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Chapter —

An account of the Sons of Mosiah which rejected their rights to the Kingdom for the word of God & went up to the land of Nephi to preach to the Lamanites— Their sufferings & deliverance according to the record of Alma—

And now it came to pass that as Alma was journeying from the land of Gideon southward away to the land of Manti behold to his astonishment he met the Sons of Mosiah a journeying towards the land of Zarahemla

now these Sons of Mosiah were with Alma ~~w~~^{at the time} ~~hen~~ the Angel first appeared unto him therefore Alma did rejoice exceedingly to see his brethren & what added ϕ more to his joy they were still his brethren in the Lord yea & they had waxed strong in the knowledge of the truth for they were men of a sound understanding & they had searched the scriptures diligently that they might know the word of God

but this is not all they had given themselves to much prayer & fasting therefore they had the spirit of Prophecy & the spirit of revelationⁿ & when they taught they taught with power & authority even as with the power & authority of God

& they had been teaching the word of God **211** fore the space of fourteen years among the Lamanites having had much success in bringing many to the knowledge of the truth yea by the power of their words many were brought before the altar of God to call on his name & confess their sins before him

now these are the circumstances which attended them in their journeyings for they had many afflictions they did suffer much ^{both} in body & in mind such as hunger thirst & fateague & also much labour in the spirit

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An account of the **sons** of Mosiah, **who** rejected their rights to the **kingdom** for the word of God, **and** went up to the land of Nephi to preach to the Lamanites[]; their sufferings **and** deliverance— according to the record of Alma.[]
Comprising chapters 17 through 27.

CHAPTER 17

The sons of Mosiah have the spirit of prophecy and of revelation—They go their several ways to declare the word to the Lamanites—Ammon goes to the land of Ishmael and becomes the servant of King Lamoni—Ammon saves the king's flocks and slays his enemies at the water of Sebus. Verses 1–3, about 77 B.C.; verse 4, about 91–77 B.C.; and verses 5–39, about 91 B.C.

¹And now it came to pass that as Alma was journeying from the land of Gideon southward, away to the land of Manti, behold, to his astonishment, he met **with** the **sons** of Mosiah [] journeying towards the land of Zarahemla.

²Now these **sons** of Mosiah were with Alma [] **at the time**[_ _] the **angel** first appeared unto him; therefore Alma did rejoice exceedingly to see his brethren; **and** what added [] more to his joy, they were still his brethren in the Lord; yea, **and** they had waxed strong in the knowledge of the truth; for they were men of a sound understanding **and** they had searched the scriptures diligently, that they might know the word of God.

³But this is not all; they had given themselves to much prayer, **and** fasting; therefore they had the spirit of **prophecy**, **and** the spirit of **revelation**, **and** when they taught, they taught with power **and** authority [X_X_X_X_X_X_X] of God.

⁴**And** they had been teaching the word of God for [] the space of fourteen years among the Lamanites, having had much success in bringing many to the knowledge of the truth; yea, by the power of their words many were brought before the altar of God, to call on his name **and** confess their sins before him.

⁵Now these are the circumstances which attended them in their journeyings, for they had many afflictions; they did suffer much, **both** in body **and** in mind, such as hunger, thirst **and** fati[]gue, **and** also much labo[]r in the spirit.

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now these were their journeyings having taken leave of their father Mosiah in the first year of the reign of the Judges having refused the Kingdom which their father was desirous to confer upon them & also this was the minds of the people

nevertheless they departed out of the land of Zarahemla & took their swords & their spears & their bows & their arrows & their slings & this they done that they might provide food for themselves while in the wilderness

& thus they departed into the wilderness with their numbers which they had selected to go up to the land of Nephi to preach the word unto the Lamanites

& it came to pass that they journeyed many days in the wilderness & they fasted much & prayed much that the Lord would grant unto them a portion of his spirit to go with them & abide with them that they might be an instrument in the hands of God to bring if it were possible their brethren the Lamanites to the knowelde of the truth to the knowledge of the baseness of the traditions of their fathers which were not correct

& it came to pass that the Lord did visit them with his spirit & said unto them be comforted & they were comforted

& the Lord said unto them also go forth among the Lamanites thy brethren & establish my word yet ye shall be patient in long suffering & afflictions that ye may shew forth good exampels unto them in me & I will make an instrument of thee in my hands unto the salvation of many souls

