no other <sup>b</sup>name given whereby salvation cometh;  
Therefore, I would that ye should take upon you  
the name of Christ—all you that have entered into  
the covenant with God—that ye should be obedient  
unto the end of your lives.
- 12 “And it shall come to pass that whosoever doeth this  
shall be found at the right hand of God,  
For he shall know the name by which he is called,  
For he shall be called by the name of Christ.
- 13 “And now it shall come to pass that whosoever  
shall not take upon them the name of Christ

must be called by some other name;  
Therefore, he findeth himself on the left hand of God.

- 14 “And I would that ye should remember also that this is the name that I said I should give unto you that never should be blotted out, except it be through transgression;
- 15 Therefore, take heed that ye do not transgress, that the name be not blotted out of your hearts.
- 16 “I say unto you, I would that ye should remember to retain the name written always in your <sup>a</sup>hearts, that ye are not found on the left hand of God, But that ye hear and know the voice by which ye shall be called, and also the name by which He shall call you.
- 17 “For how knoweth a man the master which he hath not served and which is a stranger unto him and is far from the thoughts and intents of his <sup>b</sup>heart?
- 18 “And again, doth a man take an ass which belongeth to his neighbor and keep him?
- 19 I say unto you, Nay,  
He will not even suffer that he shall feed among his flocks, but will drive him away and cast him out;
- 20 I say unto you, that even so shall it be among you if ye know not the name by which ye are called.
- 21 “Therefore, I would that ye should be steadfast and immovable, always <sup>c</sup>abounding in good works, That Christ, the Lord God Omnipotent, may seal you His, That you may be brought to heaven, That ye may have everlasting salvation and eternal life through the wisdom and power and justice and mercy of Him who created all things in heaven and in earth, who is God above all. Amen.”

a 2N 5:82

b A 12:110

c A 5:41  
Eth 5:4

**4** AND NOW King Benjamin thought it was expedient, after having finished speaking to the people, that he should take the names of all those who had entered into a covenant with God to keep His commandments.

- 2 And it came to pass that there was not one soul, except it were little children, but what had entered into the covenant and had taken upon them the <sup>d</sup>name of Christ.

d Mos 3:6-20

- 3 And again, it came to pass that when King Benjamin had made an end of all these things, And had consecrated his son Mosiah to be a ruler and a king over his people and had given him all the charges concerning the kingdom,
- 4 And also had appointed priests to teach the people, that thereby they might hear and know the commandments of God and to stir them up in remembrance of the oath which they had made, He dismissed the multitude; And they returned, everyone according to their families, to their own houses.
- 5 And Mosiah began to reign in his father's stead;
- 6 And he began to reign in the thirtieth year of his <sup>a</sup>age, making, in the whole, about <sup>1</sup>four hundred and seventy-six years from the <sup>b</sup>time that Lehi left Jerusalem.
- 7 And King Benjamin lived <sup>2</sup>three years and he died.
- 8 And it came to pass that King Mosiah did walk in the ways of the Lord, And did observe His judgments and His statutes, And did keep His commandments in all things whatsoever He commanded him.
- 9 And King Mosiah did cause his people that they should till the earth;
- 10 And he also, himself, did till the earth, that thereby he might not become <sup>c</sup>burdensome to his people, That he might do according to that which his father had done in all things.
- 11 And there was no contention among all his people for the space of three years.
- 3 124 BC - 121 BC
- 5** AND NOW it came to pass that after King Mosiah had had continual peace for the space of <sup>3</sup>three years, he was desirous to know concerning the people which went up to dwell in the Land of Lehi-Nephi, or in the City of Lehi-Nephi;
- 2 For his people had heard nothing from them from the <sup>4</sup>time they left the Land of Zarahemla, Therefore, they wearied him with their teasings.
- 3 And it came to pass that King Mosiah granted that sixteen
- a Mos 13:67  
1 124 BC  
b 1N 1:3, 26-28  
3N 1:1  
2 124 BC - 121 BC
- c Mos 1:46; 9:57;  
11:155  
A 1:37-42
- 4 after 200 BC  
O 1:23, 48-51

of their strong men might go up to the Land of Lehi-Nephi to inquire concerning their brethren.

- 4 And it came to pass that on the morrow they started to go up, having with them one <sup>a</sup>Ammon, he being a strong and mighty man and a descendant of Zarahemla; And he was also their leader.
- 5 And now they knew not the course they should travel in the wilderness to go up to the Land of Lehi-Nephi, Therefore, they wandered many days in the wilderness, even forty days did they wander.
- 6 And when they had wandered forty days, they came to a hill which is north of the Land of Shilom and there they pitched their tents;
- 7 And Ammon took three of his brethren—and their names were Amaleki, Helem, and Hem—and they went down into the Land of Nephi.
- 8 And behold, they met the king of the people which was in the Land of Nephi and in the Land of Shilom;
- 9 And they were surrounded by the king's guard and were taken and were bound and were committed to prison.
- 10 And it came to pass when they had been in prison two days, they were again brought before the king and their bands were loosed;
- 11 And they stood before the king and were permitted, or rather commanded, that they should answer the questions which he should ask them.
- 12 And he saith unto them:  
 “Behold, I am Limhi, the son of Noah, which was the son of Zeniff—which came up out of the Land of Zarahemla to inherit this land, which was the land of their fathers—which was made a king by the voice of the people.
- 13 “And now, I desire to know the cause whereby ye were so bold as to come <sup>b</sup>near the walls of the city when I, myself, was with my guards without the gate.
- 14 “And now for this cause have I suffered that ye should be preserved—that I might inquire of you— Or else I should have caused that my guards should have put you to death.

a Mos 9:164

b Mos 9:164-165

“Ye are permitted to speak.”

15 And now when Ammon saw that he was permitted to speak, he went forth and bowed himself before the king; And rising again, he said:

“O king, I am very thankful before God this day that I am yet alive and am permitted to speak,

16 And I will endeavor to speak with boldness; For I am assured that if ye had known me, ye would not have suffered that I should have worn these bands,

17 For I am Ammon and am a descendant of Zarahemla, And have come up out of the Land of Zarahemla to inquire concerning our brethren which Zeniff brought up out of that land.”

18 And now it came to pass that after Limhi had heard the words of Ammon, he was exceeding glad and said:

“Now I know of a surety that my brethren which were in the Land of Zarahemla are yet alive;

19 And now I will rejoice! And on the morrow I will cause that my people shall rejoice also.

20 “For behold, we are in bondage to the Lamanites and are <sup>a</sup>taxed with a tax which is grievous to be borne.

a Mos 5:34-36;  
9:89-90

21 “And now behold, our brethren will deliver us out of our bondage, or out of the hands of the Lamanites, and we will be their slaves,

22 For it is better that we be slaves to the Nephites than to pay tribute to the king of the Lamanites.”

23 And now King Limhi commanded his guards that they should no more bind Ammon nor his brethren, But caused that they should go to the hill which was north of Shilom and bring their brethren into the city, That thereby they might eat and drink and rest themselves from the labors of their journey,

24 For they had suffered many things—they had suffered hunger, thirst and fatigue.

25 And now it came to pass on the morrow that King Limhi sent a proclamation among all his people, That thereby they might gather themselves together to the <sup>b</sup>temple to hear the words which he should speak unto them.

b 2N 4:22-25

- 26 And it came to pass that when they had gathered themselves together, that he spake unto them in this wise, saying:
- 27 “O ye my people, lift up your heads and be comforted; For behold, the time is at hand, or is not far distant, when we shall no longer be in subjection to our enemies, notwithstanding our many strugglings which have been in vain; Yet I trust there remaineth an effectual struggle to be made.
- 28 “Therefore, lift up your heads and rejoice! And put your trust in God, in that God who was the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob,
- 29 And also that God who brought the children of Israel out of the Land of Egypt and caused that they should walk through the <sup>a</sup>Red Sea on dry ground, And fed them with manna, that they might not perish in the wilderness; And many more things did He do for them.
- 30 “And again, that same God hath brought our fathers out of the Land of Jerusalem and hath kept and preserved His people, even until now.
- 31 “And behold, it is because of our iniquities and abominations that has brought us into bondage;
- 32 And ye all are witnesses this day that Zeniff who was made king over this people, he being <sup>b</sup>overzealous to inherit the land of his fathers,
- 33 Therefore, being deceived by the cunning and craftiness of King Laman, who having entered into a treaty with King Zeniff, And having yielded up into his hands the possessions of a part of the land, or even the City of Lehi-Nephi and the City of Shilom and the land round about,
- 34 And all this he did for the sole purpose of bringing this people into subjection, or into bondage.
- 35 “And behold, we at this time do pay tribute to the king of the Lamanites to the <sup>c</sup>amount of one half of our corn and our barley, and even all our grain of every kind, And one half of the increase of our flocks and our herds;
- 36 And even one half of all we have or possess the king of the Lamanites doth exact of us, or our lives.

a 1N 1:100;  
5:108-109

b Mos 6:6

c Mos 9:89-90



37 “And now, is not this grievous to be borne?  
 38 And is not this our afflictions great?  
 39 “Now behold, how great reason have we to mourn!  
 40 Yea, I say unto you, great are the reasons  
     which we have to mourn.  
     “For behold, how many of our brethren have been slain  
     and their blood hath been spilt in vain?  
     And all because of iniquity;  
 41 For if this people had not fallen into transgression,  
     the Lord would not have suffered that this great evil  
     should come upon them;  
 42 But behold, they would not hearken unto His words;  
     But there arose contentions among them, even so much  
     that they did shed blood among themselves.  
 43 “And a prophet of the Lord have they <sup>a</sup>slain,  
     Yea, a chosen man of God who told them  
     of their wickedness and abominations,  
     And prophesied of many things which are to come,  
     yea, even the coming of Christ;  
 44 And because he saith unto them that Christ was the God,  
     the Father, of all things,  
     And saith that He should take upon Him  
     the image of man,  
     And it should be the image after which man was created  
     in the beginning—  
 45 Or in other words, he said that man was created  
     after the image of God,  
     And that God should come down among the children  
     of men and take upon Him <sup>b</sup>flesh and blood  
     and go forth upon the face of the earth;  
 46 And now because he said this, they did put him to death.  
     “And many more things did they do which brought down  
     the wrath of God upon them;  
 47 Therefore, who wondereth that they are in bondage  
     and that they are smitten with sore afflictions!  
 48 “For behold, the Lord hath said:  
     ‘I will not succor My people in the day of their  
     transgression, but I will hedge up their ways,  
     that they prosper not;  
     And their doings shall be as a stumbling block

a Mos 9:19-27

b Mos 8:29

before them.’

49 “And again He saith:

‘If My people shall sow filthiness, they shall reap  
the chaff thereof in the whirlwind,  
And the effects thereof is poison.’

50 “And again He saith:

‘If My people shall sow filthiness, they shall reap the <sup>a</sup>east  
wind which bringeth immediate destruction.’

a Mos 7:53

51 “And now behold, the promise of the Lord is fulfilled  
and ye are smitten and afflicted;

52 But if ye will turn to the Lord with full purpose of <sup>b</sup>heart  
and put your trust in Him,  
and serve Him with all diligence of mind—  
And if ye do this, He will, according to His own will  
and pleasure, deliver you out of bondage.”

b 2N 13:16

53 And it came to pass that after King Limhi had made  
an end of speaking to his people—for he spake  
many things unto them and only a few of them  
have I written in this book—

He told his people all the things concerning their brethren  
which were in the Land of Zarahemla.

54 And he caused that Ammon should stand up before the  
multitude and rehearse unto them all that had happened  
unto their brethren from the time that Zeniff went up  
out of the land, even until the time that he himself  
came up out of the land;

55 And he also rehearsed unto them the last <sup>c</sup>words which  
King Benjamin had taught them, and explained them to  
the people of King Limhi so that they might understand  
all the words which he spake.

c Mos 1:38-3:21

56 And it came to pass that after he had done all this, that  
King Limhi dismissed the multitude and caused that  
they should return, everyone unto his own house.

57 And it came to pass that he caused that the plates which  
contained the record of his people from the time that  
they left the Land of Zarahemla should be brought  
before Ammon, that he might read them.

58 Now as soon as Ammon had read the record, the king

a Mos 9:166-169

b O 1:39  
A 13:74  
Eth 4:95-96;  
6:57-58

c Eth 3:48

d Eth 6:87

- 59 inquired of him to know if he could interpret languages;  
And Ammon told him that he could not.
- 60 And the king saith unto him:  
“I being grieved for the afflictions of my people,  
I caused that <sup>a</sup>forty and three of my people  
should take a journey into the wilderness,  
That thereby they might find the Land of Zarahemla,  
That we might appeal unto our brethren to deliver us  
out of bondage;
- 61 And they were lost in the wilderness for the space  
of many days, yet they were diligent  
and found not the Land of Zarahemla,  
But returned to this land, having traveled  
in a land among many waters,
- 62 Having discovered a land which was covered with <sup>b</sup>bones  
of men and of beasts, etc., and was also covered  
with ruins of buildings of every kind,
- 63 Having discovered a land which had been peopled with  
a <sup>c</sup>people which were as numerous as the hosts of Israel.
- 64 “And for a testimony that the things that they had said  
were true, they have brought twenty-four plates  
which are filled with engravings,  
And they are of pure gold.
- 65 “And behold also, they have brought <sup>d</sup>breastplates  
which are large,  
And they are of brass and of copper  
and are perfectly sound.
- 66 “And again, they have brought swords—  
The hilts thereof hath perished,  
And the blades thereof were cankered with rust.
- 67 “And there is no one in the land that is able to interpret  
the language or the engravings that are on the plates;
- 68 Therefore I said unto thee, canst thou translate?
- 69 “And I say unto thee again:  
Knowest thou of anyone that can translate?  
For I am desirous that these records should be translated  
into our language;
- 70 For perhaps they will give us a knowledge of a remnant  
of the people which have been destroyed,  
from whence these records came,

- 71 Or, perhaps they will give us a knowledge of this very  
 people which hath been destroyed;  
 And I am desirous to know the <sup>a</sup>cause of their destruction.”
- 72 Now Ammon saith unto him:  
 “I can assuredly tell thee, O king, of a man  
 that can <sup>b</sup>translate the records,  
 For he hath wherewith that he can look and translate  
 all records that are of ancient date,  
 And it is a gift from God,  
 73 And the things are called interpreters;  
 And no man can look in them except he be commanded,  
 lest he should look for that he had not ought  
 and he should perish,  
 74 And whosoever is commanded to look in them,  
 the same is called seer.
- 75 “And behold, the king of the people which is in the Land  
 of Zarahemla is the man that is commanded to do these  
 things and which hath this high gift from God.”
- 76 And the king saith that:  
 “A seer is greater than a prophet.”
- 77 And Ammon saith that:  
 “A seer is a revelator and a prophet also;  
 And a gift which is greater can no man have, except he  
 should possess the power of God, which no man can,  
 Yet a man may have great power given him from God.
- 78 “But a seer can know of things which have passed,  
 and also of things which are to come;  
 79 And by them shall all things be revealed, or rather,  
 shall secret things be made manifest  
 and hidden things shall come to light,  
 And things which are not known  
 shall be made known by them;  
 80 And also things shall be made known by them  
 which otherwise could not be known;  
 81 Thus God hath provided a means that man, through faith,  
 might work mighty miracles;  
 Therefore, he becometh a great benefit  
 to his fellow beings.”
- 82 And now when Ammon had made an end of speaking  
 these words, the king rejoiced exceedingly

a O 1:39  
 A 17:57-58

b Mos 12:14-21

and gave thanks to God, saying:  
 83 “Doubtless a great mystery is contained within these plates;  
 And these interpreters were doubtless prepared  
 for the purpose of unfolding all such mysteries  
 to the children of men.  
 84 “O how marvelous are the works of the Lord!  
 And how long doth He suffer with His people!  
 85 Yea, and how blind and impenetrable are the  
 understandings of the children of men!  
 For they will not seek wisdom,  
 Neither do they desire that she should rule over them;  
 86 Yea, they are as a <sup>a</sup>wild flock which fleeth  
 from the shepherd and scattereth,  
 And are driven and are devoured  
 by the beasts of the forest.”

a Mos 9:23  
 A 3:61

1 chs 6-9:162 =  
 flashback,  
 c 190 BC -  
 121 BC  
 O 1:48-52  
 Mos 5:1-2  
 b Mos 10:14-16

## 6

### <sup>1</sup>THE RECORD OF ZENIFF

*An account of his people from the time they left the Land of Zarahemla, until the time that they were <sup>b</sup>delivered out of the hands of the Lamanites.*

1 I, ZENIFF, having been taught in all the language  
 of the Nephites,  
 And having had a knowledge of the Land of Nephi,  
 or of the land of our fathers' first inheritance,  
 And I having been sent as a spy among the Lamanites  
 that I might spy out their forces, that our army  
 might come upon them and destroy them—  
 2 But when I saw that which was good among them,  
 I was desirous that they should not be destroyed,  
 Therefore, I contended with my brethren in the wilderness,  
 for I would that our ruler should make a treaty  
 with them.  
 3 But he, being an austere and a bloodthirsty man,  
 commanded that I should be slain, but I was rescued  
 by the shedding of much blood,  
 4 For father fought against father and brother against  
 brother until the greatest number of our army  
 was <sup>c</sup>destroyed in the wilderness;  
 5 And we returned, those of us that were spared,  
 to the Land of Zarahemla to relate that tale

c O 1:49-50

to their wives and their children.

