

## Mosiah 10

<sup>1</sup>& it came to pass that we again began to establish the Kingdom  
& we again began to possess the land in peace  
& 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  
<sup>2</sup>& I sat guards round about the land  
that the Lamanites might not come upon us again unawares & destroy us  
& thus I did guard my People & my flocks  
& keep them from falling into the hands of our enemies

<sup>3</sup>& it came to pass that we did inherit the land of our fathers for many years  
yea for the space of twenty & two years  
<sup>4</sup>& I did cause that the men should till the ground  
& raise all manner of grain & all manner of fruit of every kind  
<sup>5</sup>& I did cause that the women should spin & toil  
& work & work all manner of fine linnen  
yea & cloth of every kind  
that we might clo<sup>a</sup>th our nakedness  
& thus we did prosper in the land  
thus we did have continual peace in the land  
for the space of twenty & two years

<sup>6</sup>& it came to pass that King Laman died  
& his Son began to reign in his stead  
& he began to stir his People up in rebellion against my People  
therefore they began to prepare for war  
& to come up to battle against my People  
<sup>7</sup>but I 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 & destroy them  
<sup>8</sup>& it came to pass that they came up  
upon the North of the land of Shilom with their numerous hosts  
men armed with bows & with arrows  
& with swords & with simitres & with stones & with slings  
& they had their heads sheaved that they were naked  
& they were girted about with a lethern girdle about their loins

<sup>9</sup>& it came to pass that I caused  
that the women & Children of my People should be hid in the wilderness  
& I also caused that all my old men that could bear arms  
& also all my young men that were able to bear arms  
should gather themselves together to go to battle against the Lamanites  
& I did place them in their ranks every man according to his age  
<sup>10</sup>& it came to pass that we did go up to battle against the Lamanites  
& I even I in my old age did go up to battle against the Lamanites  
& it came to pass that we did go up in the f strength of the Lord to battle

<sup>11</sup>now the Lamanites knew nothing concerning the Lord nor the strength of the Lord  
therefore they depended upon their<sup>own</sup> strength  
yet they were a strong People as to the strength of men

<sup>12</sup>they were a wild & ferocious & a bloodthirsty People  
believing in the tradition of their fathers which is this  
believing that they were driven out of the land of Jerusalem  
because of the iniquities of their fathers

& that they were wronged in the wilderness by their brethren  
& they were also wronged while crossing the Sea

<sup>13</sup>& again that they were wronged<sup>while</sup> in the land of the<sup>ir</sup>first inheritance  
after they had crossed the Sea

& 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 & answered them  
& he took the lead of their journey in the wilderness

<sup>14</sup>& his brethren was wroth with him  
because they understood not the dealings of the Lord  
they was also wroth with him upon the waters  
because they hardened their hearts against the Lord

<sup>15</sup>& again they were wrath with him when they had ariven to the promised land  
because they said that he had taken the ruleing of the People out of their hands  
& they sought to kill him

<sup>16</sup>& again they were wroth with him  
because he departed into the wilderness as the Lord had commanded him  
& took the records which were engraven on the plates of brass  
for they said that he robbed them

<sup>17</sup>& thus they have taught their Children that they should hate them  
& that they should murder them  
& that they should rob & plunder them  
& do all they could to destroy them

therefore they have an eternal hatred towards the children of Nephi

<sup>18</sup>for this verry cause hath king Laman  
by his cunning & lying craftinenss & his fair promises hath deceived me  
that I have brought this my People up into this land  
that they may destroy them  
yea & we have suffered this many years in the land

<sup>19</sup>& 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

<sup>20</sup>& it came to pass that we did drive them again out of our land  
& we slew them with a great slaughter  
even so many that we did not number them

<sup>21</sup>& it came to pass that we returned again to our own land  
& my People began to tend their flocks & to till their ground  
<sup>22</sup>& now I being old did confer the kingdom upon one of my Sons  
therefore I say no more  
& ~~my~~ may the Lord bless my People  
Amen——