& it came to pass that the hearts of the Sons of Mosiah & also those which were with them took courage to go forth unto the Lamanites to declare unto them the word ^{of God}

& it came to pass when they had arived in the borders of the land of the Lamanites that they seperated themselves & departed one from another trusting in the Lord that they should meet again at the close of their harvest for they supposed that great was they work which they had undertaken

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⁶Now these were their journeyings: **H**aving taken leave of their father, Mosiah, in the first year of the **[X_X_X]** judges; having refused the **k**ingdom which their father was desir^[]ous to confer upon them, **and** also this was the minds of the people;

⁷Nevertheless they departed out of the land of Zarahemla, **and** took their swords, **and** their spears, **and** their bows, **and** their arrows, **and** their slings; **and** this they **did** that they might provide food for themselves while in the wilderness.

⁸**And** thus they departed into the wilderness with their numbers which they had selected, to go up to the land of Nephi, to preach the word **of God** unto the Lamanites.

⁹**And** it came to pass that they journeyed many days in the wilderness, **and** they fasted much **and** prayed much that the Lord would grant unto them a portion of his **S**pirit to go with them, **and** abide with them, that they might be an instrument in the hands of God to bring, if it were possible, their brethren, the Lamanites, to the know**l**edge of the truth, to the knowledge of the baseness of the traditions of their fathers, which were not correct.

¹⁰**And** it came to pass that the Lord did visit them with his **S**pirit, **and** said unto them: **B**e comforted. **And** they were comforted.

¹¹**And** the Lord said unto them also: **G**o forth among the Lamanites, thy brethren, **and** establish my word; yet ye shall be patient in long-suffering **and** afflictions, that ye may **sh**ow forth good **ex**amples unto them in me, **and** I will make an instrument of thee in my hands unto the salvation of many souls.

¹²**And** it came to pass that the hearts of the **s**ons of Mosiah, **and** also those **wh**o were with them, took courage to go forth unto the Lamanites to declare unto them the word **of God**.

¹³**And** it came to pass when they had **arr**ived in the borders of the land of the Lamanites, that they **se**parated themselves **and** departed one from another, trusting in the Lord that they should meet again at the close of their harvest; for they supposed that great was the **[]** work which they had undertaken.

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& assuredly it was great for they had undertaken to preach the **212** word of God to a wild & a hardened & a ferocious people a people which delighted in the murdering the Nephites & robbing & plundering them & their hearts were set upon riches or upon gold & silver & precious stones yet they sought to obtain these things by murdering & plundering that they might not labour for them with their own hands

thus they were a verry indolent people many of whom did worship Idols & the curse of God had fell upon them because of the traditions of their fathers notwithstanding the promises of the Lord were extended unto them on the conditions of repentance

therefore this was the cause for which the Sons of Mosiah had undertaken the work that perhaps they might bring them unto repentance that perhaps they might bring them to know of the plan of redemption

therefore they seperated themselves one from another & went forth among them every man alone according to the word & power of God which was given unto him

now Ammon being the chief among them or rather he did minister unto them he departed from them after having blessed them according to their several stations having imparted the word of God unto them or administered unto them before his departure & thus they took their several journeys throughout the land

& Ammon went to the land of Ishmael the land being called after the Sons of Ishmael which also became Lamanites

& as Ammon entered the land of Ishmael the Lamanites took him & bound him as was their custom to bind all the Nephites which fell into their hands & carry them before the king & thus it was left to the pleasure of the king to slay them or to retain them in captivity or to cast them into prison or to cast them out of his land according to his will & pleasure

& thus Ammon was carried before the king which was over the land of Ishmael & his name was Lamoni & he was a desendant of Ishmael

¹⁴**And** assuredly it was great, for they had undertaken to preach the word of God to a wild **and** a hardened **and** a ferocious people; a people **who** delighted in **[X]** murdering the Nephites, **and** robbing **and** plundering them; **and** their hearts were set upon riches, or upon gold **and** silver, **and** precious stones; yet they sought to obtain these things by murdering **and** plundering, that they might not labo[]r for them with their own hands.

¹⁵**T**hus they were a ver[]y indolent people, many of whom did worship **idols**, **and** the curse of God had **fallen** upon them because of the traditions of their fathers; notwithstanding the promises of the Lord were extended unto them on the conditions of repentance.

¹⁶**T**herefore, this was the cause for which the **sons** of Mosiah had undertaken the work, that perhaps they might bring them unto repentance; that perhaps they might bring them to know of the plan of redemption.