- 6 And yet I, being <sup>a</sup>overzealous to inherit the land of our fathers, collected as many as were desirous to go up to possess the land and started again on our journey into the wilderness to go up to the land;  
 But we were smitten with famine and sore afflictions, for we were slow to remember the Lord our God;
- 7 Nevertheless, after many days wandering in the wilderness, we pitched our tents in the place where our brethren were slain, which was near to the land of our fathers.
- 8 And it came to pass that I went again with four of my men into the city, in unto the king, that I might know of the disposition of the king,  
 And that I might know if I might go in with my people and possess the land in peace.
- 9 And I went in unto the king and he covenanted with me that I might possess the Land of Lehi-Nephi and the Land of Shilom,
- 10 And he also commanded that his people should depart out of that land,  
 And I and my people went into the land, that we might possess it;
- 11 And we began to build buildings and to repair the walls of the city,  
 Yea, even the walls of the City of Lehi-Nephi, and the City of Shilom;
- 12 And we began to till the ground,  
 Yea, even with all manner of <sup>b</sup>seeds—  
 with seeds of corn and of wheat and of barley,  
 and with neas and with sheum,  
 and with seeds of all manner of fruits;  
 And we did begin to multiply and prosper in the land.
- 13 Now it was the <sup>c</sup>cunning and the craftiness of King Laman to bring my people into bondage that he yielded up the land, that we might possess it;
- 14 Therefore, it came to pass that after we had dwelt in the land for the space of twelve years,  
 that King Laman began to grow uneasy,  
 Lest by any means my people should wax strong in the land and that they could not overpower them and bring them into bondage.

a Mos 5:32

b 1N 2:40;  
 5:214-215  
 En 1:34  
 Mos 5:35

c Mos 5:33-36;  
 6:44-54;  
 9:102-106

## MOSIAH 6:15

a En 1:30-33

- 15 Now they were a <sup>a</sup>lazy and an idolatrous people;  
Therefore, they were desirous to bring us into bondage,  
that they might glut themselves  
with the labors of our hands,  
Yea, that they might feast themselves  
upon the flocks of our fields.
- 16 Therefore, it came to pass that King Laman began to stir  
up his people, that they should contend with my people;  
Therefore, there began to be wars and contentions  
in the land;
- 17 For in the thirteenth year of my reign in the Land of Nephi,  
away on the south of the Land of Shilom,  
when my people were watering and feeding their flocks  
and tilling their lands,  
A numerous host of Lamanites came upon them  
and began to slay them and to take of their flocks  
and the corn of their fields;
- 18 Yea, and it came to pass that they fled, all that were  
not overtaken, even into the City of Nephi,  
and did call upon me for protection.
- 19 And it came to pass that I did arm them  
with bows and with arrows,  
with swords and with scimitars,  
and with clubs and with slings,  
and with all manner of weapons which we could invent;  
And I and my people did go forth  
against the Lamanites to battle,
- 20 Yea, in the strength of the Lord did we go forth  
to battle against the Lamanites,
- 21 For I and my people did cry mightily to the Lord that He  
would deliver us out of the hands of our enemies,  
For we were awakened to a remembrance of the  
deliverance of our fathers.
- 22 And God did hear our cries and did answer our prayers,  
And we did go forth in His might,
- 23 Yea, we did go forth against the Lamanites,  
And in one day and a night we did slay three thousand  
and forty-three—we did slay them, even until we  
had driven them out of our land;
- 24 And I, myself, with mine own hands,  
did help bury their dead;

- 25 And behold, to our great sorrow and lamentation, two hundred and seventy-nine of our brethren were slain.
- 26 And it came to pass that we again began to establish the kingdom,  
And we again began to possess the land in peace;
- 27 And I caused that there should be weapons of war made of every kind,  
That thereby I might have weapons for my people against the time the Lamanites should come up again to war against my people,
- 28 And I set guards round about the land,  
that the Lamanites might not come upon us again unawares and destroy us;
- 29 And thus I did guard my people and my flocks and keep them from falling into the hands of our enemies.
- 30 And it came to pass that we did inherit the land of our fathers for many years, yea, for the space of twenty and two years;
- 31 And I did cause that the men should till the ground and raise all manner of <sup>a</sup>grain and all manner of fruit of every kind,
- 32 And I did cause that the women should spin and toil and work, and work all manner of fine <sup>b</sup>linen, yea, and cloth of every kind, that we might clothe our nakedness;
- 33 And thus we did prosper in the land—  
Thus we did have continual peace in the land for the space of twenty and two years.
- 34 And it came to pass that King Laman died and his son began to reign in his stead,
- 35 And he began to stir his people up in rebellion against my people,  
Therefore, they began to prepare for war and to come up to battle against my people;
- 36 But I <sup>1</sup>having sent my spies out round about the Land of Shemlon that I might discover their preparations, that I might guard against them, that they might not come upon my people and destroy them.
- 37 And it came to pass that they came up upon the north of the Land of Shilom with their numerous hosts—  
Men armed with bows and with arrows,  
and with swords and with scimitars,

a Mos 6:12

b A 1:33-34  
A 2:8-10  
H 2:133

<sup>1</sup> tenseless present participle which may = had



and with stones and with slings;  
 38 And they had their heads shaved, that they were naked;  
 And they were girded about with a leathern girdle  
 about their loins.  
 39 And it came to pass that I caused that the women and  
 children of my people should be hid in the wilderness;  
 40 And I also caused that all my old men that could bear  
 arms, and also all my young men that were able  
 to bear arms, should gather themselves together  
 to go to battle against the Lamanites,  
 And I did place them in their ranks, every man  
 according to his age.  
 41 And it came to pass that we did go up to battle  
 against the Lamanites;  
 42 And I, even I in my old age, did go up to battle  
 against the Lamanites.  
 43 And it came to pass that we did go up in the strength  
 of the Lord to battle;  
 a Mos 1:5-8 44 Now the <sup>a</sup>Lamanites knew nothing concerning the Lord,  
 nor the strength of the Lord,  
 Therefore, they depended upon their own strength,  
 45 Yet they were a strong people as to the strength of men.  
 They were a wild and ferocious and a bloodthirsty people,  
 believing in the tradition of their fathers, which is this:  
 46 Believing that they were driven out of the Land of  
 Jerusalem because of the iniquities of their fathers,  
 And that they were <sup>b</sup>wronged in the wilderness  
 by their brethren;  
 c 1N 5:181-189  
 d 2N 4:1-6 47 And they were also <sup>c</sup>wronged while crossing the sea;  
 And again, that they were <sup>d</sup>wronged while in the land of  
 their first inheritance, after they had crossed the sea.  
 48 And all this because that Nephi was more faithful  
 in keeping the commandments of the Lord,  
 Therefore, he was favored of the Lord, for the Lord  
 heard his prayers and answered them,  
 And he took the lead of their journey in the wilderness.  
 e 1N 1:41 49 And his brethren were wroth with him because  
 they <sup>e</sup>understood not the dealings of the Lord;  
 50 They were also wroth with him upon the waters

because they hardened their hearts against the Lord.

- 51 And again, they were wroth with him when they had arrived to the Promised Land because they said that he had taken the ruling of the people out of their hands; And they sought to kill him.
- 52 And again, they were wroth with him because he departed into the wilderness as the Lord had commanded him and took the records which were engraven on the plates of <sup>a</sup>brass,  
For they said that he robbed them.
- 53 And thus they have taught their children that they should hate them and that they should murder them and that they should rob and plunder them and do all they could to destroy them; Therefore, they have an eternal hatred toward the children of Nephi.
- 54 For this very cause hath King Laman—by his cunning and lying craftiness and his fair promises—hath deceived me, that I have brought this my people up into this land that they may destroy them;  
Yea, and we have suffered this many years in the land.
- 55 And now I, Zeniff, after having told all these things unto my people concerning the Lamanites, I did stimulate them to go to battle with their mights, putting their trust in the Lord;  
Therefore, we did contend with them face to face.
- 56 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.
- 57 And it came to pass that we returned again to our own land,  
And my people again began to tend their flocks and to till their ground.
- 58 And now I, being old, did confer the kingdom upon one of my sons;  
Therefore, I say no more;  
And may the Lord bless my people. Amen.

a 2N 4:17

a A 12:110  
 A 16:151  
 Matt 15:18  
 Mark 7:20  
 Acts 8:22  
 b Jac 1:15; 2:32-33  
 Eth 4:48

7 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 <sup>a</sup>desires of his own heart,  
 3 And he had many <sup>b</sup>wives and concubines,  
 4 And he did cause his people to commit sin and do that  
 which was abominable in the sight of the Lord,  
 5 Yea, and they did commit whoredoms  
 and all manner of wickedness.  
 6 And he laid a 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 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;  
 7 And all this did he take to support himself and his wives  
 and his concubines, and also his priests and their wives  
 and their concubines.  
 Thus he had changed the affairs of the kingdom,  
 8 For he put down all the priests that had been consecrated  
 by his father and consecrated new ones in their stead,  
 such as were lifted up in the pride of their hearts;  
 9 Yea, and thus were they 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;  
 10 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.  
 11 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 precious things—  
 of gold and of silver,  
 and of iron and of brass,  
 and of ziff and of copper;  
 12 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;
- 13 And he also caused that his workmen should work all  
manner of fine work within the walls of the temple—  
of fine wood and of copper and of brass;
- 14 And the seats which were set apart for the high priests,  
which were above all the other seats,  
he did ornament with pure gold;
- 15 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.
- 16 And it came to pass that he built a 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 Shilom, and also the Land  
of Shemlon which was possessed by the Lamanites;  
And he could even look over all the land round about.
- 17 And it came to pass that he caused many buildings  
to be built in the Land Shilom;
- 18 And he caused a great tower to be built on the hill north  
of the Land Shilom which had been a resort for the  
children of Nephi at the time they <sup>a</sup>fled out of the land.
- 19 And thus he did do with the riches which he obtained  
by the taxation of his people.
- 20 And it came to pass that he placed his heart  
upon his riches;  
And he spent his time in riotous living with his <sup>b</sup>wives  
and his concubines,  
And so did also his priests spend their time with harlots.
- 21 And it came to pass that he planted vineyards  
round about in the land;  
And he built winepresses and made <sup>c</sup>wine in abundance;  
And therefore he became a winebibber,  
and also his people.
- 22 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;
- 23 And King Noah sent guards round about the land to keep  
them off, but he did not send a sufficient number,  
And the Lamanites came upon them and killed them

a O 1:20

b Jac 2:32-33

c Mos 10:10

- and drove many of their flocks out of the land;  
 24 Thus the Lamanites began to destroy them  
 and to exercise their hatred upon them.
- 25 And it came to pass that King Noah sent his armies  
 against them and they were driven back,  
 or they drove them back for a time;  
 Therefore, they returned rejoicing in their spoil.
- 26 And now because of this great victory, they were lifted up  
 in the pride of their hearts;  
 They did boast in their own strength, saying that their fifty  
 could stand against thousands of the Lamanites;
- 27 And thus they did boast and did delight in blood  
 and the shedding of the blood of their brethren,  
 And this because of the wickedness  
 of their king and priests.
- 28 And it came to pass that there was a man among them  
 whose name was Abinadi;  
 And he went forth among them  
 and began to prophesy, saying:
- 29 “Behold, thus saith the Lord and thus hath  
 He commanded me, saying:
- 30 ‘Go forth and say unto this people, thus saith the Lord:  
 31 Wo be unto this people! for I have seen their abominations  
 and their wickedness and their whoredoms;  
 And except they repent, I will visit them in Mine anger;
- 32 And except they repent and turn to the Lord their God,  
 behold, I will deliver them into the hands  
 of their enemies,
- 33 Yea, and they shall be brought into bondage;  
 And they shall be afflicted by the hand of their enemies.
- 34 ‘And it shall come to pass that they shall know  
 that I Am the Lord their God and am a jealous God,  
 visiting the iniquities of My people.
- 35 ‘And it shall come to pass that except this people repent  
 and turn unto the Lord their God,  
 they shall be brought into bondage;  
 And none shall deliver them, except it be the Lord,  
 the Almighty God.
- 36 ‘Yea, and it shall come to pass that when they shall  
 cry unto Me, I will be <sup>a</sup>slow to hear their cries;

<sup>a</sup> Mos 9:154-156

- Yea, and I will suffer them that they be smitten  
by their enemies;
- 37 And except they repent in sackcloth and ashes  
and cry mightily to the Lord their God,  
I will not hear their prayers,  
Neither will I deliver them out of their afflictions.’
- 38 “And thus saith the Lord,  
And thus hath He commanded me.”
- 39 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  
delivered him out of their hands.
- 40 Now when King Noah had heard of the words  
which Abinadi had spoken unto the people,  
he was also wroth;
- 41 And he saith:  
“Who is Abinadi, that I and my people  
should be judged of him?  
Or who is the Lord that shall bring upon my people  
such great affliction?”
- 42 “I command you to bring Abinadi hither that I may slay  
him, for he hath said these things that he might stir up  
my people to anger, one with another, and to raise  
contentions among my people;  
Therefore, I will slay him.”
- 43 Now the eyes of the people were blinded;  
Therefore, they hardened their hearts against the words  
of Abinadi and they sought from that time forward  
to take him;
- 44 And King Noah hardened his heart against the word  
of the Lord and he did not repent of his evil doings.
- 45 And it came to pass that after the space of two years  
that Abinadi came among them in disguise,  
that they knew him not, and began again  
to prophesy among them, saying:
- 46 “Thus hath the Lord commanded me, saying:  
‘Abinadi, go and prophesy unto this My people, for they  
have hardened their hearts against My words;  
They have repented not of their evil doings;
- 47 Therefore, I will visit them in My anger,

