

Mosiah 1

the Book of Mosiah

Chapter

¹And now there was no more contension 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& it came to pass that he had three Sons & he called their names Mosiah & Helorum & Helaman & he caused that they should be taught in all the language of his fathers that thereby they might become men of understanding & that they might know concerning the prophesies which had been spoken by the mouths of their fathers which was delivered them by the hand of the Lord

³& 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 & these commandments we must have suffered in ignorance even at this present time not knowing the mysteries of God

⁴for it were not possible that our father Lehi could have remembered all these things to have taught them to his children except it were for the help of these plates for he having been taught in the language of the Egyptians therefore he could read these engravings & teach them to his children that thereby they could teach them to their children & so fulfilling the commandments of ~~the~~ ^{God} ~~Lord~~ even down to this present time

⁵I say unto you my Sons were it not for these things which have been kept & preserved by the hand of ~~the~~ ^{God} ~~Lord~~ that we might read & understand of his mysteries & have his commandments always before our eyes that even our fathers would have dwindled in unbelief & 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 tradition of their fathers which are not correct

⁶O my Sons I would that ye should remember
that these sayings are true
& also that these records are true
& behold also the plates of Nephi
which contain the records & the sayings of our fathers
from the time they left Jerusalem until now
& they are true
& we can know of their surety
because we have them before our eyes

⁷& now my Sons I would that ye should remember to search them diligently
that ye may profit thereby
& 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

⁸& many more things did King Benjamin teach his Sons
which are not written in this Book

⁹& it came to pass that
after King Benjamin had made an end of teaching his Sons
that he waxed old
& 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

¹⁰therefore he had Mosiah brought before him
& 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 People of Zarahemla & the People of Mosiah which dwell in this land
that thereby they may be gathered together
for on the morrow I shall proclaim unto ~~them~~ this my People out of mine own mouth
that thou art a King & a ruler over this People
which the Lord our God hath given us

¹¹& moreover I shall give this People a name
that thereby they may be distinguished above all the People
which the Lord God hath brought out of the land of Jerusalem
& this I do because they have been a diligent People
in keeping the commandments of the Lord

¹²& I give unto them a name that never shall be blotted out
except it be through transgression

¹³yea & moreover I say unto you that
if this highly favoured People of the Lord should fall into transgression
& become a wicked & an adulterous People
that the Lord will deliver them up
that thereby they become weak like unto their Brethren
& he will no more preserve them by his matchless & marvelous power
as he hath hitherto preserved our fathers

¹⁴for I say unto ^{you} ~~us~~ that
if he had not extended his arm in the preservation of our fathers
they must have fallen into the hands of the Lamanites
& become victiðs to their hatred

¹⁵& 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

¹⁶& moreover he also gave him charge concerning the records
which were engraven on the plates of brass
& also the plates of Nephi
& also the sword of Laban
& the ball or director which lead our fathers through the wlderness
which was prepared by the hand of the Lord
that thereby they might be lead every one
according to the heed & diligence which they gave unto him

¹⁷therefore as they were unfaithful
they did not prosper nor progress in their journey
but were driven back & incured the displeasure of God upon them
& therefore they were smitten with famine & sore afflictions
to stir them up in remembrance of their duty

¹⁸& now it came to pass that
Mosiah went & did as his father had commanded him
& 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