¹⁷**T**herefore they sepa**r**ated themselves one from another, **and** went forth among them, every man alone, according to the word **and** power of God which was given unto him.

¹⁸**N**ow Ammon being the chief among them, or rather he did **administer** unto them, **and** he departed from them, after having blessed them according to their several stations, having imparted the word of God unto them, or administered unto them before his departure; **and** thus they took their several journeys throughout the land.

¹⁹**And** Ammon went to the land of Ishmael, the land being called after the **sons** of Ishmael, **who** also became Lamanites.

²⁰**And** as Ammon entered the land of Ishmael, the Lamanites took him **and** bound him, as was their custom to bind all the Nephites **who** fell into their hands, **and** carry them before the king; **and** thus it was left to the pleasure of the king to slay them, or to retain them in captivity, or to cast them into prison, or to cast them out of his land, according to his will **and** pleasure.

²¹**And** thus Ammon was carried before the king **who** was over the land of Ishmael; **and** his name was Lamoni; **and** he was a descendant of Ishmael.

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& the king enquired of Ammon if it were his desires to dwell in the land among the Lamanites or among his people

& Ammon said unto him yea I desire to dwell among this people for a time yea & perhaps until the day ¹of die

& it came to pass that King Lamoni was much pleased with Ammon & caused that his bands should be loosed & he would that Ammon should take one of his daughters to wife

but Ammon saith unto him nay but I will be thy servant therefore Ammon became a servant to king Lamoni & it came to pass that he was set among other servants to watch the flocks of Lamoni according to the custom of the Lamanites

& it came to pass that after he had been in the service of the king three days that as he was with the Lamanitish servants agoing forth with their flocks to the place of water which was called the water of Sebus & all the Lam **213** anites drive their flocks hither that they might have water

therefore ^{as} Ammon & the servants of the king were driving forth there flocks to this place of water behold a certain number of the Lamanites who had been with their flocks to water stood & scattered the flock of Ammon & the servants of the king & they scattered them insomuch that they fled many ways

now the servants of the king began to murmur saying now the king will slay us as he has our brethren because their flocks were scattered by the wickedness of these men & they began to weep exceedingly saying behold our flocks are scattered already

now they wept because of the fear of being slain now when Ammon saw this his heart was swollen within him with joy for said he I will shew forth my power unto these my fellow servants or the power which is in me in restoreing these flocks unto the king that I may win the hearts of these my fellow servants that I may lead them to believe in my words

now these were the thoughts of Ammon when he saw the affliction of those which he termed to be his brethren

²²**And** the king **inquired** of Ammon if it were his desire to dwell in the land among the Lamanites, or among his people.

²³**And** Ammon said unto him: **Yea**, I desire to dwell among this people for a time; yea, **and** perhaps until the day **I** die.

²⁴**And** it came to pass that **king** Lamoni was much pleased with Ammon, **and** caused that his bands should be loosed; **and** he would that Ammon should take one of his daughters to wife.

²⁵**But** Ammon said unto him: **Nay**, but I will be thy servant. **Therefore** Ammon became a servant to king Lamoni. **And** it came to pass that he was set among other servants to watch the flocks of Lamoni, according to the custom of the Lamanites.

²⁶**And** after he had been in the service of the king three days, as he was with the Lamanitish servants going forth with their flocks to the place of water, which was called the water of Sebus, **and** all the Lamanites drive their flocks hither, that they **may** have water—

²⁷**Therefore, as** Ammon **and** the servants of the king were driving forth **their** flocks to this place of water, behold, a certain number of the Lamanites, who had been with their flocks to water, stood **and** scattered the flocks of Ammon **and** the servants of the king, **and** they scattered them insomuch that they fled many ways.

²⁸**Now** the servants of the king began to murmur, saying: **Now** the king will slay us, as he has our brethren because their flocks were scattered by the wickedness of these men. **And** they began to weep exceedingly, saying: **Behold**, our flocks are scattered ahead y.

²⁹**Now** they wept because of the fear of being slain. **Now** when Ammon saw this his heart was swollen within him with joy; for, said he, I will show forth my power unto these my fellow-servants, or the power which is in me, in restor ing these flocks unto the king, that I may win the hearts of these my fellow-servants, that I may lead them to believe in my words.

³⁰**And** now, these were the thoughts of Ammon, when he saw the afflictions of those **whom** he termed to be his brethren.

