

Mosiah 20

¹now there was a place in Shemlon
where the daughters of the Lamanites did gather themselves together
for to sing & to dance & to make themselves merry

²& it came to pass that there was one day
a small number of them gathered together for to sing & to dance

³& now the priests of king ~~Noah~~ Noah being ashamed to return to the City of Nephi
yea & also fearing that the people would slay them
therefore they durst not return to their wives & their children

⁴& having tarried in the wilderness
& having discovered the daughters of the Lamanites
they laid & watched them

⁵& when there ware but few of them gathered together to dance
they came forth out of their secret places
& took them & carried them into the wilderness
yea twenty & four of the daughters of the Lamanites
they carried into the wilderness

⁶& it came to pass that when the Lamanites found
that their daughters had been missing
they were angry with the People of Limhi
for they thought it was the people of Limhi

⁷therefore they sent their armies forth
yea even the king himself went before his People
& they went up to the land of N^ephi to destroy the People of Limhi

⁸& now Limhi had discovered them from the tower
even all their preperations for war did he discover
therefore he gathered his people together
& laid wait for them in the fields & in the forests

⁹& it came to pass that when the Lamanites had come up
that the people of Limhi began to fall upon them from their waiting places
& began to slay them

¹⁰& it came to pass that the battle became exceding sore
for they faught like lions for their prey

¹¹& it came to pass that
the people of Limhi began to drive the Lamanites before them
yet they were not half so numerous as the Lamanites
but they faught for their lives & for their wives & for their children
therefore they exerted themselves & like dragons did they fight

¹²& it came to pass that they found the King of the Lamanites
among the number of their dead
yet he was not dead
having been wounded & left upon the ground
so speedy was the flight of his People

¹³& they took him & bound up his wounds
& brought him before Limhi & said
behold here is the king of the Lamanites
he having received a wound hath fallen among their dead
& they have left him
& behold we have brought him before you
& now let us slay him
¹⁴but Limhi saith unto them
ye shall not llay him but bring him hither that I may see him
& they brought him & Limhi saith unto him
what cause have ye to ~~com~~ come up to war against my people
behold my people have not broken the oath that I made unto you
therefore why should ye break the oath which ye made unto my people
¹⁵& now the king said
I have broken the oath
because thy people did carry away the daughters of my people
therefore in my anger I did cause my people
to come up to war against ^{thy}~~my~~ people
¹⁶now Limhi had ~~no~~ heard nothing concerning this matter
therefore he saith
I will search among my people
& whosoever hath done this thing shall perish
therefore he caused a search to be made among his people

¹⁷now when Gideon had heard these things
he being the kings Captain
he went forth & said unto the king
I pray thee forbear & do not search this people
& lay not this thing to their charge
¹⁸for do ye not remember the priests of thy father
which this people sought to destroy
& are they not in the wilderness
& is it not they which have stolen the daughters of the Lamanites
¹⁹& now behold & tell the king of these things
that he may tell his people that they may be ~~pursu~~^{passified}~~aded~~ towards us
for behold they are allready preparing to come against us
& behold also there are but few of us
²⁰& behold they come with their numerous hosts
& except the king doth pacify them towards us we must perish
²¹for are not the words of Abinadi fulfilled which he prophesied against us
& all this because we would not hearken unto the word of the Lord
& turn from our iniquities

²²& now let us pacify the king
& we fulfil the oath which we have made unto him
for it is better that we should be in bondage
then that we should loose our lives
therefore let us put a stop to
~~so much~~^{the} shedding of ^{so much} blood

²³& now Limhi told the king all the things
concerning his father & the priests that had fled into the wilderness
& ~~attrib~~ attributed the carrying away of their daughters to them

²⁴& it came to pass that the king was pacified towards his people
& he said unto them

let us go forth to meet my people without arms
& I swear unto you with an oath
that my people shall not slay ~~my~~ thy people

²⁵& it came to pass that they followed the king
& went forth without arm^s to meet the Lamanites
& it came to pass that they did meet the Lamanites
& the king of the Lamanites did bow himself down before them
& did plead in behalf of the people of Limhi

²⁶& when the Lamanites saw the people of Limhi
that they were without arms
that they had compassion on them & were pacified towards them
& returned with their king in peace to their own land