

Mosiah 25

¹& now king Mosiah caused that all the people should be gathered together

²now there were not so many of the children of Nephi

or so many of those which were descendants of Nephi

as there were of the people of Zarahemla

which was a descendant of Muloch

& those which came with him into the wilderness

³& there were not so many

of the people of Nephi & of the people of Zarahemla

as there was of the Lamanites

yea they were not half so numerous

⁴& now all the people of Nephi was assembled together

& also all the people of Zarahemla

& they were gathered together in two bodies

⁵& it came to pass that Mosiah did read

& caused to be read the records of Zeniff to his people

yea he read the records of the people of Zeniff

from the time they left the land of Zarahemla until the time they returned again

⁶& he also read the account of Alma & his brethren & all their afflictions

from the time they left the land of Zarahemla until the time they returned again

⁷& now when Mosiah had made an end of reading the records

his people which tarried in the land were struck with wonder & amazement

⁸for they knew not what to think

for when they beheld those that had been delivered out of bondage

they were filled with exceeding great joy

⁹& again when they thought of their brethren

which had been slain by the Lamanites

they were filled with sorrow & even shed many tears of sorrow

¹⁰& again when they thought of the immediate goodness of God

& his power in delivering Alma & his brethren

out of the hands of the Lamanites & of bondage

they did raise their voices & gave thanks to God

¹¹& again when they thought upon the Lamanites

which was their brethren

of their sinful & polluted state

they were filled with pain & anguish for the welfare of their Souls

¹²& it came to pass that

when those which were the children of Amulon & his brethren

which had taken to wife the daughters of the Lamanites

they were displeased with the conduct of their fathers

& they would no longer be called by the names of their fathers

therefore they took upon themselves the name of Nephi

that they might be called the children of Nephi

& be numbered among those which were called Nephites

¹³& now all the people of Zarahemla were numbered with the Nephites
& this because the kingdom had been conferred upon none
but those which were descendants of Nephi

¹⁴& now it came to pass that
when Mosiah had an ^{made} end of speaking and reading to the people
he desired that Alma should also speak to the people

¹⁵and it came to pass that Alma did speak unto them
when they were assembled together in large bodies
and he went from one body to another
preaching unto the people repentance and faith on the Lord

¹⁶and he did exhort the people of Limhi and his brethren
all those that had been delivered out of bondage
that should remember that it was the Lord that did deliver them

¹⁷and it came to pass that
after Alma had taught the people many things
and had made an end of speaking to them
that King Limhi was desirous that he might be baptised
and all his people were desirous that they might be baptised also
¹⁸before therefore Alma did go forth into the water and did baptise them,
yea he did baptise them
after the manner he did his brethren in the waters of Mormon
yea and as many as he did baptise did belong to the church of God
and this because of their belief on the words of Alma

¹⁹and it came to pass that King Mosiah granted unto Alma
that he might establish churches through out all the land of Zarahemla
and gave him power to ordain priests and teachers over every church,

²⁰now this was done because there was so many people
that they could not be all governed by one teacher
neither could they all hear the word of God in one assembly

²¹therefore they did assemble themselves together in different bodies
being called churches,

every church having their priests and their teachers
and every priest preaching the word
according as it was delivered to him by the mouth of Alma

²²and thus notwithstanding there being many churches
they all one church

yea even the church of God,
for there was nothing preached in all the churches ~~in the land of Zarahemla~~ - es
except it were repentance and faith in God,

²³and now there was Seven churches in the land of Zarahemla,
and it came to pass that

whosoever was desirous to take upon them the name of Christ or of God
they did join the churches of God

²⁴and they were called the people of God
and the Lord did pour out his spirit upon them
and they were blessed and prospered in the land,