

Mosiah 24

¹& it came to pass that Amulon did gain favour
in the eyes of the king of the Lamanites
therefore the king of the Lamanites granted unto him & his brethren
that they should be appointed teachers over his people
yea even over the people
which was in the land of Shemlon & the land of Shilom
& in the land of Amulon
²for the Lamanites had taken possession of all these lands
therefore the king of the Lamanites had appointed kings over all these lands

³& now the name of the king of the Lamanites was Laman
being called after the name of his father
& therefore he was called king Laman
& he was king over a numerous people
⁴& he appointed teachers of the brethren of Amulon
in every land which was possessed by his people
& thus the language of Nephi began to be taught
among all the people of the Lamanites
⁵& they were a people friendly one with another
nevertheless they knew not God
neither did the brethren of Amulon teach them any thing
concerning the Lord their God
neither the law of Moses
nor did they teach them the words of Abinadi
⁶but they taught them that they should keep their record
& that they might write one to another
⁷& thus the Lamanites began to increase in riches
& began to trade one with an other & wax great
& began to be a cunning & a wise people as to the wisdom of the world
yea a very cunning people
delighting in all ~~man~~^{manner}ner of wickedness & plunder
except it were among their own brethren

⁸& now it came to pass that
Amulon began to exercise authority over Alma & his brethren
& began to persecute him
& cause that his children should persecute their children
⁹for Amulon knew Alma
that he had been one of the kings priests
& that it was he that believed the words of Abinadi
& was driven out before the king
& therefore he was wroth with him
for he was subject to king Laman
yet he exercised authority over them
& put tasks upon them & put taskmasters over them

¹⁰& it came to pass that so great was their afflictions
that they began to cry mightily to God
¹¹& it came to pass that Amulon commanded them
that they should stop their cries
& put guards over them ~~th~~^{to}~~at~~ watch them
that whosoever should be found calling upon God should be put to death

¹²& it came to pass that
Alma & his people did not raise their voices to the Lord their God
but did pour out their hearts to him
& he did know the thoughts of their hearts

¹³& it came to pass that
the voice of the Lord came to them in their afflictions saying
lift up your heads & be of good comfort
for I know of the covenant which ye have made unto me
& I will covenant with this my people & deliver them out of bondage
¹⁴& I will also ease the~~r~~ burdens which is put upon your shoulders
that even you cannot feel them upon your backs
even while you are in bondage
& this will I do that ye may stand as witnesses for me hereafter
& that ye may know of a surety
that I the Lord God do visit ^{my}~~m~~ people in their afflictions

¹⁵& now it came to pass that
the burdens which was laid upon Alma & his brethren were made light
yea the Lord did strengthen them
that they could bear up their burdens with ease
& they did submit c~~o~~oerfully & with patience to all the will of the Lord

¹⁶& it came to pass that so great was their faith & their patience
that the voice of the Lord came unto them again saying
be of good comfort
for on the morrow I will deliver thee out of bondage

¹⁷& he saith unto Alma
thou shalt go before this people
& I will go with thee & deliver this people out of bondage

¹⁸now it came to pass that
Alma & his people in the night time gathered their flocks together
& also of their grain
yea even all the night time were they gathering their flocks together

¹⁹& in the morning the Lord caused a deep sleep to come upon the Lamanites
yea & all their task~~o~~masters were in a profound sleep

²⁰& it came to pass that Alma & his people departed into the wilderness
& when they had traveled all day they pitched their tents in a vally
& they called the name of the vally Alma
because he lead their way in the wilderness

²¹yea & in the vally of Alma they poured out their thanks to God
because he had been merciful unto them
& eased their burdens & had delivered them out of bondage
for they were in bondage & none could deliver them
except it were the Lord their God

²²& they gave thanks to God
yea all their men & all their women & all their children that could speak
lifted their voices in the praises of their God

²³& now the Lord said unto Alma
haste thee & get thou & this people out of this land
for the Lamanites have awoke & doth pursue thee
therefore get thee out of this land
& I will stop the Lamanites in this vally
that they come no further in pursuit of this people

²⁴& it came to pass that they departed out of the vally
& took their journey into the wilderness

²⁵& it came to pass that after they had been in the wilderness twelve days
they arived to the land of Zarahemla
& king Mosiah did also receive them with joy