- yea, in My fierce anger will I visit them  
in their iniquities and abominations;  
Yea, wo be unto this generation!’
- 48 “And the Lord said unto me:  
‘Stretch forth thy hand and prophesy, saying:  
Thus saith the Lord, it shall come to pass that this  
generation, because of their iniquities, shall be brought  
into bondage and shall be smitten on the cheek,
- 49 Yea, and shall be driven by men and shall be slain,  
And the vultures of the air and the dogs, yea,  
and the wild beasts shall devour their flesh.
- 50 ‘And it shall come to pass that the life of King Noah  
shall be valued even as a garment in a hot <sup>a</sup>furnace,  
for he shall know that I Am the Lord.
- a Mos 9:96
- 51 ‘And it shall come to pass that I will smite this  
My people with sore afflictions, yea,  
with famine and with pestilence;  
And I will cause that they shall howl all the day long;
- b Mos 9:142
- 52 Yea, and I will cause that they shall have <sup>b</sup>burdens  
lashed upon their backs and they shall be  
driven before like a dumb ass.
- 53 ‘And it shall come to pass that I will send forth hail  
among them and it shall smite them;  
And they shall also be smitten with the <sup>c</sup>east wind;  
And insects shall pester their land also  
and devour their grain,
- c Mos 5:50
- 54 And they shall be smitten with a great pestilence;  
And all this will I do because of their iniquities  
and abominations.
- 55 ‘And it shall come to pass that except they repent, I will  
utterly destroy them from off the face of the earth;
- d Mos 11:81
- 56 Yet they shall leave a <sup>d</sup>record behind them  
and I will preserve them for other nations  
which shall possess the land;
- 57 Yea, even this will I do that I may discover the  
abominations of this people to other nations.”
- 58 And many things did Abinadi prophesy against this people.
- 59 And it came to pass that they were angry with him;  
And they took him and carried him bound before the king

- and saith unto the king:
- 60 “Behold, we have brought a man before thee  
which has prophesied evil concerning thy people  
and saith that God will destroy them;
- 61 And he also prophesieth evil concerning thy life and saith  
that thy life shall be as a garment in a <sup>a</sup>furnace of fire;
- 62 And again, he saith that thou shalt be as a stalk,  
even as a dry stalk of the field which is run over  
by the beasts and trodden underfoot;
- 63 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;
- 64 And he saith all this shall come upon thee,  
except thou repent,  
And this because of thine iniquities.
- 65 “And now, O king,  
What great evil hast thou done?  
Or what great sins have thy people committed,  
That we should be condemned of God  
or judged of this man?
- 66 “And now, O king,  
Behold, we are guiltless,  
And thou, O king, hast not sinned;  
Therefore, this man hast lied concerning you,  
And he hath prophesied in vain.
- 67 “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.
- 68 “Behold, here is the man;  
We deliver him into thy hands;  
Thou mayest do with him as seemeth thee good.”
- 69 And it came to pass that King Noah caused that Abinadi  
should be cast into prison;
- 70 And he commanded that the priests should gather  
themselves together that he might hold a council  
with them what he should do with him.
- 71 And it came to pass that they saith unto the king:

a Mos 9:96



1 cross = trick,  
contradict

a vv 77-80 =  
Isa 52:7-10

b Mos 8:69

- “Bring him hither that we may question him.”
- 72 And the king commanded that he should be brought before them,
- 73 And they began to question him that they might <sup>1</sup>cross him, that thereby they might have wherewith to accuse him;
- 74 But he answered them boldly and withstood all their questions, yea, to their astonishment,
- 75 For he did withstand them in all their questions and did confound them in all their words.
- 76 And it came to pass that one of them saith unto him: “What meaneth the words which are written and which have been taught by our fathers, saying:
- 77 <sup>a</sup>“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,  
That publisheth peace,  
That bringeth good tidings of good,  
That publisheth salvation,  
That saith unto Zion, 'Thy God reigneth!'
- 78 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice,  
With the voice together shall they sing;  
For they shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion.
- 79 Break forth into joy!  
Sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem!  
For the Lord hath comforted His people,  
He hath redeemed Jerusalem.
- 80 The Lord hath made <sup>b</sup>bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations;  
And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God!?”
- 81 And now Abinadi saith unto them: “Are you priests and pretend to teach this people and to understand the spirit of prophesying, And yet desireth to know of me what these things mean?
- 82 “I say unto you, wo be unto you for perverting the ways of the Lord!  
For if ye understand these things, ye have not taught them, therefore ye have perverted the ways of the Lord;
- 83 Ye have not applied your hearts to understanding, therefore ye have not been wise;

Therefore, what teachest thou this people?"

84 And they said:

"We teach the law of Moses."

85 And again, he saith unto them:

"If ye teach the law of Moses, why do ye not keep it?

86 Why do ye set your hearts upon riches?

87 Why do ye commit whoredoms and spend your strength  
with harlots?

Yea, and cause this people to commit sin, that the Lord  
hath sent me to prophesy against this people,  
yea, even a great evil against this people?

88 "Knowest thou not that I speak the truth?

89 Yea, thou knowest that I speak the truth,  
And you had ought to tremble before God.

90 "And it shall come to pass that ye shall be smitten  
for thine iniquities, for ye have said that ye teach  
the law of Moses;

91 And what knowest thou concerning the law of Moses?

92 Doth salvation come by the law of Moses?  
What sayest thou?"

93 And they answered and said that salvation  
did come by the law of Moses.

94 And Abinadi saith unto them:

"I know if ye keep the commandments of God,  
ye shall be saved;

95 Yea, if ye keep the commandments which the Lord  
delivered unto Moses in the Mount of Sinai, saying:

"I Am the Lord thy God which has brought thee out  
of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage;

96 Thou shalt have no other god before Me!

97 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,  
or any likeness of anything in the heaven above,  
or things which are in the earth beneath."

98 Now Abinadi saith unto them:

"Have ye done all this?

I say unto you, nay, ye have not.

99 "And have ye taught this people that they should  
do all these things?"

a vv 95-97 =  
Ex 20:2-4

a Mos 7:76-80

- I say unto you, nay, ye have not.”
- 100 And now when the king had heard these words,  
     he said unto his priests:  
 “Away with this fellow and slay him!  
 For what have we to do with him?  
 For he is mad.”
- 101 And they stood forth and attempted to lay their hands  
     on him, but he withstood them and said unto them:  
 “Touch me not, for God shall smite you  
     if ye lay your hands upon me,  
 For I have not delivered the message  
     which the Lord sent me to deliver,
- 102 Neither have I told you that which  
     ye <sup>a</sup>requested that I should tell;  
 Therefore, God will not suffer  
     that I shall be destroyed at this time,
- 103 But I must fulfill the commandments  
     wherewith God hath commanded me;  
 And because I have told you the truth  
     ye are angry with me;
- 104 And again, because I have spoken the word of God  
     ye have judged me, that I am mad.”
- 105 Now it came to pass after Abinadi had spoken these words,  
     that the people of King Noah durst not lay their hands  
     on him,
- 106 For the Spirit of the Lord was upon him and his face shone  
     with exceeding luster, even as Moses’ did while in the  
     Mount of Sinai while speaking with the Lord;
- 107 And he spake with power and authority from God.  
     And he continued his words, saying:  
     “Ye see that ye have not power to slay me,  
     therefore I finish my message;
- 108 Yea, and I perceive that it cuts you to your hearts because  
     I tell you the truth concerning your iniquities;  
     Yea, and my words fill you with wonder and amazement  
     and with anger;
- 109 But I finish my message and then it matters not  
     whither I go, if it so be that I am saved;
- 110 But this much I tell you—  
     What you do with me after this shall be as a type  
     and a shadow of things which are to come.

- 111 “And now I read unto you the remainder of the  
 commandments of God, for I perceive  
 that they are not written in your <sup>a</sup>hearts;
- 112 I perceive that ye have studied and taught iniquity  
 the most part of your lives;
- 113 And now, ye remember that I said unto you:
- <sup>b</sup>‘Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,  
 Or any likeness of things which are in heaven above,  
 or which are in the earth beneath,  
 or which are in the water under the earth.’
- 114 “And again:  
 ‘Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them,  
 nor serve them,  
 For I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God,  
 Visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto  
 the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me,  
 And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me  
 and keep My commandments.
- 115 ‘Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain,  
 For the Lord will not hold him guiltless  
 that taketh His name in vain.
- 116 ‘Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy;
- 117 Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work,  
 But the seventh day, the Sabbath of the Lord thy God,  
 thou shalt not do any work—  
 Thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter,  
*nor* thy manservant, nor thy maidservant,  
 nor thy cattle,  
 nor thy stranger that is within thy gates,
- 118 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth  
 and the sea and all that in them is;  
 Wherefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day  
 and hallowed it.
- 119 ‘Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be  
 long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee;
- 120 Thou shalt not kill;
- 121 Thou shalt not commit adultery;
- 122 Thou shalt not steal;
- 123 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor;
- 124 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house;

a 2N 5:82

b Ex 20:4-17

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife,  
 nor his manservant, nor his maidservant,  
 nor his ox, nor his ass,  
 nor anything that is thy neighbor's."

8 AND IT came to pass that after Abinadi had made an end  
 of these sayings, that he said unto them:

"Have ye taught this people that they should observe to  
 do all these things, for to keep these commandments?

2 I say unto you, nay, for if ye had, the Lord would not  
 have caused me to come forth and to prophesy evil  
 concerning this people.

3 "And now ye have said that salvation cometh  
 by the law of Moses;

4 I say unto you that it is expedient that ye should  
 keep the law of Moses as yet,  
 But I say unto you that the time shall come when it shall  
 no more be expedient to keep the law of Moses.

5 "And moreover, I say unto you that salvation  
 doth not come by the law alone;  
 And were it not for the atonement which God Himself  
 shall make for the sins and iniquities of His people,  
 that they must unavoidably perish,  
 notwithstanding the law of Moses.

6 "And now I say unto you that it was expedient  
 that there should be a law given to the children of Israel,  
 yea, even a very strict law,  
 For they were a stiff-necked people, quick to do iniquity  
 and slow to remember the Lord their God;

7 Therefore, there was a law given them,  
 yea, a law of performances and ordinances,  
 A law which they were to observe strictly from day to day  
 to keep them in remembrance of God and their duty  
 toward Him.

8 "But behold, I say unto you that all these things  
 were types of things to come.

9 "And now, did they understand the law?

10 I say unto you, nay, they did not all understand the law,  
 and this because of the hardness of their hearts,

For they understood not that there could not any man be saved, except it were through the redemption of God.

- 11 “For behold, did not Moses prophesy unto them concerning the coming of the Messiah and that God should redeem His people?  
Yea, and even all the prophets which have prophesied ever since the world began,
- 12 Have they not spoken more or less concerning these things?
- 13 Have they not said that God Himself should come down among the children of men and take upon Him the form of man and go forth in mighty power upon the face of the earth?
- 14 Yea, and have they not said also that He should bring to pass the resurrection of the dead and that He, Himself, should be oppressed and <sup>a</sup>afflicted?
- 15 Yea, even doth not Isaiah say:
- 16 <sup>b</sup>“Who hath believed our report?  
And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?
- 17 ‘For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant,  
and as a root out of dry ground.  
He hath no form nor comeliness;  
And when we shall see Him,  
There is no beauty that we should desire Him.
- 18 He is despised and rejected of men,  
A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.  
And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him;  
He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.
- 19 ‘Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;  
Yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God  
and <sup>c</sup>afflicted.
- 20 But He was wounded for our transgressions,  
He was bruised for our iniquities;  
The chastisement of our peace was upon Him,  
And with His stripes we are <sup>d</sup>healed.
- 21 ‘All we like sheep have gone astray;  
We have turned, everyone, to his own way;  
And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquities of us all.
- 22 ‘He was oppressed and He was afflicted,  
Yet He opened not His mouth;

a A 5:18-22

b vv 16-27 =  
Isa 53:1-12

c A 5:18-21

d Isa 53:5  
1 Pet 2:24

- He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,  
 And as a sheep before her shearers is dumb,  
 so He opened not His mouth.
- 23 He was taken from prison and from judgment,  
 And who shall declare His generation?  
 For He was cut off out of the land of the living;  
 For the transgressions of My people was He stricken.
- 24 And He made His grave with the wicked  
 and with the rich in His death,  
 Because He had done no evil,  
 Neither was any deceit in His mouth.
- 25 ‘Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him;  
 He hath put Him to grief.  
 When thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin,  
 He shall see His seed,  
 He shall prolong His days,  
 And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.
- 26 He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied;  
 By His knowledge shall My righteous Servant justify many,  
 For He shall bear their iniquities.
- 27 Therefore, will I divide Him a portion with the great,  
 And He shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
 Because He hath poured out His soul unto death,  
 And He was numbered with the transgressors,  
 And He bear the sins of many,  
 And made intercession for the transgressors.’”
- 28 And now Abinadi saith unto them:  
 “I would that ye should understand that God Himself  
 shall come down among the children of men  
 and shall redeem His people;
- 29 And because He dwelleth in <sup>a</sup>flesh, He shall be called  
 the Son of God;
- 30 And having subjected the flesh to the will of the Father,  
 being the Father and the Son—  
 The Father, because He was conceived by the power  
 of God, and the Son, because of the flesh,  
 thus becoming the Father and Son,
- 31 And They are one God, yea, the Very Eternal Father  
 of heaven and of earth—
- 32 And thus the flesh becoming subject to the Spirit, or the  
 Son to the Father, being one God, suffereth temptation  
 and yieldeth not to the temptation,

a 1N 3:58  
 2N 5:24  
 Mos 1:97;  
 5:44-45  
 Eth 1:72

But suffereth Himself to be mocked and scourged  
and cast out and disowned by His people.

33 “And after all this, and after working many mighty  
miracles among the children of men, He shall be led,  
yea, even as Isaiah said—

<sup>a</sup>“As a sheep before the shearer is dumb,  
so He opened not His mouth’—

a Isa 53:7

34 Yea, even so He shall be led, crucified and slain,  
the flesh becoming subject even unto death,  
The will of the Son being swallowed up  
in the will of the Father.

35 “And thus God breaketh the bands of death,  
Having gained the victory over death, giving the Son  
power to make intercession for the children of men,

36 Having ascended into heaven,  
Having the bowels of mercy being filled with compassion  
toward the children of men,

37 standing betwixt them and justice,  
Having broken the bands of death, taken upon Himself  
their iniquity and their transgressions,  
Having redeemed them and satisfied  
the demands of justice.

38 “And now I say unto you, <sup>b</sup>who shall declare  
His generation?

b Isa 53:8

39 Behold, I say unto you that when His soul has been made  
an <sup>c</sup>offering for sin, He shall see His seed.

c Isa 53:10

40 “And now, what say ye?  
And who shall be His seed?

