

Mosiah 22

Chapter

¹And now it came to pass that
Ammon & king Limhi began to consult with the people
how they should deliver themselves out of bondage
& even they did cause
that all the people should gather themselves together
& this they did that they might have the voice of the people concerning the matter

²& it came to pass that they could find no way
to deliver themselves out of bondage
except it were to take their women & ~~o~~ children
& their flocks & their herds & their tents
& depart into the wilderness
for the Lamanites being so numerous
that it was impossible for the people of Limhi to contend with them
thinking to deliver themselves out of bondage by the sword

³now it came to pass that
Gideon went forth & stood before the king & said unto him
now O king thou hast hitherto hearkened unto my words many times
when we have been contending with ~~our~~ our brethren the Lamanites
⁴& now O king if thou hast not found me to be an unprofitable servant
or if thou hast hitherto listened to my word in any degree
& they have been of service to thee
even so I desire that thou wouldst listen to my words at this time
& I will be thy servant & deliver this people out of bondage

⁵& the king granted unto him that he ~~m~~ might ~~o~~ speak
& Gideon saith unto him

⁶behold the back pass through ~~o~~ the back wall on the back side of the city
the Lamanites or the guards of the Lamanites by night are drunken
therefore let us send a proclamation among all this people
that they gather together their flocks & herds
that they may drive them into the wilderness by night

⁷& I will go according to thy command
& pay the last tribute of wine to the ~~Lam~~ Lamanites
& they will be drunken
& we will pass through ~~o~~ the secret pass on the left of their camp
when they are drunken & asleep

⁸& ~~e~~ thus we will depart
with our women & our children our flocks & our herds
into the wilderness
& we will travel around the land of Shilom

⁹& it came to pass that the king hearkened unto the words of Gideon
¹⁰& it came to pass that King Limhi caused
that his people should gather their flocks together
& he sent the tribute of wine to the Lamanites
& he also sent more wine as a present unto them
& they did drink freely of the wine which king Limhi did send unto them
¹¹& it came to pass that the people of king Limhi did depart by night
into the wilderness with their flocks & their herds
& they went round about the land of Shilom in the wilderness
& bent their course towards the land of Zarahemla
being led by Ammon & his brethren
¹²& they had taken all their gold & silver
& their precious things which they could carry
& also their provisions
with them unto the wilderness
& they pursued their journey
¹³& after being many days in the wilderness
they arrived in the land of Zarahemla
& joined his people & became his subjects
¹⁴& it came to pass that Mosiah received them with joy
& he also received their records & also the records
which had been found by the People of Limhi

¹⁵& now it came to pass when the Lamanites had found
that the people of Limhi had departed out of the land by ~~night~~^{night}
that they sent an army into the wilderness to pursue them

¹⁶& after they had pursued them two days
they could no longer follow their tracks
therefore they were lost in the wilderness