



Book of Mormon Summary - Mosiah



Ch1 - King Benjamin and People in Land of Zarahemla

- Land of Zarahemla filled with Nephites, Mulekites, etc. but all called Nephites
- Peace time in Land of Zarahemla
- Highly Favored people of the Lord
- King Benjamin Makes Mosiah King Over People
- King Benjamin passes on Plates of Brass, Liahona, Sword of Laban & Urim & Thummim to Mosiah

Ch2 - King Benjamin Gathers People to Speak to Them

- King Benjamin gathers great number of people to hear his words
- People offer sacrifices
- People erected tower so people could hear King from tower
- Wrote words that he spoke so everyone could receive them
- King Benjamin speaks about service & following his example
 - We are "Unprofitable Servants"
 - Obey commands → prosper in land
 - **Ch3** - King B saw an angel that taught him
 - "Lord will come in the flesh"
 - "Put off Natural Man"
 - "Become as a child...willing to submit to his father"
 - "Little children are blameless"
 - "My words will stand as a witness against you at last day"
 - **Ch4** - Crowd cried for mercy & forgiveness
 - "Are we not all beggars?"
 - "We are 'dust of the earth'"
 - **Ch5** - "Be ye steadfast & immovable"
 - "Remember & perish not"
- People converted to the Lord - hearts changed
- Took upon His name

Ch6 - People Enter into Covenant & King Benjamin Dies

- Everyone except children entered into a covenant to keep commandments
- Names of those that made covenant recorded
- Kingdom passed to Mosiah
- King Benjamin dies 3 years later
- Mosiah reigns for 3 years / no contention

Ch7 - Mosiah Sends Ammon to Find People in Lehi-Nephi

- Mosiah sends 16 Strong men and Ammon (Mulekite - Descendent of Zarahemla) to find out what happened to Zeniff and his people that went to find Land of Lehi-Nephi
- 40 Days in wilderness looking for Land
- Finds land of Nephi & Shilom
- Caught by King Limhi and Guards
- Put in Prison for 2 days

- Brought before King Limhi to answer questions
- Limhi, son of Noah, son of Zeniff came out of Zarahemla to inherit land of Lehi-Nephi
- Ammon told Limhi he's from Zarahemla & came to find them
- Limhi rejoices & causes people to rejoice
- Limhi tells Ammon they are in bondage to the Lamanites and are taxed grievously 50% of all they have
- Desires to be slaves to the Nephites instead of paying tribute to the Lamanites
- Next day gathered people & Limhi speaks to them -
 - The day has come to be freed from the Lamanites
 - We were brought into bondage because of our iniquities
 - King Laman has put us in bondage and slain our people
 - Recounts Abinadi & how Noah & people slew him
 - If we will repent we will be delivered

Ch8 - Ammon Teaches People of Limhi & Talks of a "Seer"

- Limhi let's Ammon teach the people
 - Gives history
 - Recounts King Benjamin's teachings
- Limhi brings Jaredite records to Ammon to read
- Asks if he can translate
- Recounts finding of 24 gold plates (Jaredites) while trying to find way back to Zarahemla
- Describes the desolation of bones they found in land
- Land populated by people with a number as the host of Israel
- Also found breastplates & swords
- Need someone to translate the records - want to know what happened
- Ammon explains a "Seer" (Mosiah)
- "Seer is greater than a prophet"
- "No greater gift, shorter than the power of God, which no man can possess"
- "Seer knows past & future"
- "Reveals things that could not be known otherwise"
- Mosiah is the Seer

Ch9 - Ch22 → Record of Zeniff & People

- Zeniff & group leave Zarahemla to go inherit land of Lehi-Nephi
- Initially he went as a spy, but saw good side of Lamanites and decided he wanted to make treaty
- His people disagreed and wanted to kill King Laman & war
- Zeniff & his people fought and had a bloody battle
- Returned to Zarahemla to recount events
- Went back to land of Lehi-Nephi and made agreement with King Laman to inherit the land of Lehi-Nephi
- They took over land and multiplied and improved it
- King Laman was crafty and let them grow for 12 years
- King Laman fearful of them getting too strong and stirred up Lamanites against them

- Lamanites began to attack them and take from them
- Zeniff prepared people for battle and fights with God on his side
 - 3,043 Lamanites slain
 - Drove them out
 - 279 Nephites slain

Ch10 - 22 Years Peace - Zeniff Dies & Passes Kingdom to Noah

- Peace in land / prosper for 22 years
- King Laman dies - His son takes over and stirs up his people against them
- Lamanites came upon land of Shilom with shaved heads
- Nephite women/children hide in wilderness while men fight
- Lamanites motivated by what they were taught - that Laman was wronged by Nephi after leaving Jerusalem & crossing the sea
- Lamanite children taught to hate the Nephites & rob them
- Zeniff and Nephites won again and continued to till the ground and prosper
- Zeniff passes kingdom onto his son Noah & dies