41 Behold, I say unto you that whosoever hath heard the  
words of the prophets, yea, all the holy prophets which  
have prophesied concerning the coming of the Lord—

42 I say unto you, that all those who hath hearkened  
unto their words and believed that the Lord would  
redeem His people and have looked forward to that day  
for a remission of their sins—

43 I say unto you, that these are His seed, or they are heirs  
of the kingdom of God,

44 For these are they whose sins He hath <sup>d</sup>borne;  
These are they for whom He hath died to redeem them  
from their transgressions;

d Isa 53:11

45 And now, are they not His seed?



a Isa 52:7

b Isa 25:8

- 46 “Yea, and are not the prophets, everyone that has opened his mouth to prophesy that has not fallen into transgression— I mean all the holy prophets ever since the world began—
- 47 I say unto you that they are His seed.
- “And these are they which hath <sup>a</sup>published peace,  
That hath brought good tidings of good,  
That hath published salvation,  
That saith unto Zion, ‘Thy God reigneth!’
- 48 “And, O how beautiful upon the mountains were their feet!
- 49 “And again, how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those that art still publishing peace!
- 50 “And again, how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who shall hereafter publish peace,  
Yea, from this time henceforth and forever!
- 51 “And behold, I say unto you, this is not all—  
For O how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings,  
that is, the founder of peace!
- 52 Yea, even the Lord who hath redeemed His people,  
Yea, Him who hath granted salvation unto His people;
- 53 For were it not for the redemption which He hath made for His people, which was prepared from the foundation of the world,  
I say unto you, were it not for this, that all mankind must have perished.
- 54 “But behold, the bands of <sup>b</sup>death shall be broken;  
And the Son reigneth and hath power over the dead;  
Therefore, He bringeth to pass the resurrection of the dead.
- 55 “And there cometh a resurrection, even a first resurrection;  
Yea, even a resurrection of those that have been,  
and which are,  
and which shall be,  
Even until the resurrection of Christ,  
for so shall He be called.
- 56 “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,  
 These shall come forth in the first resurrection;  
 Therefore, they are the first resurrection;
- 57 They are raised to dwell with God  
 who hath redeemed them,  
 Thus they have eternal life through Christ  
 who hath broken the bands of death.
- 58 “And there are those who have part in  
 the first resurrection;  
 And these are they that have died before Christ came,  
 in their ignorance, not having salvation  
 declared unto them;
- 59 And thus the Lord bringeth about the restoration of these;  
 And they have a part in the first resurrection,  
 or hath eternal life, being redeemed by the Lord.
- 60 “And little children also hath eternal life.
- 61 “But behold and fear and tremble before God,  
 for ye had ought to tremble,  
 For the Lord redeemeth none such that rebelleth  
 against Him and dieth in their sins,
- 62 Yea, even all those that have perished in their sins ever  
 since the world began, that have <sup>a</sup>willfully rebelled  
 against God, that have known the commandments  
 of God and would not keep them;  
 These are they that have no part in the first resurrection.
- 63 “Therefore, had ye not ought to tremble?
- 64 For salvation cometh to none such,  
 for the Lord hath redeemed none such;
- 65 Yea, neither can the Lord redeem such,  
 for He cannot deny Himself,  
 For He cannot deny justice when it hath its claim.
- 66 “And now I say unto you, that the time shall come  
 that the salvation of the Lord shall be declared  
 to every nation, kindred, tongue and people;
- 67 Yea, Lord,  
<sup>b</sup>Thy 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.
- 68 Break forth into joy!

a 3N 3:17-20  
 4N 1:42  
 Mn 1:17  
 Mi 9:24

b vv 67-69 =  
 Isa 52:8-10

a 3N 7:45

- Sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem!  
 For the Lord hath comforted His people,  
 He hath redeemed Jerusalem.
- 69 The Lord hath made <sup>a</sup>bare His holy arm  
 in the eyes of all the nations,  
 And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation  
 of our God!”
- 70 And now it came to pass that after Abinadi had spoken  
 these words, he stretched forth his hands and said:  
 “The time shall come when all shall see the salvation  
 of the Lord;
- 71 When every nation, kindred, tongue and people  
 shall see eye to eye,  
 And shall confess before God that His judgments are just.
- 72 “And then shall the wicked be cast out,  
 And they shall have cause to howl and weep  
 and wail and gnash their teeth,
- 73 And this because they would not hearken  
 unto the voice of the Lord;  
 Therefore, the Lord redeemeth them not,  
 for they are carnal and devilish;  
 And the devil hath power over them,
- 74 Yea, even that old serpent that did beguile our first  
 parents, which was the cause of their fall,
- 75 Which was the cause of all mankind becoming carnal,  
 sensual, devilish, knowing evil from good,  
 subjecting themselves to the devil;
- 76 Thus all mankind were lost;  
 And behold, they would have been endlessly lost  
 were it not that God redeemed His people  
 from their lost and fallen state.
- 77 “But remember that he that persists in his own carnal  
 nature and goes on in the ways of sin and rebellion  
 against God,  
 He remaineth in his fallen state and the devil  
 hath all power over him;
- 78 Therefore, he is as though there was no redemption made,  
 being an enemy to God;  
 And also is the devil an enemy to God.
- 79 “And now, if Christ had not come into the world, speaking  
 of things to come as though they had already come,

- there could have been no redemption;
- 80 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 sting, there could have  
been no resurrection.
- 81 “But there is a resurrection;  
Therefore, the grave hath no victory,  
And the sting of death is swallowed up in Christ.
- 82 “He is the light and the life of the world;  
Yea, a light that is endless, that can never be darkened;  
Yea, and also a life which is endless, that there can be  
no more death.
- 83 “Even this mortal shall put on immortality,  
And this corruption shall put on incorruption and  
shall be brought to stand before the bar of God,  
To be judged of Him according to their works,  
whether they be good or whether they be evil.
- 84 “If they be good, to the resurrection of endless life  
and happiness;  
And if they be evil, to the resurrection  
of endless damnation,  
85 Being delivered up to the devil who hath subjected them,  
which is damnation,  
86 Having gone according to their own carnal wills  
and desires,  
Having never called upon the Lord while the arms  
of mercy were extended toward them;  
87 For the arms of mercy were extended toward them  
and they would not,  
They being warned of their iniquities and yet  
they would not depart from them,  
88 And they were commanded to repent and yet  
they would not repent.
- 89 “And now, had ye not ought to tremble  
and repent of your sins?
- “And remember, only in and through Christ  
ye can be saved;
- 90 Therefore, if ye teach the law of Moses, also teach that  
it is a shadow of those things which are to come;

91 Teach them that redemption cometh through Christ the Lord, which is the Very Eternal Father. Amen.”

**9** AND NOW it came to pass that when Abinadi had finished these sayings, that the king commanded that the priests should take him and cause that he should be put to death.

2 But there was one among them whose name was Alma, he also being a descendant of Nephi,

3 And he was a young man;  
And he believed the words which Abinadi had spoken, for he knew concerning the iniquity which Abinadi had testified against them;

4 Therefore, he began to plead with the king that he would not be angry with Abinadi, but suffer that he might depart in peace.

5 But the king was more wroth and caused that Alma should be cast out from among them and sent his servants after him, that they might slay him;

6 But he fled from before them and hid himself, that they found him not;

7 And he, being concealed for many days, did write all the words which Abinadi had spoken.

8 And it came to pass that the king caused that his guards should surround Abinadi and take him;  
And they bound him and cast him into prison;

9 And after three days, having counseled with his priests, he caused that he should again be brought before him.

10 And he said unto him:  
“Abinadi, we have found an accusation against thee and thou art worthy of death,

11 For thou hast said that God Himself should come down among the children of men;

12 And now for this cause thou shalt be put to death, unless thou wilt recall all the words which thou hast spoken evil concerning me and my people.”

13 Now Abinadi saith unto him:  
“I say unto you, I will not recall the words which I have spoken unto you concerning this people, for they are true;

- 14 And that ye may know of their surety, I have suffered  
 myself that I have fallen into your hands,  
 yea, and I will suffer, even until death;  
 And I will not recall my words,  
 And they shall stand as a testimony against you;
- 16 And if ye slay me, ye will shed innocent blood,  
 And this shall also stand as a testimony against you  
 at the last day.”
- 17 And now King Noah was about to release him,  
 for he feared his word,  
 For he feared that the judgments of God  
 would come upon him;
- 18 But the priests lifted up their voices against him  
 and began to accuse him, saying:  
 “He hath reviled the king!”
- 19 Therefore, the king was stirred up in anger against him  
 and he delivered him up, that he might be slain.
- 20 And it came to pass that they took him and bound him  
 and scourged his skin with fagots, yea, even unto death.
- 21 And now when the flames began to scorch him,  
 he cried unto them, saying:  
 “Behold!  
 Even as ye have done unto me, so shall it come to pass  
 that thy seed shall cause that many shall suffer the pains  
 that I do suffer, even the pains of death by fire,  
 And this because they believe in the salvation  
 of the Lord their God.
- 22 “And it will come to pass that ye shall be afflicted with  
 all manner of diseases because of your iniquities;
- 23 Yea, and ye shall be smitten on every hand and shall be  
 driven and scattered to and fro, even as a <sup>a</sup>wild flock  
 is driven by wild and ferocious beasts;
- 24 And in that day, ye shall be hunted and ye shall be taken  
 by the hand of your enemies,  
 And then ye shall suffer, as I suffer,  
 the pains of <sup>b</sup>death by fire;
- 25 Thus God executeth vengeance upon those  
 that destroy His people!
- 26 “O God, receive my soul!”
- 27 And now when Abinadi had said these words,  
 he fell, having suffered death by fire,

a Mos 5:86  
 A 3:61

b Mos 9:96  
 A 14:62-72

- Yea, having been put to death because he would not deny  
the commandments of God,  
Having sealed the truth of his words by his death.
- 28 And now it came to pass that Alma, who had fled from  
the servants of King Noah, repented of his sins and  
iniquities and went about privately among the people  
and began to teach the words of Abinadi,
- 29 Yea, concerning that which was to come,  
And also concerning the resurrection of the dead  
and the redemption of the people, which was  
to be brought to pass through the power  
and sufferings and death of Christ,  
And His resurrection and ascension into heaven.
- 30 And as many as would hear his word he did teach;  
31 And he taught them privately, that it might not come  
to the knowledge of the king;  
And many did believe his words.
- 32 And it came to pass that as many as did believe him  
did go forth to a place which was called Mormon,  
Having received its name from the king,  
being in the borders of the land,  
Having been infested by times, or at seasons,  
by wild beasts.
- 33 Now there was in Mormon a fountain of pure water,  
And Alma resorted thither, there being near the water  
a thicket of small trees where he did hide himself  
in the daytime from the searches of the king.
- 34 And it came to pass that as many as believed him  
went thither to hear his words.
- 35 And it came to pass after many days there were a goodly  
number gathered together to the Place of Mormon  
to hear the words of Alma,
- 36 Yea, all were gathered together that believed on his word  
to hear him;
- 37 And he did teach them and did preach unto them  
repentance and redemption and faith on the Lord.
- 38 And it came to pass that he said unto them:  
“Behold, here are the Waters of Mormon”—  
for thus were they called—

- 39 “And now as ye are desirous to come into the fold  
of God and to be called His people,  
And are willing to bear one another’s burdens,  
that they may be light,
- 40 Yea, and are willing to mourn with those that mourn,  
Yea, and comfort those that stand in need of comfort,  
And to stand as witnesses of God at all times and in  
all things and in all places that ye may be in,  
even until death,  
That ye may be redeemed of God and be numbered  
with those of the first resurrection,  
that ye may have eternal life—
- 41 Now, I say unto you, if this be the <sup>a</sup>desires of your hearts,  
What have you against being baptized in the name  
of the Lord as a witness before Him that ye have  
entered into a <sup>b</sup>covenant with Him that ye will serve  
Him and keep His commandments, that He may pour  
out His Spirit more abundantly upon you?”
- 42 And now when the people had heard these words,  
they clapped their hands for joy and exclaimed:  
“This is the desires of our hearts!”
- 43 And now it came to pass that Alma took Helam,  
he being one of the first, and went and stood forth  
in the water and cried, saying:  
“O Lord, pour out Thy Spirit upon Thy servant,  
that he may do this work with holiness of heart!”
- 44 And when he had said these words, the Spirit of the Lord  
was upon him and he said:  
“Helam, I baptize thee, having authority from  
the Almighty God, as a testimony that ye have entered  
into a covenant to serve Him until you are dead,  
as to the mortal body;  
And may the Spirit of the Lord be poured out upon you,  
And may He grant unto you eternal life through  
the redemption of Christ which He hath prepared  
from the foundation of the world.”
- 45 And after Alma had said these words, both Alma  
and Helam were buried in the water;  
And they arose and came forth out of the water rejoicing,  
being filled with the Spirit.

a A 12:110  
A 16:151

b 1N 3:230  
Mos 3:6-8;  
9:174-175  
A 5:27  
3N 2:96; 10:1



- 46 And again, Alma took another and went forth a second time into the water and baptized him according to the first, only he did not bury himself again in the water.
- 47 And after this manner he did baptize everyone that went forth to the Place of Mormon, And they were in number about two hundred and four souls,
- 48 Yea, and they were baptized in the Waters of Mormon and were filled with the grace of God;
- 49 And they were called the church of God, or the church of Christ, from that time forward.
- 50 And it came to pass that whosoever was baptized by the power and authority of God was added to His church.
- 51 And it came to pass that Alma, having authority from God, ordained priests— even one priest to every fifty of their number did he ordain—  
To preach unto them and to teach them concerning the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.
- 52 And he commanded them that they should teach nothing save it were the things which he had taught and which had been spoken by the mouth of the holy prophets.
- 53 Yea, even he commanded them that they should preach nothing save it were repentance and faith on the Lord who hath redeemed His people.
- 54 And he commanded them that there should be no contention one with another,  
But that they should look forward with one eye, having one <sup>a</sup>faith and one baptism,  
Having their hearts knit together in unity and in love one toward another;
- 55 And thus he commanded them to preach;  
And thus they became the children of God.
- 56 And he commanded them that they should observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy,  
And also every day they should give thanks to the Lord their God.
- 57 And he also commanded them that the priests which he had ordained should <sup>b</sup>labor with their own hands for their support;

a Eph 4:5

b Mos 1:46; 4:10;  
11:155  
A 1:37-52

- 58 And there was one day in every week that was set apart  
that they should gather themselves together to teach  
the people and to worship the Lord their God,  
And also as often as it was in their power  
to assemble themselves together;
- 59 And the priests were not to depend upon the people  
for their support,  
But for their labor they were to receive the grace of God,  
that they might wax strong in the Spirit,  
Having the knowledge of God, that they might teach  
with power and authority from God.
- 60 And again, Alma commanded that the people  
of the church should <sup>a</sup>impart of their substance,  
everyone according to that which he hath—
- 61 If he have more abundantly, he should impart  
more abundantly,  
And he that hath but little, but little should be required,  
And to him that hath not, should be given;
- 62 And thus they should impart of their substance of their  
own free will and good desires toward God,  
And to those priests that stood in need,  
yea, and to every needy, naked soul;
- 63 And this he said unto them, having been  
commanded of God;
- 64 And they did walk uprightly before God, imparting  
to one another both temporally and spiritually,  
according to their needs and their wants.
- 65 And now it came to pass that all this was done in  
Mormon, yea, by the Waters of Mormon, in the forest  
that was near the Waters of Mormon,
- 66 Yea, the Place of Mormon, the Waters of Mormon,  
the Forest of Mormon—  
How beautiful are they to the eyes of them who there  
came to the knowledge of their Redeemer!
- 67 Yea, and how blessed are they, for they shall sing  
to His praise forever!
- 68 And these things were done in the borders of the land,  
that they might not come to the knowledge of the king.
- 69 But behold, it came to pass that the king,  
having discovered a movement among the people,  
sent his servants to watch them;

a Mos 2:28-41

a Mos 11:1-76

- 70 Therefore, on the day that they were assembling themselves together to hear the word of the Lord, they were discovered unto the king.
- 71 And now the king saith that Alma was stirring up the people to a rebellion against him, therefore he sent his army to destroy them.
- 72 And it came to pass that Alma and the people of the Lord were apprised of the coming of the king's army; Therefore, they took their tents and their families and <sup>a</sup>departed into the wilderness;
- 73 And they were in number about four hundred and fifty souls.
- 74 And it came to pass that the army of the king returned, having searched in vain for the people of the Lord;
- 75 And now behold, the forces of the king were small, having been reduced.
- And there began to be a division among the remainder of the people,
- 76 And the lesser part began to breathe out threatenings against the king, And there began to be a great contention among them.
- 77 And now there was a man among them whose name was Gideon; And he being a strong man and an enemy to the king, therefore, he drew his sword and swore in his wrath that he would slay the king.
- 78 And now it came to pass that he fought with the king; And when the king saw that he was about to overpower him, he fled and ran and got upon the tower which was near the temple;
- 79 And Gideon pursued after him and was about to get upon the tower to slay the king, And the king cast his eyes round about toward the Land of Shemlon, And behold, the army of the Lamanites were within the borders of the land.
- 80 And now the king cried out in the anguish of his soul, saying:  
 "Gideon, spare me! for the Lamanites are upon us

and they will destroy them,  
Yea, they will destroy my people!”