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& it came to pass that he flattered them by his words saying my brethren be of good cheer & let us go in search of the flocks & we will gather them together & bring them back unto the place of water & thus we will reserve the flocks unto the king & he will not slay us

& it came to pass that they went in search of the flocks & they did follow Ammon & they rushed forth with much swiftness & did head the flocks of the king & did gather them together again to the place of water

& those men again stood to scatter their flocks but Ammon saith unto his brethren encircle the flocks round about that they flee not & I go & contend with these men which do scatter our flocks

therefore they did as Ammon had commanded them & he went forth & stood to contend with those which stood by the waters of Sebus & they were not in number a ver^y few

therefore they did not fear Ammon for they supposed that one of their men could slay him according to their pleasure for they knew not that the Lord had promised Mosiah **214** that he would deliver his Sons out of their hands neither did they know any thing concerning the Lord therefore they delighted in the destruction of their brethren & for this cause they stood to scatter the flocks of the king

but Ammon stood forth & began to cast stones at them with his sling yea with mighty power he did sling stones amongst them & thus he slew a certain number of them insomuch that they began to be astonished at his power nevertheless they ~~w~~^{were} as angry because of the slain of their brethren & they were determined that he should fall therefore seeing that they could not hit him with their stones they came forth with clubs to slay him

but behold every man that lifted his club to smite Ammon he smote off their arms with his sword for he did withstand their blows by smiting their arms with the edge of his sword insomuch that they began to be astonished & began to flee before him yea & they were not few in number & he caused them to flee by the strength of his arm

³¹**And** it came to pass that he flattered them by his words, saying: **My** brethren, be of good cheer **and** let us go in search of the flocks, **and** we will gather them together **and** bring them back unto the place of water; **and** thus we will **p**reserve the flocks unto the king **and** he will not slay us.

³²**And** it came to pass that they went in search of the flocks, **and** they did follow Ammon, **and** they rushed forth with much swiftness **and** did head the flocks of the king, **and** did gather them together again to the place of water.

³³**And** those men again stood to scatter their flocks; but Ammon said^[_] unto his brethren: **Encircle** the flocks round about that they flee not; **and** I go **and** contend with these men **who** do scatter our flocks.

³⁴**T**herefore, they did as Ammon **[X]** commanded them, **and** he went forth **and** stood to contend with those **who** stood by the waters of Sebus; **and** they were **[X]** in number **not** a **[_ _ _ _]** few.

³⁵**T**herefore they did not fear Ammon, for they supposed that one of their men could slay him according to their pleasure, for they knew not that the Lord had promised Mosiah that he would deliver his **sons** out of their hands; neither did they know any^[_]thing concerning the Lord; therefore they delighted in the destruction of their brethren; **and** for this cause they stood to scatter the flocks of the king.

³⁶**B**ut Ammon stood forth **and** began to cast stones at them with his sling; yea, with mighty power he did sling stones among^[_]st them; **and** thus he slew a certain number of them insomuch that they began to be astonished at his power; nevertheless they **[]were[_]** ang^[_]ry because of the slain of their brethren, **and** they were determined that he should fall; therefore, seeing that they could not hit him with their stones, they came forth with clubs to slay him.

³⁷**B**ut behold, every man that lifted his club to smite Ammon, he smote off their arms with his sword; for he did withstand their blows by smiting their arms with the edge of his sword, insomuch that they began to be astonished, **and** began to flee before him; yea, **and** they were not few in number; **and** he caused them to flee by the strength of his arm.

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now six of them had fallen by the sling but he slew none save it were their leader & he smote off as many of their arms as was lifted against him & they were not a few

& when ~~the~~^{he} ~~they~~ had driven them afar off he returned & they watered their flocks & returned them to the pastures of the king & then went in unto the king bearing the arms which had been smote off by the sword of Ammon of those who sought to slay him & they were carried in unto the king for a testimony of the things which they had done

³⁸Now six of them had fallen by the sling, but he slew none save it were their leader **with his sword;** **and** he smote off as many of their arms as **were** lifted against him, **and** they were not a few.

³⁹**And** when []**he**[_ _] had driven them afar off, he returned **and** they watered their flocks **and** returned them to the pasture[] of the king, **and** then went in unto the king, bearing the arms which had been **smitten** off by the sword of Ammon, of those who sought to slay him; **and** they were carried in unto the king for a testimony of the things which they had done.