

& now king Mosiah caused that all the people should be gathered together

now there were not so many of the children of Nephi or so many of those which were desendants of Nephi as there were of the people of Zarahemla which was a decendant of Muloch & those which came with him into the wilderness

& there were not so many of the people of Nephi & of the people of Zarahemla as there was of the Lamanites yea they were not half so numerous

& now all the people of Nephi was assembled together & also all the people of Zara **157** hemla & they were gathered together in two bodies

& it came to pass that Mosiah did read & caused to be read the 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 untill the time they returned again

& he also read the account of Alma & his brethren & all their afflictions from the time they left the land of Zarahemla untill the time they returned again

& now when Mosiah had made an end of reading the records his people which tarried in the land were struck with wonder & amazement

for they knew not what to think for when they beheld those that had been delivered out of bondage they were hilled with exceding great joy

& again when they thought of their brethren which had been slain by the Lamanites they were filled with sorrow & even shed many tears of sorrow

& again when they thought of the immediate goodness of God & his power in delivering Alma & his brethren out of the hands of the Lamanites & of bondage they did raise their voices & gave thanks to God

CHAPTER 25

The descendants of Mulek at Zarahemla become Nephites—They learn of the people of Alma and of Zeniff—Alma baptizes Limhi and all his people—Mosiah authorizes Alma to organize the Church of God. About 120 B.C.

¹**And** now king Mosiah caused that all the people should be gathered together.

²**Now** there were not so many of the children of Nephi, or so many of those **who** were descendants of Nephi, as there were of the people of Zarahemla, **who** was a descendant of Mulek[], **and** those **who** came with him into the wilderness.

³**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.

⁴**And** now all the people of Nephi **were** assembled together, **and** also all the people of Zarahemla, **and** they were gathered together in two bodies.

⁵**And** it came to pass that Mosiah did read, **and** caused to be read, the 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[] [X_X] they returned again.

⁶**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.

⁷**And** now, when Mosiah had made an end of reading the records, his people **who** tarried in the land were struck with wonder **and** amazement.

⁸**For** they knew not what to think; for when they beheld those that had been delivered out of bondage they were **filled** with exce**eding**ly great joy.

⁹**And** again, when they thought of their brethren **who** had been slain by the Lamanites they were filled with sorrow, **and** even shed many tears of sorrow.

¹⁰**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** give thanks to God.

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& again when they thought upon the Lamanites which was their brethren of their sinful & poluted state they were filled with pain & anguish for the wellfare of their Souls

& it came to pass that when those which were the children of Amulon & his brethren which had taken to wife the daughters of the Lamanites they were displeased with the conduct of their fathers & 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 & be numbered among those which were called Nephites

& now all the people of Zarahemla were numbered with the Nephites & this because the kingdom had been confere^d upon none but those which were decendants of Nephi

& now it came to pass that when Mosiah had an^{made} end of speaking and reading to the people he desired that Alma should also speak to the people

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

and he did ex^{hort} the people of Limhi and his brethren all those that had been delivered out of bondage that should remember that it was the Lord that did deliver them

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 baptised and all his people were desirous that they might be baptised also

~~before~~ therefore Alma did go forth into the water and did baptise thim, yea he did baptise them after the manner he did ^{his} brethren in the watirs of Mormon yea and iss many as te did baptise did blong to the church of god and this bcau^{de} of their belief on the words of Alma

and it came to pass that **158.** King Mosiah granted unto Alma that he might establish churches through out all the land of Zarahemla and gave him power to ordⁱⁿ priests and teachers over every church,

¹¹And again, when they thought upon the Lamanites, **who were** their brethren, of their sinful **and** polluted state, they were filled with pain **and** anguish for the wel[]fare of their souls.

¹²And it came to pass that [X] those **who** were the children of Amulon **and** his brethren, **who** had taken to wife the daughters of the Lamanites, [X] were displeased with the conduct of their fathers, **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 **who** were called Nephites.

¹³And now all the people of Zarahemla were numbered with the Nephites, **and** this because the kingdom had been confere^d upon none but those **who** were descendants of Nephi.

¹⁴And 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.

¹⁵And [X_X_X_X_X] 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.

¹⁶And he did ex^{hort} 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.

¹⁷And 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 baptiz^{ed}; and all his people were desirous that they might be baptiz^{ed} also.

¹⁸[X] Therefore, Alma did go forth into the water and did baptiz^e them; yea, he did baptiz^e them after the manner he did **his** brethren in the water^s of Mormon; yea, and **as**[] many as **he** did baptiz^e did **belong** to the church of **God**; and this **because** of their belief on the words of Alma.

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now this was done because there was so many people that they could not be all govoned by one teacher neither could they all hear the word of God in one assembly

therefore they did ass~~em~~ble themselves together in different bodies being called churches, 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

and thus notwithstanding there being many churches they all one church yea even the church of God, for there was nothing preached in all the church - ~~es in the land of Zarahemla~~ - es except it were repentance and faith in God,

and now there was Seven churches in the land of Zarahemla, and it came to pass that whosoever was desirous to take upon them the name of Christ or of God they did join the churches of God

and they were called the people of God and the Lord did pour out his spirit upon them and they were blest and prospered in the land,

²⁰Now this was done because there **were** so many people that they could not **all be** gov~~er~~ned by one teacher; neither could they all hear the word of God in one assembly;

²¹Therefore they did ass[]em~~b~~le themselves together in different bodies, being called churches; 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.

²²And thus, notwithstanding there being many churches they **were** all one church, yea, even the church of God; for there was nothing preached in all the church [_ _] [X_X_X_X_X] [_ _]es except it were repentance and faith in God.

²³And now there **were** seven churches in the land of Zarahemla. **A**nd it came to pass that whosoever **were** desirous to take upon them the name of Christ, or of God, they did join the churches of God;

²⁴And they were called the people of God. **A**nd the Lord did pour out his **S**pirit upon them, and they were **bles**sed, and **pr**ospered in the land.