- 81 And now the king was not so much concerned  
about his people as he was about his own life;  
Nevertheless, Gideon did spare his life.
- 82 And the king commanded the people  
that they should flee before the Lamanites,  
And he himself did go before them,  
And they did flee into the wilderness  
with their women and their children.
- 83 And it came to pass that the Lamanites did pursue them  
and did overtake them and began to slay them.
- 84 Now it came to pass that the king commanded them  
that all the men should leave their wives and their  
children and flee before the Lamanites;
- 85 Now there were many that would not leave them,  
but had rather stay and perish with them,
- 86 And the rest left their wives and their children and fled.
- 87 And it came to pass that those that tarried with their wives  
and their children caused that their fair daughters  
should stand forth and plead with the Lamanites  
that they would not slay them.
- 88 And it came to pass that the Lamanites had compassion  
on them, for they were charmed with the beauty  
of their women;
- 89 Therefore, the Lamanites did spare their lives  
and took them captives and carried them  
back to the Land of Nephi,  
And granted unto them that they might possess the land,  
under the conditions that they would deliver up  
the king, Noah, into the hands of the Lamanites,  
And deliver up their property,
- 90 even one half of all they possessed—  
One half of their gold and their silver  
and all their precious things;  
And thus they should pay tribute to the king  
of the Lamanites from year to year.
- 91 And now there was one of the sons of the king among  
those that were taken captive whose name was Limhi.

- 92 And now Limhi was desirous that his father  
should not be destroyed;  
Nevertheless, Limhi was not ignorant of the iniquities  
of his father, he himself being a just man.
- 93 And it came to pass that Gideon sent men into the  
wilderness, secretly, to search for the king  
and those that were with him.
- 94 And it came to pass that they met the people in the  
wilderness, all save the king and his priests.
- a 2N 7:40  
A 12:110 95 Now they had sworn in their <sup>a</sup>hearts that they  
would return to the Land of Nephi,  
And if their wives and their children were slain, and  
also those that had tarried with them, that they  
would seek revenge and also perish with them;
- 96 And the king commanded them  
that they should not return;  
And they were angry with the king and caused  
that he should suffer, even unto death by <sup>b</sup>fire;
- b Mos 7:48-50, 61  
A 14:62-72 97 And they were about to take the priests also,  
to put them to death,  
And they fled before them.
- 98 And it came to pass that they were about to return to the  
Land of Nephi and they met the men of Gideon;
- 99 And the men of Gideon told them of all that had happened  
to their wives and their children,  
And that the Lamanites had granted unto them that they  
might possess the land by paying a tribute to the  
Lamanites of one half of all they possessed;
- 100 And the people told the men of Gideon that they  
had slain the king and his priests had fled  
from them farther into the wilderness.
- 101 And it came to pass that after they had ended the ceremony,  
that they returned to the Land of Nephi, rejoicing  
because their wives and their children were not slain;  
And they told Gideon what they had done to the king.
- 102 And it came to pass that the king of the Lamanites made an  
oath unto them that his people should not slay them;
- 103 And also Limhi, being the son of the king, having the  
kingdom conferred upon him by the people, made an  
oath unto the king of the Lamanites that his people

- should pay tribute unto him, even one half  
of all they possessed.
- 104 And it came to pass that Limhi began to establish the  
kingdom and to establish peace among his people.
- 105 And the king of the Lamanites set guards round about the  
land, that he might keep the people of Limhi in the  
land, that they might not depart into the wilderness;
- 106 And he did support his guards out of the tribute  
which he did receive from the Nephites.
- 107 And now King Limhi did have continual peace in his  
kingdom for the space of two years, that the Lamanites  
did not molest them nor seek to destroy them.
- 108 Now there was a place in Shemlon where the daughters  
of the Lamanites did gather themselves together for  
to sing and to dance and to make themselves merry.
- 109 And it came to pass that there was one day a small number  
of them gathered together to sing and to dance.
- 110 And now the priests of King Noah, being ashamed  
to return to the City of Nephi,  
Yea, and also fearing that the people would slay them,  
Therefore, they durst not return to their wives  
and their children;
- 111 And having tarried in the wilderness and having  
discovered the daughters of the Lamanites,  
they laid and watched them;  
And when there were but few of them gathered together  
to dance, they came forth out of their secret places  
and took them and carried them into the wilderness,
- 112 Yea, twenty and four of the daughters of the Lamanites  
they carried into the wilderness.
- 113 And it came to pass that when the Lamanites found  
that their daughters had been missing, they were  
angry with the people of Limhi, for they thought  
it was the people of Limhi;
- 114 Therefore, they sent their armies forth, yea, even  
the king himself went before his people,  
And they went up to the Land of Nephi  
to destroy the people of Limhi.
- 115 And now Limhi had discovered them from the tower—

even all their preparations for war did he discover;  
Therefore, he gathered his people together and laid  
wait for them in the fields and in the forests.

116 And it came to pass that when the Lamanites had come up,  
that the people of Limhi began to fall upon them  
from their waiting places and began to slay them.

117 And it came to pass that the battle became exceeding sore,  
for they fought like lions for their prey.

118 And it came to pass that the people of Limhi began  
to drive the Lamanites before them, yet they  
were not half so numerous as the Lamanites;

119 But they fought for their lives and for their wives  
and for their children,  
Therefore, they exerted themselves  
and like dragons did they fight.

120 And it came to pass that they found the king of the  
Lamanites among the number of their dead,  
Yet he was not dead, having been wounded and left upon  
the ground, so speedy was the flight of his people;

121 And they took him and bound up his wounds  
and brought him before Limhi and said:  
“Behold, here is the king of the Lamanites;  
He having received a wound hath fallen among  
their dead and they have left him,  
And behold, we have brought him before you;  
And now, let us slay him!”

122 But Limhi saith unto them:  
“Ye shall not slay him, but bring him hither  
that I may see him”;  
And they brought him.

123 And Limhi saith unto him:  
“What cause have ye to come up to war  
against my people?”

a Mos 9:102-103

124 Behold, my people have not broken the <sup>a</sup>oath  
that I made unto you;  
Therefore, why should ye break the oath  
which ye made unto my people?”

125 And now the king said:  
“I have broken the oath because thy people

did carry away the daughters of my people;  
Therefore, in my anger I did cause my people  
to come up to war against thy people.”

126 Now Limhi had heard nothing concerning this matter,  
therefore he saith:

“I will search among my people and whosoever  
hath done this thing shall perish”;

127 Therefore, he caused a search to be made  
among his people.

128 Now when Gideon had heard these things, he being the  
king’s captain, he went forth and said unto the king:

“I pray thee, forbear and do not search this people  
and lay not this thing to their charge,

129 For do ye not remember the priests of thy father  
which this people sought to destroy?

130 And are they not in the wilderness?  
And is it not they which have stolen  
the daughters of the Lamanites?

131 “And now behold, and tell the king of these  
things that he may tell his people,  
that they may be pacified toward us,  
For behold, they are already preparing to come against us;  
And behold also, there are but few of us,

132 And behold, they come with their numerous hosts,  
And except the king doth pacify them toward us,  
we must perish;

133 For are not the words of Abinadi <sup>a</sup>fulfilled  
which he prophesied against us?  
And all this because we would not hearken unto the  
word of the Lord and turn from our iniquities?

a Mos 7:46-55

134 “And now, let us pacify the king and we fulfill  
the oath which we have made unto him,  
For it is better that we should be in bondage  
than that we should lose our lives;  
Therefore, let us put a stop to the shedding  
of so much blood.”

135 And now Limhi told the king all the things concerning his  
father and the priests that had fled into the wilderness,  
And attributed the carrying away  
of their daughters to them.



- 136 And it came to pass that the king was  
 pacified toward his people,  
 And he said unto them:  
 “Let us go forth to meet my people without arms;  
 And I swear unto you with an oath that my people  
 shall not slay thy people.”
- 137 And it came to pass that they followed the king and  
 went forth without arms to meet the Lamanites.
- 138 And it came to pass that they did meet the Lamanites;  
 And the king of the Lamanites did bow himself  
 down before them and did plead in behalf  
 of the people of Limhi;
- 139 And when the Lamanites saw the people of Limhi,  
 that they were without arms,  
 They had compassion on them and were  
 pacified toward them and returned with  
 their king in peace to their own land.
- 140 And it came to pass that Limhi and his people  
 returned to the City of Nephi and began  
 to dwell in the land again in peace.
- 141 And it came to pass that after many days the  
 Lamanites began again to be stirred up  
 in anger against the Nephites;  
 And they began to come into the border  
 of the land round about.
- 142 Now they durst not slay them because of the oath  
 which their king had made unto Limhi;  
 But they would smite them on their cheeks  
 and exercise authority over them,  
 And began to put heavy burdens upon their backs  
 and drive them as they would a dumb ass;  
 Yea, all this was done that the word  
 of the Lord might be fulfilled.
- 143 And now the afflictions of the Nephites were great;  
 And there was no way that they could deliver themselves  
 out of their hands, for the Lamanites  
 had surrounded them on every side.
- 144 And it came to pass that the people began to murmur  
 with the king, because of their afflictions,

- And they began to be desirous to go against them to battle,  
 145 And they did afflict the king sorely with their complaints,  
 Therefore, he granted unto them that they should do  
 according to their desires;  
 146 And they gathered themselves together again and  
 put on their armor and went forth against the  
 Lamanites, to drive them out of their land.
- 147 And it came to pass that the Lamanites did beat them  
 and drive them back and slay many of them.
- 148 And now, there was a great mourning and  
 lamentation among the people of Limhi:  
 The widow a mourning for her husband,  
 The son and the daughter a mourning for their father,  
 And the brothers, for their brethren.
- 149 Now there were a great many widows in the land  
 and they did cry mightily from day to day, for a  
 great fear of the Lamanites had come upon them.
- 150 And it came to pass that their continual cries did  
 stir up the remainder of the people of Limhi  
 to anger against the Lamanites,  
 151 And they went again to battle, but they were  
 driven back again, suffering much loss;  
 152 Yea, they went again, even the third time,  
 and suffered in the like manner;  
 And those that were not slain returned again  
 to the City of Nephi.
- 153 And they did humble themselves even to the dust  
 subjecting themselves to the yoke of bondage,  
 Submitting themselves to be smitten and to be  
 driven to and fro and burdened, according  
 to the desires of their enemies;  
 154 And they did humble themselves,  
 even in the depths of humility;  
 And they did cry mightily to God,  
 Yea, even all the day long did they cry unto their God,  
 that He would deliver them out of their afflictions.
- 155 And now the Lord was <sup>a</sup>slow to hear their cry  
 because of their iniquities;  
 156 Nevertheless, the Lord did hear their cries  
 and began to soften the hearts of the Lamanites,

a Mos 7:36-38

that they began to ease their burdens;  
 Yet the Lord did not see fit to deliver them out of bondage.

- 157 And it came to pass that they began to prosper  
 by degrees in the land,  
 And began to raise grain more abundantly and flocks  
 and herds, that they did not suffer with hunger.
- 158 Now there was a great number of women,  
 more than there was of men;  
 Therefore, King Limhi commanded that every man should  
 impart to the support of the widows and their children,  
 that they might not perish with hunger;  
 And this they did because of the greatness  
 of their number that had been slain.
- 159 Now the people of Limhi kept together in a body as much  
 as it was possible and secure their grain and their flocks;
- 160 And the king himself did not trust his person without  
 the walls of the city unless he took his guards  
 with him, fearing that he might by some means  
 fall into the hands of the Lamanites.
- 161 And he caused that his people should  
 watch the land round about,  
 That by some means they might take those priests  
 that fled into the wilderness which had stolen the  
 daughters of the Lamanites and that had caused  
 such a great destruction to come upon them;
- 162 For they were desirous to take them,  
 that they might punish them,  
 For they had come into the Land of Nephi by night and  
 carried off their grain and many of their precious things;  
 Therefore, they laid wait for them.
- 163 And it came to pass that there was no more disturbance  
 between the Lamanites and the people of Limhi,  
 even until the <sup>a</sup>time that Ammon  
 and his brethren came into the land;
- 164 And the king having been without the gates of the city  
 with his guard, he <sup>1</sup>discovered Ammon and his brethren;  
 And supposing them to be priests of Noah, therefore  
 he caused that they should be taken and bound  
 and cast into prison,
- 165 And had they been the priests of Noah, he would have

<sup>a</sup> Mos 5:7-17

<sup>1</sup> 121 BC  
 Mos 5:1-8

caused that they should be put to death;  
 But when he found that they were not, but that they were  
 his brethren and had come from the Land of Zarahemla,  
 he was filled with exceeding great joy.

- 166 Now King Limhi had sent, previous to the coming  
 of Ammon, a <sup>a</sup>small number of men to search  
 for the Land of Zarahemla, but they could not  
 find it and they were lost in the wilderness;  
 167 Nevertheless, they did find a land which had been peopled,  
 Yea, a land which was covered with dry <sup>b</sup>bones,  
 Yea, a land which had been peopled  
 and which had been destroyed;  
 168 And they, having supposed it to be the Land of Zarahemla,  
 returned to the Land of Nephi,  
 Having arrived in the borders of the land not many days  
 before the coming of Ammon;  
 169 And they brought a record with them, even a record  
 of the people whose bones they had found,  
 And they were engraven on plates of ore.  
 170 And now Limhi was again filled with joy on learning from  
 the mouth of Ammon that King Benjamin had a gift  
 from God whereby he could interpret such engravings.

a Mos 5:60

b Mos 5:62-64

- Yea, and Ammon also did rejoice;  
 171 Yet Ammon and his brethren were filled with sorrow  
 because so many of their brethren had been slain,  
 And also that King Noah and his priests  
 had caused the people to commit so many  
 sins and iniquities against God;  
 172 And they also did mourn for the death of Abinadi,  
 And also for the departure of Alma and the people that  
 went with him who had formed a church of God,  
 through the strength and power of God and faith  
 on the words which had been spoken by Abinadi;  
 173 Yea, they did mourn for their departure,  
 for they knew not whither they had fled.  
 174 Now they would have gladly joined with them,  
 For they themselves had entered into a <sup>c</sup>covenant with God  
 to serve Him and keep His commandments;  
 175 And now since the coming of Ammon, King Limhi had also  
 entered into a covenant with God, and also many of  
 his people, to serve Him and keep His commandments.

c 1N 3:230  
 Mos 3:6-8;  
 9:41-44  
 A 5:27  
 3N 2:96; 10:1

a Mos 9:41-44  
A 5:27

b 2N 7:40  
A 12:110

c Mos 11:94-96

- 176 And it came to pass that King Limhi and many of his people were desirous to be baptized, but there was none in the land that had authority from God;
- 177 And Ammon declined doing this thing, considering himself an unworthy servant;  
Therefore, they did not at that time form themselves into a church, waiting upon the Spirit of the Lord.
- 178 Now they were desirous to become even as Alma and his brethren which had fled into the wilderness—
- 179 They were desirous to be baptized as a <sup>a</sup>witness and a testimony that they were willing to serve God with all their <sup>b</sup>hearts—
- 180 Nevertheless, they did prolong the time,  
And an account of their <sup>c</sup>baptism shall be given hereafter.
- 181 And now all the study of Ammon and his people, and King Limhi and his people, was to deliver themselves out of the hands of the Lamanites and from bondage.

