

Mosiah 7

Chapter

¹And now it came to pass that
after King Mosiah had had continual peace for the space of three years
he was desireous to know concerning the People
which went up to dwell in the land of LehiNephi or in the city of LehiNephi
for his People had heard nothing from them
from the time they left the land of Zarahemla
therefore they ^{wearied}wearyied him with their teasings

²& it came to pass that King Mosiah granted
that sixteen of their strong men might go up to the land of LehiNephi
to enquire concerning their Brethren

³& it came to pass that on the morrow they started to go up
haveing with them one Ammon
he being a strong & mighty man & a decendant of Zarahemla
& he was also their leader

⁴& now they knew not the cours they should travel in the wilderness
to go up to the land of LehiNephi
therefore they wandered many days in the wilderness
even forty days did they wander

⁵& when they had wandered forty days
they came to a hill which is North of the land of Shilom
& their they pitched their tents

⁶& Ammon took three of his Brethren
& their names were Amaleki Helem & Hem
& they went down into the land of Nephi

⁷& behold they met the king of the People
which was in the land of Nephi & in the land of Shilom
& they were surrounded by the kings guard
& was taken & was bound & was committed to prison

⁸& it came to pass when they had been in prison two days
they were again brought before the king
& their ~~ba~~ bands were loosed
& they stood before the king
& was permitted or rather commanded
that they should answer the questions which he should ask them

⁹& he sayeth unto them
behold I am Limhi the Son of Noah which was the Son of Zeniff
which came up out of the land of Zarahemla
to inherit this land which was the land of their fathers
which was made a king by the voice of the People

¹⁰& now I desire to know the cause whereby ye were so bold
as to come near the walls of the city
when I myself was with my guards without the gate

¹¹& now for this cause have I suffered that ye should be preserved
that I might enquire of you
or else I should have caused that my guards should have put you to death
ye are permitted to speak

¹²& now when Ammon saw that he was permitted to speak
he went forth & bowed himself before the king
& rising again he said
O king I am verily thankful before God this day
that I am yet alive & am permitted to speak
& I will endeavor to speak with boldness
¹³for I am assured that if ye had known me
ye would not have suffered that I should have worn these bands
for I am Ammon & am a descendant of Zarahemla
& have come up out of the land of Zarahemla
to enquire concerning our Brethren whom Zeniff brought up out of that land

¹⁴& now it came to pass that
after Limhi had heard the words of Ammon
he was exceedingly glad & said
now I know of a surety
that my Brethren which was in the land of Zarahemla are yet alive
& now I will rejoice
& on the morrow I will cause that my People shall rejoice also
¹⁵for behold we are in bondage to the Lamanites
& are taxed with a tax which is grievous to be borne
& now behold our Brethren will deliver us out of our bondage
or out of the hands of the Lamanites
& we will be their slaves
for it is better that we be slaves to the Nephites
than to pay tribute to the king of the Lamanites

¹⁶& now King Limhi commanded his guards
that they should no more bind Ammon nor his Brethren
but caused that they should go to the hill which was North of ~~the~~ Shilom
& bring their Brethren into the city
that thereby they might eat & drink
& rest themselves from the labours of their journey
for they had suffered many things
they had suffered hunger thirst & fatigue

¹⁷& now it came to pass on the morrow
that King Limhi sent a proclamation among all his People
that thereby they might gather themselves together to the temple
to hear the words which he should speak unto them

¹⁸& it came to pass that when they had gathered themselves together that he spake unto them in this wise saying
O^{ye} my People lift up your heads & be comforted
for behold the time is at hand or is not far distant
when we shall no longer be in subjection to our enemies
notwithstanding our many ~~str~~^{struglings}~~uggl~~ which have been in vain
yet I trust there remaineth an effectual struggle to be made

¹⁹therefore lift up your heads & rejoice & put your trust in God
in that God who was the God of Abraham & Isaac & Jacob
& also that God who brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt
& caused that they should walk through the red Sea on dry ground
& fed them with Manna that they might not perish in the wilderness
& many more things did he do for them

²⁰& again that same God hath brought our fathers out of the land of Jerusalem
& hath kept & preserved his People even untill now
& behold it is because of our iniquities & abominations
that he has brought us into bondagee

²¹& ye all are witnesses this day
that Zenith who was made king over this People
he being over zealous to inherit the land of his fathers
therefore being deceived by the cunning & craftiness of King Laman
who having entered into a treaty with King Zeniff
& haveing yielded up into his hands the possessions of a part of the land
or even the city of LehiNephi & the city of Shilom & the land round about

²²& all this he done for the sole purpose
of bringing this People into subjection or into bondage
& behold we at this time do pay tribute to the king of the Lamanites
to the amount of one half of our corn & our barley
& even all our grain of every kind
& one half of the increase of our flocks & our herds
& even one half of all we have or possess
the king of the Lamanites doth exact of us or our lives

²³& now is not this grievous to be bourn
is not this our afflictions great

now behold how great reason have we to Mourn

²⁴yea I say unto you
great are the reasons which we have to mourn
for behold how mang of our Brethren have been slain
& their blood hath been spilt in vain
& ~~all~~ all because of iniquity

²⁵for if this People had not fallen into transgression
the Lord would not have suffered that this great evil should come upon them
but behold they would not hearken unto his words
but there arose contentions among them
even so much that they did shed blood among themselves

²⁶& a Prophet of the Lord have they slain
yea a chosen man of God who told them of their wickedness & abominations
& prophesied of many things which is to come
yea even the coming of Christ
²⁷& because he sayeth unto them that Christ was the God the Father of all things
& sayeth that he should take upon him the image of man
& it should be the image after which man was created in the beginning
or in other words he said that man was created after the image of God
& that God should come down among the children of men
& take upon him flesh & blood
& go forth upon the face of the earth
²⁸& now because he said this they did put him to death
& many more things did they do
which brought down the wrath of God upon them

therefore who wondereth that they are in bondage
& that they are smitten with sore afflictions
²⁹for behold the Lord hath said
I will not succor my People in the day of their transgression
but I will hedge up their ways that they prosper not
& their doings shall be as a stumbling block before them
³⁰& again he sayeth
if my People shall sow filthiness
they shall reap the chaff thereof in the whirl wind
& the effects thereof is poison
³¹& again he sayeth
if my People shall sow filthiness
they shall reap the east wind which bringeth immediate destruction

³²& now behold the promise of the Lord is fulfilled
& ye are smitten & afflicted
³³but if ye will turn to the Lord with full purpose of heart
& put your trust in him & serve him with all diligence of mind
& if ye do this
he will according to his own ^{will} ~~word~~ & pleasure deliver you out of bondage