

## Mosiah 8

<sup>1</sup>& it came to pass that  
after King Limhi had made an en of speaking to his People  
for he spake many things unto them  
& 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  
<sup>2</sup>& he caused that Ammon should stand up before the multitude  
& rehearse unto them all that had happened unto their Brethren  
from the time that Zeniff went up out of the land  
even untill  $\diamond$  time that he himself came up out of the land  
<sup>3</sup>& he also rehearsed unto them the last words  
which King Benjamin had taught them  
& explained them to the People of King Limhi  
so that they might understand all the words which he spake

<sup>4</sup>& it came to pass that after he had done all this  
that King Limhi dismissed the multitude  
& caused that they should return every one unto his own house  
<sup>5</sup>& 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  
<sup>6</sup>now as soon as Ammon had read the record  
the king inquired of him to know if he could interpret languagees  
& Ammon told him that he could not

<sup>7</sup>& the king sayeth unto him  
I being grieved for the afflictions of my People  
I caused that forty & 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  
<sup>8</sup>& they were lost in the wilderness for the space of many days  
yet they were diligent & found not the land of Zarahemla  
but returned to this land  
haveing traveled in a land among many waters  
having discoveded a land which was covered with bones of men & of beasts .&C.  
& was also covered with ruins of buildings of every kind  
having discovered a land which had been Peopled with a People  
which were a numerous as the hosts of Israel  
<sup>9</sup>& for a testimony that the things that they ~~had~~<sup>have</sup> said ~~were~~<sup>is</sup> true  
they have brought twenty four plates which are filled with engraveings  
& they are of pure Gold  
<sup>10</sup>& behold also they have brought breast plates which are large  
& they are of Brass & of copper & are perfectly sound

<sup>11</sup>& again they have brought swords  
the hilts thereof hath perished  
& the blades thereof were cankered with rust

& there is no one <sup>in the land</sup> that is able to interpret the language  
or the engravings that are on the plates  
therefore I said unto the<sup>e</sup>  
canst thou translate

<sup>12</sup>& I say unto thee again  
knowest thou of any one that can translate  
for I am desire<sup>ous</sup> ~~able~~ that these records should be translated into our language  
for perhaps they will give us a knowledge of a remnant of the People  
which have been destroyed  
from whence these records came  
or perhaps they will give us a knowledge of this very People  
which hath been destroyed  
& I am desirous to know the cause of their destruction

<sup>13</sup>now Ammon saith<sup>;</sup> unto him  
I can assuredly tell thee O king of a man that can ~~tr~~anslate the records  
for<sup>he</sup> hath wherewith that he can look  
& translate all records that are of ancient date  
& it is a gift from God  
& the things are called interpreters  
& no man can look in them except he be commanded  
lest he should look for that he had not ought & he should perish  
& whosoever is commanded to look in them the same is called seer  
<sup>14</sup>& behold the king of the People which is in the land of Zarahemla  
is the man that is commanded to do these things  
& which hath this high gift from God

<sup>15</sup>& the king saith that a seer is greater than a <sup>Prophet</sup> ~~Prop~~

<sup>16</sup>& Ammon saith that a seer is a revelator & a prophet also  
& a gift which is greater can no man have  
except he should possess the power of God

<sup>17</sup>but a seer can know of things which has past  
& also of things which is to come  
& by them shall all things be revealed  
or rather shall secret things be made manifest  
& hidden things shall com<sup>e</sup> to light  
& things ~~which~~ which <sup>is</sup>as not known shall be made known by them  
& also things shall be made known by them  
which otherwise could not be known

<sup>18</sup>thus God hath provided a means  
that man through faith might work mighty miracles  
therefore he becometh a great benefit to his fellow beings

<sup>19</sup>& now when Ammon had made an end of speaking these words  
the king rejoiced exceedingly & gave thanks to God saying  
doubtless a great mystery is contained within these plates  
& ~~th~~ & these interpreters was doubtless prepared  
for the purpose of unfolding all such mysteries to the children of men

<sup>20</sup>O how marvelous are the works of Lord  
& how long doth he suffer with his People  
yea & how blind & 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

<sup>21</sup>yea they are as a wild flock which fleeth from the shepherd & scattereth  
& are driven & are devoured by the beasts of the forest