- 10** AND NOW it came to pass that Ammon and King Limhi began to consult with the people, how they should deliver themselves out of bondage;
- 2 And even they did cause that all the people should gather themselves together,  
And this they did that they might have the voice of the people concerning the matter.
- 3 And it came to pass that they could find no way to deliver themselves out of bondage,  
Except it were to take their women and children and their flocks and their herds and their tents and depart into the wilderness,
- 4 For the Lamanites being so numerous, that it was impossible for the people of Limhi to contend with them, thinking to deliver themselves out of bondage by the sword.
- 5 Now it came to pass that Gideon went forth and stood before the king and said unto him:  
“Now O king, thou hast hitherto hearkened unto my words many times when we have been contending with our brethren the Lamanites.

- 6 “And now O king, if thou hast not found me  
to be an unprofitable servant, or if thou hast  
hitherto listened to my words in any degree  
and they have been of service to thee,  
Even so, I desire that thou wouldst  
listen to my words at this time,  
And I will be thy servant and deliver this people  
out of bondage.”
- 7 And the king granted unto him that he may speak;  
8 And Gideon saith unto him:  
“Behold the back pass through the back wall  
on the back side of the city;  
9 The Lamanites, or the guards of the Lamanites,  
by night are drunken;  
Therefore, let us send a proclamation among all this people  
that they gather together their flocks and herds, that  
they may drive them into the wilderness by night;  
10 And I will go, according to thy command, and  
pay the last tribute of wine to the Lamanites  
and they will be drunken,  
And we will pass through the secret pass on the left  
of their camp when they are drunken and asleep;  
11 And we will depart with our women and our children,  
our flocks and our herds into the wilderness,  
And we will travel around the Land of Shilom.”
- 12 And it came to pass that the king hearkened  
unto the words of Gideon.
- 13 And it came to pass that King Limhi caused that  
his people should gather their flocks together;  
And he sent the tribute of wine to the Lamanites,  
and he also sent more wine as a present unto them,  
And they did drink freely of the wine  
which King Limhi did send unto them.
- 14 And it came to pass that the people of King Limhi  
did depart by night into the wilderness  
with their flocks and their herds,  
And they went round about the Land of Shilom in the  
wilderness and bent their course toward the Land  
of Zarahemla, being led by Ammon and his brethren;  
15 And they had taken all their gold and silver and their  
precious things which they could carry, and also their

provisions, with them into the wilderness;  
And they pursued their journey.

16 And after being many days in the wilderness,  
they arrived in the Land of Zarahemla and  
joined his people and became his subjects.

a Mos 5:64

17 And it came to pass that Mosiah received them with joy,  
And he also received their records, and also the <sup>a</sup>records  
which had been found by the people of Limhi.

18 And now it came to pass when the Lamanites  
had found that the people of Limhi had departed  
out of the land by night, that they sent an army  
into the wilderness to pursue them;

19 And after they had pursued them two days,  
they could no longer follow their tracks;  
Therefore, they were lost in the wilderness.

1 chs 11-13:65 =  
flashback  
Mos 9:71-74

**11** *An <sup>1</sup>account of Alma and the people of the Lord,  
which were driven into the wilderness by the  
people of King Noah.*

1 **NOW ALMA** having been warned of the Lord  
that the armies of King Noah would come upon  
them and had made it known to his people,  
Therefore, they gathered together their flocks and took  
of their grain and departed into the wilderness  
before the armies of King Noah;

2 And the Lord did strengthen them, that the people of King  
Noah could not overtake them to destroy them.

3 And it came to pass that they fled eight days' journey  
into the wilderness;

4 And they came to a land, yea, even a very beautiful  
and pleasant land, a land of pure water.

5 And it came to pass that they pitched their tents and began  
to till the ground and began to build buildings, etc.,  
Yea, they were industrious and did labor exceedingly.

6 And it came to pass that the people were  
desirous that Alma should be their king,  
for he was beloved by his people;

- 7 But he saith unto them:  
 “Behold, it is not expedient that we should have a king,  
 for thus saith the Lord:  
 ‘Ye shall not esteem one flesh above another, or one man  
 shall not think himself above another’;  
 Therefore I say unto you, it is not expedient  
 that ye should have a king.
- 8 “Nevertheless, if it were possible that ye could always  
 have a just man to be your king, it would be well  
 for you to have a king;
- 9 But remember the iniquity of King Noah and his priests;  
 And I, myself, was caught in a snare and did many things  
 which were abominable in the sight of the Lord,  
 which caused me sore repentance.
- 10 “Nevertheless, after much tribulation the Lord did hear  
 my cries and did answer my prayers,  
 And hath made me an instrument in His hands in bringing  
 so many of you to a knowledge of His truth.
- 11 “Nevertheless, in this I do not glory, for I am  
 unworthy to glory of myself.
- 12 “And now I say unto you, as you have been oppressed by  
 King Noah and have been in bondage to him and his  
 priests and have been brought into iniquity by them,  
 Therefore, ye were bound with the bands of iniquity.
- 13 “And now as ye have been delivered by the power  
 of God out of these bonds,
- 14 Yea, even out of the hands of King Noah and his people,  
 and also from the bonds of iniquity,  
 Even so, I desire that ye should stand fast in this liberty  
 wherewith ye have been made free and that  
 ye trust <sup>a</sup>no man to be a king over you,
- 15 And also trusting <sup>b</sup>no one to be your teachers nor your  
 ministers, except he be a man of God, walking in  
 His ways and keeping His commandments.”
- 16 Thus did Alma teach his people that every man  
 should love his neighbor as himself, that there  
 should be no contention among them.
- 17 And now Alma was their high priest, he being  
 the founder of their church.

a Mos 13:7-51

b Mos 9:51-59



- 18 And it came to pass that none received authority to preach  
or to teach, except it were by him from God;
- 19 Therefore, he consecrated all their priests  
and all their teachers,  
And none were consecrated except it were just men;
- 20 Therefore, they did watch over their people and did  
nourish them with things pertaining to righteousness.
- 21 And it came to pass that they began to  
prosper exceedingly in the land;  
And they called the land Helam.
- 22 And it came to pass that they did multiply and  
prosper exceedingly in the Land of Helam;  
And they built a city which they called the City of Helam.
- 23 Nevertheless, the Lord seeth fit to chasten His people,  
yea, He trieth their patience and their faith;
- 24 Nevertheless, whosoever putteth his trust in Him,  
the same shall be lifted up at the last day;
- 25 Yea, and thus it was with this people.
- 26 For behold, I will show unto you that they were  
brought into bondage and none could deliver  
them but the Lord their God,  
Yea, even the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob.
- 27 And it came to pass that He did deliver them,  
And He did show forth His mighty power unto them;  
And great were their rejoicings.
- 28 For behold, it came to pass that while they were  
in the Land of Helam, yea, in the City of Helam,  
while tilling the land round about,  
Behold, an army of the Lamanites were  
in the borders of the land.
- 29 Now it came to pass that the brethren of Alma  
fled from their fields and gathered themselves  
together into the City of Helam;  
And they were much frightened because  
of the appearance of the Lamanites.
- 30 But Alma went forth and stood among them and exhorted  
them that they should not be frightened,  
But that they should remember the Lord their God

- and He would deliver them;
- 31 Therefore, they hushed their fears and began  
to cry unto the Lord, that He would soften  
the hearts of the Lamanites,  
That they would spare them and their wives and children.
- 32 And it came to pass that the Lord did soften  
the hearts of the Lamanites;
- 33 And Alma and his brethren went forth and delivered  
themselves up into their hands;  
And the Lamanites took possession of the Land of Helam.
- 34 Now the armies of the Lamanites which had followed  
after the people of King Limhi had been lost in the  
wilderness for many days;
- 35 And behold, they had found those priests of King Noah  
in a place which they called Amulon,  
And they had begun to possess the Land of Amulon  
and had begun to till the ground.
- 36 Now the name of the leader of those priests was Amulon.
- 37 And it came to pass that Amulon did plead  
with the Lamanites,  
And he also sent forth their wives, which were the  
daughters of the Lamanites, to plead with their  
brethren, that they should not destroy their husbands.
- 38 And it came to pass that the Lamanites had compassion  
on Amulon and his brethren and did not destroy them  
because of their wives,
- 39 And Amulon and his brethren did join the Lamanites;  
And they were traveling in the wilderness in search of the  
Land of Nephi when they discovered the Land of Helam  
which was possessed by Alma and his brethren.
- 40 And it came to pass that the Lamanites promised unto  
Alma and his brethren that if they would show them the  
way which led to the Land of Nephi, that they would  
grant unto them their lives and their liberty.
- 41 But it came to pass that after Alma had shown them  
the way that led to the Land of Nephi,  
the Lamanites would not keep their promise,  
But they set guards round about the Land of Helam,  
over Alma and his brethren;

- 42 And the remainder of them went to the Land of Nephi,  
 And a part of them returned to the Land of Helam,  
 and also brought with them the wives and the children  
 of the guards which had been left in the land.
- 43 And the king of the Lamanites had granted unto Amulon  
 that he should be a king and a ruler over his people  
 which were in the Land of Helam;  
 Nevertheless, he should have no power to do anything  
 contrary to the will of the king of the Lamanites.
- 44 And it came to pass that Amulon did gain favor  
 in the eyes of the king of the Lamanites;  
 Therefore, the king of the Lamanites granted  
 unto him and his brethren that they should  
 be appointed teachers over his people,
- 45 Yea, even over the people which were in the  
 Land of Shemlon and *in* the Land of Shilom  
 and in the Land of Amulon,
- 46 For the Lamanites had taken possession of all these lands;  
 Therefore, the king of the Lamanites had appointed kings  
 over all these lands.
- 47 And now the name of the king of the Lamanites was  
 Laman, being called after the name of his father,  
 And therefore, he was called King Laman;
- 48 And he was king over a numerous people;  
 And he appointed teachers of the brethren of Amulon  
 in every land which was possessed by his people.
- 49 And thus the <sup>a</sup>language of Nephi began to be taught  
 among all the people of the Lamanites;
- 50 And they were a people friendly one with another;  
 Nevertheless they knew not God,  
 Neither did the brethren of Amulon teach them  
 anything concerning the Lord their God,  
 neither the law of Moses,
- 51 Nor did they teach them the words of Abinadi,  
 But they taught them that they should keep their record  
 and that they might write one to another.
- 52 And thus the Lamanites began to increase in riches and  
 began to trade one with another and wax great,  
 And began to be a cunning and a wise people  
 as to the wisdom of the world,

a 1N 1:1

- 53 Yea, a very cunning people, delighting in all manner  
of wickedness and plunder, except it were  
among their own brethren.
- 54 And now it came to pass that Amulon began to  
exercise authority over Alma and his brethren  
and began to persecute him and cause that  
his children should persecute their children;
- 55 For Amulon knew Alma, that he had been  
one of the king's priests,  
And that it was he that believed the words of Abinadi  
and was driven out before the king;  
And therefore, he was wroth with him,  
for he was subject to King Laman,
- 56 Yet he exercised authority over them and put tasks  
upon them and put taskmasters over them.
- 57 And it came to pass that so great were their afflictions  
that they began to cry mightily to God.
- 58 And it came to pass that Amulon commanded them  
that they should stop their cries;  
And he put guards over them to watch them,  
that whosoever should be found calling upon God  
should be put to death.
- 59 And it came to pass that Alma and his people  
did not raise their voices to the Lord their God,  
but did pour out their hearts to Him;  
And He did know the thoughts of their <sup>a</sup>hearts.
- 60 And it came to pass that the voice of the Lord  
came to them in their afflictions, saying:  
“Lift up your heads and be of good comfort, for I know  
of the covenant which ye have made unto Me;  
And I will covenant with this My people  
and <sup>b</sup>deliver them out of bondage;
- 61 And I will also ease the burdens which are put upon  
your shoulders, that even you cannot feel them  
upon your backs even while you are in bondage;
- 62 And this will I do that ye may stand  
as witnesses for Me hereafter,  
And that ye may know of a surety that I, the Lord God,  
do visit My people in their afflictions.”
- 63 And now it came to pass that the burdens which were laid

a A 12:110

b Mos 5:52

- 64 upon Alma and his brethren were made light,  
 Yea, the Lord did strengthen them, that they could  
 bear up their burdens with ease;  
 And they did submit cheerfully and with patience  
 to all the will of the Lord.
- 65 And it came to pass that so great was their faith  
 and their patience that the voice of the Lord  
 came unto them again, saying:  
 “Be of good comfort, for on the morrow  
 I will deliver thee out of bondage.”
- 66 And He saith unto Alma:  
 “Thou shalt go before this people,  
 And I will go with thee and deliver  
 this people out of bondage.”
- 67 Now it came to pass that Alma and his people,  
 in the nighttime, gathered their flocks together,  
 and also of their grain,  
 Yea, even all the nighttime were they  
 gathering their flocks together;
- 68 And in the morning the Lord caused a deep  
 sleep to come upon the Lamanites,  
 Yea, and all their taskmasters were in a profound sleep.
- 69 And it came to pass that Alma and his people  
 departed into the wilderness;  
 And when they had traveled all day,  
 they pitched their tents in a valley;  
 And they called the name of the valley Alma because  
 he led their way in the wilderness.
- 70 Yea, and in the Valley of Alma they poured out  
 their thanks to God because He had been merciful  
 unto them and eased their burdens and  
 had delivered them out of bondage,
- 71 For they were in bondage and none could deliver them  
 except it were the Lord their God;
- 72 And they gave thanks to God,  
 Yea, all their men and all their women and  
 all their children that could speak lifted  
 their voices in the praises of their God.
- 73 And now the Lord said unto Alma:  
 “Haste thee and get thou and this people out of this land,

- for the Lamanites have awakened and doth pursue thee;  
 74 Therefore, get thee out of this land,  
 And I will stop the Lamanites in this valley, that they  
 come no further in pursuit of this people.”
- 75 And it came to pass that they departed out of the valley  
 and took their journey into the wilderness.
- 76 And it came to pass that after they had been  
 in the wilderness twelve days, <sup>a</sup>they arrived  
 to the Land of Zarahemla;  
 And King Mosiah did also receive them with joy.
- 77 And now King Mosiah caused that all the people  
 should be gathered together.
- 78 Now there were not so many of the children of Nephi,  
 or so many of those which were descendants of Nephi,  
 as there were of the <sup>b</sup>people of Zarahemla,  
 which was a descendant of Mulek and those  
 which came with him into the wilderness;
- 79 And there were not so many of the people of Nephi and of  
 the people of Zarahemla as there were of the Lamanites,  
 Yea, they were not half so numerous.
- 80 And now all the people of Nephi were assembled together,  
 And also all the people of Zarahemla;  
 And they were gathered together in <sup>c</sup>two bodies.
- 81 And it came to pass that Mosiah did read, and caused  
 to be read, the <sup>d</sup>records of Zeniff to his people,  
 Yea, he read the records of the people of Zeniff  
 from the time they left the Land of Zarahemla  
 until the time they returned again;
- 82 And he also read the account of Alma and his brethren  
 and all their afflictions from the time they left the Land  
 of Zarahemla until the time they returned again.
- 83 And now when Mosiah had made an end of reading  
 the records, his people which tarried in the land  
 were struck with wonder and amazement,  
 for they knew not what to think;
- 84 For when they beheld those that had been delivered out  
 of bondage, they were filled with exceeding great joy.
- 85 And again, when they thought of their brethren which had

a Mos 9:73

b O 1:24-27

c Mos 1:15

d Mos chs 6-10

- been slain by the Lamanites, they were filled with sorrow and even shed many tears of sorrow.
- 86 And again, when they thought of the immediate goodness of God and His power in delivering Alma and his brethren out of the hands of the Lamanites and of bondage, they did raise their voices and gave thanks to God.
- 87 And again, when they thought upon the Lamanites which were their brethren, of their sinful and polluted state, they were filled with pain and anguish for the welfare of their souls.
- 88 And it came to pass that when those which were the children of Amulon and his brethren—which had taken to wife the daughters of the Lamanites—  
They were displeased with the conduct of their fathers,
- 89 And they would no longer be called  
by the names of their fathers;  
Therefore, they took upon themselves the name of Nephi, that they might be called the children of Nephi and be numbered among those which were called Nephites.
- 90 And now all the people of Zarahemla were numbered with the Nephites,  
And this because the kingdom had been conferred upon none but those which were descendants of Nephi.
- 91 And now it came to pass that when Mosiah had made an end of speaking and reading to the people, he desired that Alma should also speak to the people.
- 92 And it came to pass that Alma did speak unto them when they were assembled together in large bodies;  
And he went from one body to another preaching unto the people repentance and faith on the Lord;
- 93 And he did exhort the people of Limhi and his brethren, all those that had been delivered out of bondage, that they should remember that it was the Lord that did deliver them.
- 94 And it came to pass that after Alma had taught the people many things and had made an end of speaking to them, that King Limhi was desirous that he might be baptized, And all his people were desirous that they might be <sup>a</sup>baptized also;

<sup>a</sup> Mos 9:175-180

95 Therefore, Alma did go forth into the water  
 and did baptize them,  
 Yea, he did <sup>a</sup>baptize them after the manner  
 he did his brethren in the Waters of Mormon;

96 Yea, and as many as he did baptize  
 did belong to the church of God,  
 And this because of their belief on the words of Alma.

