

Mosiah 19

¹ And it came to pass that the ~~Kings~~ army of the King returned having searched invain for the People of the Lord

² And now behold the forces of the King were small having been reduced & there began ~~& there began~~ to be a division among the remainder of the People

³ & the lesser part began to breath out threatning against the king & there began to be a great contention among them

⁴ And now there was a man among them whose name was Gideon & he being a strong man & an enemy to the king therefore he drew his sword & swore in his wrath that he would slay the king

⁵ And ~~now~~ it came to pass that he faught with the king & when the king saw that he was about to over him he fled & ran & got upon the tower which was near the temple

⁶ And Gideon persued after him & was about to get upon the tower to slay the King & the King cast his eyes round about towards the land of Shemlon & behold the army of the Lamanites were within the borders of the land

⁷ And now the King cried out in the anguish of his Soul saying Gideon spare me for the Lamanites are upon us & they will destroy them yea they will destroy my People

⁸ And now the King was not so much concerned about his people as he was about his own life nevertheless Gideon did spare his ~~£~~ life

⁹ And the King commanded the people that they should flee ~~in~~^{before} ~~to~~ the Lamanites & he himself did go before them & they did flee into the wilderness with their women & their children

¹⁰ And it came to pass that the Lamanites did persue them & did overtake them & began to slay them

¹¹ now it came to pass that the King commanded them that all the men should leave their wives & their children & flee before the Lamanites

¹² now there were many that would not leave them but had rather stay & perish with them & the rest left their wives & their children & fled

¹³ & it came to pass thos those that tarried with their wives & their children caused that their fair daughters should stand forth & plead with the Lamanites that they would not slay them

¹⁴ & it came to pass that the Lamanites had compassion on them for they were charmed with the beauty of their women

¹⁵ therefore the Lamanites did spare their lives & took them captives
& carried them back to the land of Nephi & granted unto them
that they might possess the land under the condition^s
that they would deliver up the King Noah into the hands of the Lamanites
& deliver up their property
even one half of all they possessed
one half of their gold & their silver & all their precious things
& thus they should pay tribute to the King of the Lamanites from year to year

¹⁶ & now there was one of the Sons of the King
among those that was taken captive
whose name was Limhi

¹⁷ & now Limhi was desirous that his father should not be destroyed
nevertheless Limhi was not ignorant of the iniquities of his father
he himself being a just man

¹⁸ & it came to pass that Gideon sent men into the wilderness secretly
to search for the king & those that was with him
& it came to pass that they met the People in the wilderness
all save the king & his Priests

¹⁹ now they had sworn in their hearts
that they would return to the land of Nephi
& if their wives & their children were slain
& also those that had tarried with them
that they would seek revenge & also perish with them

²⁰ & the King commanded them that they should not return
& they were angry with the King
& caused that he should suffer even unto death by fire

²¹ & they were about to take the priests also to put them to death
& they fled before them

²² & it came to pass that
they were about to return to the land of Nephi
& they met the men of Gideon
& the men of Gideon told them
of all that had happened to their wives & their children
& that the Lamanites had granted unto them
that they might possess the land
by paying a tribute to the Lamanites of one half of all they possessed

²³ & the People told the men of Gideon that they had slain the King
& his priests had fled from them farther into the wilderness

²⁴ & it came to pass that after they had ended the ceremony
that they returned to the land of Nephi
rejoicing because their wives & their children were not destroyed
& they told Gideon what they had done to the king

²⁵& it came to pass that the king of the Lamanites made an oath unto them that his People should not slay them

²⁶& also Limhi being the Son of the king having the kingdom conferred upon him by the People made oath unto the king of the Lamanites that his people should pay tribute unto him even one half of all they possessed

²⁷& it came to pass that Limhi began to establish the kingdom & to establish peace among his people

²⁸& the king of the Lamanites set guards round about the land that he might keep the People of Limhi in the land that they might not depart into the wilderness & he did support his guards out of the tribute which he did receive from the Nephites

²⁹& now king Limhi did have continual peace in his kingdom for the space of two years that the Lamanites did not molest them nor seek to destroy them