97 And it came to pass that King Mosiah granted  
 unto Alma that he might establish churches  
 throughout all the Land of Zarahemla,  
 And gave him power to ordain priests  
 and teachers over every church.

98 Now this was done because there were so many people  
 that they could not all be governed by one teacher,  
 Neither could they all hear the word of God  
 in one assembly;  
 Therefore, they did assemble themselves together  
 in different bodies, being called churches,

99 Every church having their priests and their teachers,  
 And every priest preaching the word according as  
 it was delivered to him by the mouth of Alma.

100 And thus, notwithstanding there being many churches,  
 they were all one church, yea, even the church of God;

101 For there was nothing preached in all the churches  
 except it were repentance and faith in God.

102 And now there were seven churches  
 in the Land of Zarahemla.

103 And it came to pass that whosoever was desirous  
 to take upon them the <sup>b</sup>name of Christ, or of God,  
 they did join the churches of God and they  
 were called the people of God;

104 And the Lord did pour out His Spirit upon them  
 and they were blessed and prospered in the land.

105 Now it came to pass that there were many of the rising  
 generation that could not understand the <sup>c</sup>words  
 of King Benjamin, being little children  
 at the time he spake unto his people,  
 And they did not believe the tradition of their fathers;

106 They did not believe what had been said concerning  
 the resurrection of the dead,

a Mos 9:37-48

b 2N 11:39  
 Mos 1:17, 116;  
 3:6-20; 4:2  
 H 2:71

c Mos 1:38-3:21



- Neither did they believe concerning the coming of Christ.
- 107 And now because of their unbelief, they could  
not understand the word of God,  
And their hearts were hardened;
- 108 And they would not be baptized,  
neither would they join the church;
- 109 And they were a separate people as to their faith, and  
remained so ever after, even in their carnal and sinful  
state, for they would not call upon the Lord their God.
- 110 And now in the reign of Mosiah, they were not  
half so numerous as the people of God,  
But because of the dissensions among the brethren,  
they became more numerous.
- 111 For it came to pass that they did deceive many with  
their flattering words which were in the church,  
and did cause them to commit many sins;
- 112 Therefore, it became expedient that those who  
committed sin that were in the church  
should be admonished by the church.
- 113 And it came to pass that they were brought before the  
priests and delivered up unto the priests by the teachers;  
And the priests brought them before Alma  
which was the high priest.
- 114 Now King Mosiah had given Alma  
the authority over the church.
- 115 And it came to pass that Alma did not know concerning  
them, for there were many witnesses against them,  
Yea, the people stood and testified of their iniquity  
in abundance.
- 116 Now there had not any such thing happened  
before in the church;  
Therefore, Alma was troubled in his spirit and he caused  
that they should be brought before the king.
- 117 And he saith unto the king:  
“Behold, here are many which we have brought  
before thee which are accused of their brethren,  
Yea, and they have been taken in divers iniquities,
- 118 And they do not repent of their iniquities;  
Therefore, we have brought them before thee

that thou may judge them according to their crimes.”

- 119 But King Mosiah saith unto Alma:  
 “Behold, I judge them not;  
 Therefore, I deliver them into thy hands to be judged.”
- 120 And now the spirit of Alma was again troubled;  
 And he went and inquired of the Lord what he should do  
 concerning this matter, for he feared that he should do  
 wrong in the sight of God.
- 121 And it came to pass that after he had poured out his whole  
 soul to God, the voice of the Lord came to him, saying:  
 “Blessed art thou, Alma, and blessed are they which were  
 baptized in the Waters of Mormon;
- 122 Thou art blessed because of thy exceeding faith  
 in the words alone of My servant Abinadi,  
 123 And blessed are they because of their exceeding faith  
 in the words alone which thou hast spoken unto them;  
 124 And blessed art thou because thou hast established  
 a church among this people,  
 And they shall be established and they shall be My people;
- 125 Yea, blessed is this people which are willing to bear  
 My <sup>a</sup>name, for in My name shall they be called  
 and they are Mine;
- 126 And because thou hast inquired of Me concerning  
 the transgressor, thou art blessed.
- 127 “Thou art My servant and I covenant with thee  
 that thou shalt have eternal life;  
 And thou shalt serve Me and go forth in My name  
 and shall gather together My sheep;
- 128 And he that will hear My voice shall be My sheep,  
 And him shall ye receive into the church,  
 And him will I also receive,
- 129 For behold, this is My church.  
 “Whosoever that is baptized shall be baptized  
 unto repentance,
- 130 And whosoever ye receive shall believe in My name  
 and him will I freely forgive.
- 131 “For it is I that taketh upon Me the sins of the world;  
 For it is I that hath created them;  
 And it is I that granteth unto him that believeth,  
 in the end, a place at My right hand;

a Mos 3:6-20

- 132 For behold, in My name are they called,  
And if they know Me, they shall come forth and  
shall have a place eternally at My right hand.
- 133 “And it shall come to pass that when the second trump  
shall sound, then shall they that never knew Me  
come forth and shall stand before Me;
- 134 And then shall they know that I Am the Lord their God,  
that I Am their Redeemer, but they  
would not be redeemed;
- 135 And then will I confess unto them that I never knew them;  
And they shall depart into everlasting fire  
prepared for the devil and his angels.
- 136 “Therefore, I say unto you that he that will not hear My  
voice, the same shall ye not receive into My church,  
For him I will not receive at the last day.
- 137 “Therefore I say unto you, Go,  
And whosoever transgresseth against Me, him shall ye  
judge according to the sins which he hath committed;
- 138 And if he confess his sins before thee and Me  
and repenteth in the sincerity of his heart, him  
shall ye forgive and I will forgive him also;
- 139 Yea, and as often as My people repent will I forgive them  
their trespasses against Me;
- 140 And ye shall also forgive one another your trespasses,  
For verily I say unto you, he that forgiveth not his  
neighbor’s trespasses when he saith that he repenteth,  
the same hath brought himself under condemnation.
- 141 “Now I say unto you, Go,  
And whosoever will not repent of his sins, the same  
shall not be numbered among My people;  
And this shall be observed from this time forward.”
- 142 And it came to pass when Alma had heard these words,  
he wrote them down that he might have them,  
And that he might judge the people of that church  
according to the commandments of God.
- 143 And it came to pass that Alma went and judged those  
that had been taken in iniquity,  
according to the word of the Lord;
- 144 And whosoever repented of their sins and did confess them,  
them he did number among the people of the church;

- 145 And those that would not confess their sins and repent of their iniquity, the same were not numbered among the people of the church and their names were <sup>a</sup>blotted out.
- 146 And it came to pass that Alma did regulate all the affairs of the church;
- 147 And they began again to have peace and to prosper exceedingly in the affairs of the church, walking circumspectly before God, receiving many and baptizing many.
- 148 And now all these things did Alma and his fellow laborers do which were over the church,  
Walking in all diligence,  
Teaching the word of God in all things,  
Suffering all manner of afflictions,  
Being persecuted by all those who did not belong to the church of God;
- 149 And they did admonish their brethren;  
And they were also admonished, everyone,  
by the word of God according to his sins  
or to the sins which he had committed,  
Being commanded of God to pray without ceasing  
and to give <sup>b</sup>thanks in all things.
- 150 And now it came to pass that the persecutions which were inflicted on the church by the unbelievers became so great that the church began to murmur and complain to their leaders concerning the matter;  
And they did complain to Alma,
- 151 And Alma laid the case before their king, Mosiah,  
And Mosiah consulted with his priests.
- 152 And it came to pass that King Mosiah sent a proclamation throughout the land round about that there should not any unbeliever persecute any of those which belonged to the church of God.
- 153 And there was a strict command throughout all the churches that there should be no persecutions among them,  
That there should be an equality among all men,  
That they should let no pride nor haughtiness disturb their peace,
- 154 That every man should esteem his neighbor as himself,  
Laboring with their own hands for their support,

a A 1:31-34

b 1 Thess 5:18

## MOSIAH 11:155

a Mos 1:46;  
9:57, 59  
A 1:37-42; 4:10

155 Yea, and all their priests and teachers should <sup>a</sup>labor  
with their own hands for their support in all cases,  
save it were in sickness or in much want.

And doing these things, they did abound  
in the grace of God,

156 And there began to be much peace again in the land;  
And the people began to be very numerous and began  
to scatter abroad upon the face of the earth,

157 Yea, on the north and on the south,  
on the east and on the west,  
Building large cities and villages in all quarters of the land;

158 And the Lord did visit them and prosper them  
and they became a large and a wealthy people.

b Mos 11:203

159 Now the <sup>b</sup>sons of Mosiah were numbered  
among the unbelievers,  
And also one of the sons of Alma was numbered among  
them, he being called Alma after his father;  
Nevertheless, he became a very wicked  
and an idolatrous man;

160 And he was a man of many words and did speak  
much flattery to the people,  
Therefore, he led many of the people to do after the  
manner of his iniquities,

161 And he became a great hinderment to the prosperity  
of the church of God—  
Stealing away the hearts of the people,  
Causing much dissension among the people,  
Giving a chance for the enemy of God  
to exercise his power over them.

c A 14:99; 17:5-9;  
18:7-8

162 And now it came to pass that while he was going about to  
<sup>c</sup>destroy the church of God—for he did go about secretly  
with the sons of Mosiah, seeking to destroy the church  
and to lead astray the people of the Lord contrary  
to the commandments of God, or even the king—

163 And as I said unto you, as they were going about  
rebellng against God,  
Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto them;  
And he descended as it were in a cloud,  
And he spake as it were with a voice of thunder which  
caused the earth to shake upon which they stood;

164 And so great was their astonishment that they fell

to the earth and understood not the words  
which he spake unto them.

- 165 Nevertheless, he cried again, saying:  
“Alma, arise and stand forth! for why persecuteth  
thou the church of God?
- 166 For the Lord hath said, “This is My church  
and I will establish it and nothing shall overthrow it,  
save it is the transgression of My people.”
- 167 And again the angel saith:  
“Behold, the Lord hath heard the prayers of His people,  
and also the prayers of His servant Alma,  
which is thy father,
- 168 For he hath prayed with much faith concerning thee, that  
thou mightest be brought to the knowledge of the truth;
- 169 Therefore, for this purpose have I come to convince thee of  
the power and authority of God, that the prayers of His  
servants might be answered according to their faith.
- 170 “And now behold, can ye dispute the power of God?  
171 For behold, doth not my voice shake the earth?  
172 And can ye not also behold me before you?  
173 And I am sent from God.
- 174 “Now I say unto thee, Go,  
And remember the <sup>a</sup>captivity of thy fathers in the  
Land of Helam and in the Land of Nephi,  
And remember how great things He hath done for them,  
for they were in bondage and He hath delivered them.
- 175 “And now I say unto thee, Alma,  
Go thy way and seek to destroy the church no more,  
that their prayers may *be* answered;  
And this even if thou wilt of thyself be cast off.”
- 176 And now it came to pass that these were the last words  
which the angel spake unto Alma,  
And he departed.
- 177 And now Alma and those that were with him fell again  
to the earth, for great was their astonishment;  
For with their own eyes they had beheld an angel  
of the Lord and his voice was as thunder  
which shook the earth,
- 178 And they knew that there was nothing save the power

<sup>a</sup> Mos 11:21-76

of God that could shake the earth and cause it to tremble as though it would part asunder.

a 1N 1:6-7; 5:152  
 Jac 5:36  
 A 12:122-147  
 3N 8:20

179 And now the astonishment of Alma was so great that he became dumb, that he could not open his mouth, Yea, and he became <sup>a</sup>weak, even that he could not move his hands;  
 180 Therefore, he was taken by those that were with him and carried helpless, even until he was laid before his father;  
 181 And they rehearsed unto his father all that had happened unto them, And his father rejoiced, for he knew that it was the power of God.

b A 17:5-21

182 And he caused that a multitude should be gathered together, that they might witness what the Lord had done for his son, and also for those that were with him;  
 183 And he caused that the priests should assemble themselves together; And they began to fast and to pray to the Lord their God that He would <sup>b</sup>open the mouth of Alma, that he might speak,  
 184 And also that his limbs might receive their strength, That the eyes of the people might be opened to see and know of the goodness and glory of God.  
 185 And it came to pass after they had fasted and prayed for the space of two days and two nights, the limbs of Alma received their strength; And he stood up and began to speak unto them, bidding them to be of good comfort.  
 186 For, said he:  
 “I have repented of my sins and have been redeemed of the Lord;  
 Behold, I am born of the Spirit.  
 187 “And the Lord said unto me:  
 ‘Marvel not that all mankind— yea, men and women, all nations, kindreds, tongues and people— must be born again,  
 188 Yea, born of God,  
 Changed from their carnal and fallen state to a state of righteousness,  
 Being redeemed of God, becoming His sons and daughters,

And thus they become new creatures;  
 And unless they do this, they can in no wise  
 inherit the kingdom of God.’

- 189 “I say unto you, unless this be the case,  
 they must be cast off;  
 And this I know because I was like to be cast off.
- 190 “Nevertheless, after wading through much tribulation,  
 repenting nigh unto death,  
 The Lord in mercy hath seen fit to snatch me  
 out of an everlasting burning,  
 And I am born of God!
- 191 My soul hath been redeemed from the gall  
 of bitterness and bonds of iniquity!
- 192 I was in the darkest abyss, but now I behold  
 the marvelous light of God!
- 193 My soul was racked with <sup>a</sup>eternal torment, but I am  
 snatched and my soul is pained no more!
- 194 “I rejected my Redeemer and denied that which  
 had been spoken of by our fathers.
- 195 “But now that they may foresee that He will come and  
 that He remembereth every creature of His creating,
- 196 And He will make Himself <sup>b</sup>manifest unto all,  
 Yea, every knee shall bow and every tongue  
 confess before Him;
- 197 Yea, even at the last day when all men shall stand to be  
 judged of Him, then shall they confess that He is God;
- 198 Then shall they confess, who live without God in the  
 world, that the judgment of an everlasting punishment  
 is just upon them;
- 199 And they shall quake and tremble and shrink beneath  
 the glance of His all-searching eye.”
- 200 And now it came to pass that Alma began from  
 this time forward to teach the people,  
 And those which were with Alma at the time the angel  
 appeared unto them,
- 201 Traveling round about through all the land,  
 Publishing to all the people the things  
 which they had heard and seen,  
 And preaching the word of God in much tribulation, being  
 greatly persecuted by those which were unbelievers,

a Mos 1:127

b Mos 8:70-72



being smitten by many of them.

202 But notwithstanding all this, they did impart much consolation to the church, confirming their faith, And exhorting them with longsuffering and much travail to keep the commandments of God.

203 And four of them were the sons of Mosiah, And their names were Ammon and Aaron and Omner and Himni; These were the names of the sons of Mosiah.

204 And after they had traveled throughout all the Land of Zarahemla and among all the people which were under the reign of King Mosiah, Zealously striving to repair all the injuries which they had done to the church,

205 Confessing all their sins, And publishing all the things which they had seen, And explaining the prophecies and the scriptures to all who desired to hear them—

206 And thus they were instruments in the hands of God in bringing many to the knowledge of the truth, Yea, to the knowledge of their Redeemer.

207 And how blessed are they! for they did publish peace; They did publish good tidings of good, And they did declare unto the people that the Lord reigneth.

**12** NOW IT came to pass that after the sons of Mosiah had done all these things, they took a small number with them and returned to their father, the king, And desired of him that he would grant unto them that they might, with those whom they had selected, go up to the Land of Nephi,

a A 16:82

2 That they might <sup>a</sup>preach the things which they had heard and that they might impart the word of God to their brethren, the Lamanites, That perhaps they might bring them to the knowledge of the Lord their God and convince them of the iniquity of their fathers;

3 And that perhaps they might cure them of their hatred toward the Nephites,

- That they might also be brought to rejoice  
in the Lord their God,
- 4 That they might become friendly to one another and that  
there should be no more contentions in all the land  
which the Lord their God hath given them.
- 5 Now they were desirous that salvation should be declared  
to every creature, for they could not bear  
that any human soul should perish;
- 6 Yea, even the very thoughts that any soul should endure  
endless torment did cause them to quake and tremble.
- 7 And thus did the Spirit of the Lord work upon them,  
for they were the very vilest of sinners;
- 8 And the Lord saw fit in His infinite mercy to spare them;  
Nevertheless, they suffered much anguish of soul  
because of their iniquities,  
And suffering much, fearing that they  
should be cast off forever.
- 9 And it came to pass that they did plead with their father  
many days, that they might go up to the Land of Nephi.
- 10 And it came to pass that King Mosiah went and inquired  
of the Lord if he should let his sons go up  
among the Lamanites to preach the word.
- 11 And the Lord said unto Mosiah:  
“Let them go up, for many shall believe on their words  
and they shall have eternal life;  
And I will <sup>a</sup>deliver thy sons out of the hands  
of the Lamanites.”
- 12 And it came to pass that Mosiah granted that they  
might go and do according to their request;
- 13 And they took their journey into the wilderness to  
go up to preach the word among the Lamanites;  
And I shall give an <sup>b</sup>account of their proceedings hereafter.
- 14 Now King Mosiah had no one to confer the kingdom  
upon, for there was not any of his sons  
which would accept of the kingdom;
- 15 Therefore, he <sup>1</sup>took the records which were engraven upon  
the plates of brass, and also the plates of Nephi and all  
the things which he had kept and preserved according  
to the commandments of God,

a A 12:50, 160-161

b A 12-15:29

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complex  
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with five  
digressions;

- 16 And after having translated and caused to be written the records which were on the plates of gold which had been found by the people of Limhi, which were delivered to him by the hand of Limhi—
- 17 <sup>1</sup>And this he did because of the great anxiety of his <sup>a</sup>people, for they were desirous beyond measure to know concerning those people which had been destroyed—
- 18 <sup>2</sup>And now he translated them by the means of those two <sup>b</sup>stones which were fastened into the two rims of a bow;
- 19 Now these things were prepared from the beginning and were handed down from generation to generation for the purpose of interpreting languages;
- 20 And they have been kept and preserved by the hand of the Lord, that He should <sup>c</sup>discover to every creature which should possess the land the iniquities and abominations of His people;
- 21 And whosoever has these things is called seer after the manner of old times—
- 22 Now after Mosiah had finished translating these records, <sup>3</sup>Behold, it gave an account of the people which were destroyed, From the time that they were destroyed back to the building of the <sup>d</sup>Great Tower, At the time the Lord confounded the language of the people,
- 23 and they were scattered abroad upon the face of all the earth, Yea, and even from that time until the creation of Adam—
- 24 <sup>4</sup>Now this account did cause the people of Mosiah to mourn exceedingly, Yea, they were filled with sorrow;
- 25 Nevertheless, it gave them much knowledge in the which they did rejoice;
- 26 And this account shall be written hereafter; For behold, it is expedient that all people should know the things which are written in this account—
- 13** AND NOW, as I said unto you that after King Mosiah had done these things, he took the plates of brass and all the things which he had kept and conferred them upon Alma which was the son of Alma—

1 1st epanalepsis  
explains why  
translated  
a Mos 5:61-66  
Book of Ether

2 2nd epanalepsis  
explains how  
translated  
b Mos 5:73

c A 17:52-56

3 3rd epanalepsis  
description of  
account

d O 1:35-39  
Eth 1:1-7

4 4th epanalepsis  
effect of account

- 2 <sup>1</sup>Yea, all the records, and also the interpreters—  
 And conferred them upon him and <sup>2</sup>commanding him  
 that he should keep and preserve them,  
 and also keep a record of the people,  
 Handing them down from one generation to another,  
 even as they had been handed down from the time  
 that Lehi left <sup>3</sup>Jerusalem.
- 3 Now when Mosiah had done this, he sent out through  
 all the land, among all the people, desiring to know  
 their will concerning who should be their king.
- 4 And it came to pass that the voice  
 of the people came, saying:  
 “We are desirous that Aaron, thy son,  
 should be our king and our ruler.”
- 5 Now Aaron had gone up to the Land of Nephi, therefore,  
 the king could not confer the kingdom upon him,  
 Neither would Aaron take upon him the kingdom;
- 6 Neither were any of the sons of Mosiah willing  
 to take upon them the kingdom;  
 Therefore, King Mosiah sent again among the people,  
 yea, even a written word sent he among the people.
- 7 And these were the words that were written, saying:  
 “Behold, O ye my people, or my brethren,  
 for I esteem you as such,  
 For I desire that ye should consider the cause which ye are  
 called to consider, for ye are desirous to have a king;
- 8 Now I declare unto you that he to whom that the kingdom  
 doth rightly belong hath declined and will  
 not take upon him the kingdom.
- 9 “And now if there should be another appointed  
 in his stead, behold, I fear there would  
 rise contentions among you;
- 10 And who knoweth but what my son, to whom the  
 kingdom doth belong, should turn to be angry  
 and draw away a part of this people after him,  
 which would cause wars and contentions among you,  
 which would be the cause of shedding much blood  
 and perverting the way of the Lord,  
 Yea, and destroy the souls of much people.

1 5th epanalepsis  
 interruptive  
 amplification  
 2 tenseless present  
 participle which  
 may =  
 commanded

3 thought begun  
 in Mos 12:14-15  
 is finally  
 completed

- 11 “Now I say unto you, let us be wise and consider these things, for we have no right to destroy my son, Neither should we have any right to destroy another, if he should be appointed in his stead;
- 12 And if my son should turn again to his pride and vain things, he would recall the things which he had said and claim his right to the kingdom, which would cause him and also this people to commit much sin.
- 13 “And now, let us be wise and look forward to these things and do that which will make for the peace of this people;
- 14 Therefore, I will be your king the remainder of my days;
- 15 Nevertheless, let us appoint judges to judge this people according to our law; And we will newly arrange the affairs of this people, for we will appoint wise men to be judges that will judge this people according to the commandments of God.
- 16 “Now it is better that a man should be judged of God than of man, for the judgments of God are always just, But the judgments of man are not always just;
- 17 Therefore, if it were possible that ye could have just men to be your kings which would establish the laws of God and judge this people according to His commandments, Yea, if ye could have men for your kings which would do even as my father Benjamin did for this people, I say unto you, if this could always be the case, then it would be expedient that ye should always have kings to rule over you.
- 18 “And even I, myself, have labored with all the power and faculties which I have possessed, to teach you the commandments of God and to establish peace throughout the land,
- 19 That there should be no wars, nor contentions, nor stealing, nor plundering, nor murdering, nor no manner of iniquity;
- 20 And whosoever hath committed iniquity, him have I punished according to the crime which he hath committed, according to the law which hath been given to us by our fathers.
- 21 “Now I say unto you that because all men are not just,

- it is not expedient that ye should have a king  
or kings to rule over you,
- 22 For behold, how much iniquity doth one wicked king  
cause to be committed!  
Yea, and what great destruction!
- 23 Yea, remember King Noah, his wickedness  
and his abominations,  
And also the wickedness and abominations of his people.
- 24 “Behold, what great destruction did come upon them,  
And also because of their iniquities,  
they were brought into bondage;
- 25 And were it not for the interposition of their all-wise  
Creator, and this because of their sincere repentance,  
they must unavoidably remain in bondage until now.
- 26 “But behold, He did deliver them because  
they did humble themselves before Him;  
And because they cried mightily unto Him,  
He did deliver them out of bondage;
- 27 And thus doth the Lord work with His power in all cases  
among the children of men, extending the arm of mercy  
toward them that put their trust in Him.
- 28 “And behold now I say unto you, ye cannot dethrone an  
iniquitous king, save it be through much contention  
and the shedding of much blood;
- 29 For behold, he hath his friends in iniquity and he keepeth  
his guards about him;  
And he teareth up the laws of those which have  
reigned in righteousness before him,  
And he trampleth under his feet the commandments of God,
- 30 And he enacteth laws and sendeth them forth  
among his people,  
Yea, laws after the manner of his own wickedness;  
And whosoever doth not obey his laws,  
he causeth to be destroyed,
- 31 And whosoever doth rebel against him, he will  
send his armies against them to war,  
and if he can, he will destroy them;
- 32 And thus an unrighteous king doth pervert  
the ways of all righteousness.
- 33 “And now behold I say unto you, it is not expedient  
that such abominations should come upon you;

a H 2:64-65

- 34 Therefore, choose you by the voice of this people, judges,  
that ye may be judged according to the laws which hath  
been given you by our fathers, which are correct,  
And which were given them by the hand of the Lord.
- 35 “Now it is not common that the voice of the people  
desireth anything contrary to that which is right,  
But it is common for the lesser part of the people  
to desire that which is not right;
- 36 Therefore, this shall ye observe, and make it your law  
to do your business by the voice of the people;
- 37 And if the time cometh that the voice of the people  
doth <sup>a</sup>choose iniquity, then is the time that  
the judgments of God will come upon you,
- 38 Yea, then is the time He will visit you with great  
destruction, even as He hath hitherto visited this land.
- 39 “And now if ye have judges, and they do not judge you  
according to the law which has been given, ye can  
cause that they may be judged of a higher judge;
- 40 If your higher judges doth not judge righteous judgments,  
ye shall cause that a small number of your lower judges  
should be gathered together and they shall judge your  
higher judges, according to the voice of the people;
- 41 And I command you to do these things  
in the fear of the Lord.
- 42 “And I command you to do these things  
and that ye have no king,  
That if these people commit sins and iniquities,  
they shall be answered upon their own heads;
- 43 For behold I say unto you, the sins of many people  
have been caused by the iniquities of their kings,  
Therefore, their iniquities are answered  
upon the heads of their kings.
- 44 “And now I desire that this inequality should be no more  
in this land, especially among this my people;
- 45 But I desire that this land be a land of liberty,  
And every man may enjoy his rights and privileges alike,  
so long as the Lord seeth fit that we may live  
and inherit the land,
- 46 Yea, even as long as any of our posterity remaineth  
upon the face of the land.”

- 47 And many more things did King Mosiah write unto them,  
    unfolding unto them all the trials and troubles  
    of a righteous king,
- 48 Yea, all the travails of soul for their people, and also  
    all the murmurings of the people to their king;  
And he explained it all unto them,
- 49 And he told them that these things had not ought to be,  
But that the burden should come upon all the people,  
    that every man might bear his part.
- 50 And he also unfolded unto them all the disadvantages  
    they labored under by having an unrighteous king  
    to rule over them—
- 51 Yea, all his iniquities and abominations,  
And all the wars and contentions and bloodshed,  
And the stealing and the plundering,  
And the committing of whoredoms and all manner  
    of iniquities which cannot be enumerated—
- 52 Telling them that these things ought not to be,  
    that they were expressly repugnant  
    to the commandments of God.
- 53 And now it came to pass after King Mosiah had sent these  
    things forth among the people, they were convinced  
    of the truth of his words;
- 54 Therefore, they relinquished their desires for a king  
    and became exceedingly anxious that every man  
    should have an equal chance throughout all the land,
- 55 Yea, and every man expressed a willingness  
    to answer for his own sins.
- 56 Therefore, it came to pass that they assembled themselves  
    together in bodies throughout the land to cast in their  
    voices concerning who should be their judges, to judge  
    them according to the law which had been given them.
- 57 And they were exceedingly rejoiced because of the liberty  
    which had been granted unto them,
- 58 And they did wax strong in love toward Mosiah;  
Yea, they did esteem him more than any other man,
- 59 For they did not look upon him as a tyrant  
    who was seeking for gain, yea, for that  
    lucre which doth corrupt the soul,
- 60 For he had not exacted riches of them, neither  
    had he delighted in the shedding of blood,



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- But he had established peace in the land and he had granted unto his people that they should be delivered from all manner of bondage;
- 61 Therefore, they did esteem him, yea, exceedingly beyond measure.
- 62 And it came to pass that they did appoint judges to rule over them, or to judge them according to the law; And this they did throughout all the land.
- 63 And it came to pass that Alma was appointed to be the chief judge, he being also the high priest, his father having <sup>a</sup>conferred the office upon him and had given him the charge concerning all the affairs of the church.
- a Mos 11:17, 113
- 64 And now it came to pass that Alma did walk in the ways of the Lord, And he did keep His commandments and he did judge righteous judgments; And there was continual peace through the land;
- 65 And thus commenced the reign of the judges throughout all the Land of Zarahemla, among all the people which were called the Nephites; And Alma was the first and chief judge.
- 66 And now it came to pass that his father died, being <sup>1</sup>eighty and two years old, having lived to fulfill the commandments of God.
- 1 91 BC  
born 173 BC
- 67 And it came to pass that Mosiah died also, in the thirty and third year of his <sup>b</sup>reign, being sixty and three years *old*, Making in the whole <sup>2</sup>five hundred and nine years from the time Lehi left Jerusalem.
- b Mos 4:6  
2 91 BC  
born 154 BC
- 68 And thus ended the reign of the kings over the people of Nephi; And thus ended the days of Alma who was the <sup>c</sup>founder of their church.
- c Mos 11:17