Ch11 - Noah's Wicked Reign as King

- Noah lives wickedly and has many wives & concubines
- Caused his people to sin
- Taxed people 1/5th to support him and his Priests and their wives/concubines
- People labored to support them and became idol worshippers
- Noah built palace with fine workmanship
- Built tower near temple to overlook land toward Lamanites
- Land of Shilom had been a resort for Nephites
- Priests had harlots and were wine bibbers
- Lamanites began again to come in and slay Nephites and drive their flocks away
- Noah's army drove Lamanites back and were prideful and boasted of their strength
- The people delighted in shedding the blood of the Lamanites
- Abinadi told by the Lord to preach repentance to Nephites
- If they would not repent they will be in bondage
- Noah sought to have Abinadi killed

Ch12 - Abinadi Teaches Against King Noah's Wickedness

- Abinadi (after 2 years) comes in disguised to preach to the people
- Prophecies they will be brought into bondage & devoured
- Noah will be burned and people smitten
- Their iniquity causes pestilence, burdens, insects
- People take Abinadi bound to King Noah and told him of his words
- Abinadi put in prison while King Noah counsels with Priests
- Abinadi brought before Noah & Priests so they can question him

Ch13 - Abinadi Delivers Message to Noah & Priests

- Abinadi confounds Noah & Priests

- They want to slay him but he says "Touch Me Not" and delivers message
- His face shined and he spoke with power & authority
- Preached to them about their iniquities
- Taught about the law of Moses & coming of Christ

Ch14-16 Abinadi Continues Preaching

Ch17 - Alma Believes Abinadi and is Cast Out

- Alma believes Abinadi
- Alma pleads with Noah to let him go
- Alma is cast out and flees and writes the words of Abinadi
- Abinadi condemned to death and commanded to recant words
- He prophesies that what they do to him will be a type of what's to come
- Noah fears and wants to release him but Priests push him
- Abinadi burned to death and prophesies "Ye shall suffer like punishment"

Ch18 - Alma Repents and Begins to Preach & Baptize in Mormon

- Alma repents
- Goes privately to people and teaches words of Abinadi
- Many believe him and follow him
- Alma gathers believers in Mormon in borders of Land
- Alma baptizes Helam and others in waters of Mormon
- People covenant to "Mourn with those that mourn and comfort those that stand in need of comfort"
- 204 believers baptized
- Church of God established
- Alma had authority of God and taught nothing but repentance and faith from scriptures
- He ordained priests to serve
- They lived like united order
- King Noah discovers movement and sends army to destroy them
- People of God departed into the wilderness (450 people)

Ch19 - Noah's People are Divided and Limhi Becomes King

- Noah's people are divided and fight one with another
- Gideon fought with Noah and would destroy him
- Noah sees Lamanites coming to attack & Gideon spares him
- Many Nephites flee into wilderness including Noah & Priests
- Those who stayed put forth their daughters to calm Lamanites
- Lamanites stopped and took them
- Lamanites allow Nephites to stay but took 50% of all they produce
- Limhi, son of Noah, becomes King
- Nephites sent out to find King Noah & Gideon
- Some of them find Noah and burn him to death
- Limhi establishes peace and they live peaceably for 2 years

Ch20 - Lamanite Daughters Taken by Priests so Lamanites Attack

- 24 Daughters of Lamanites taken by Priests of Noah in wilderness

- King of Lamanites thought it was Nephites & begins attack
- Limhi's people see Lamanites coming and prepare to battle
- Not ½ as many Nephites as Lamanites, but they fought like dragons to protect their families
- Nephites capture King Laman injured
- Limhi questions him as to why he broke his oath of peace and attacked
- Laman indicates his anger from Nephites stealing daughters of Lamanites
- Limhi orders search of Nephites to find Lamanite daughters
- Gideon convinces Limhi that they did not do it, but it's Noah's Priests
- Limhi tells King Laman and he is pacified
- Lamanites about to attack again
- King Laman and Limhi's people meet them unarmed and Laman stops attack

Ch21 - Lamanites Persecute Nephites - Lord Softens Their Hearts

- After some time Lamanites again begin to afflict & persecute Nephites
- Nephites complain to Limhi
- Nephites try 3 times to fight but are beaten
- They humble themselves and pray for help
- Lord is slow to hear them because of iniquity
- Then the Lord comes to their aid and softens the hearts of the Lamanites
- Nephites begin to prosper again
- Peace again between Nephites & Lamanites
- Ammon & others find land of Lehi-Nephi and are captured by Limhi's guards
- Limhi tells Ammon of band of people finding land of Jaredites and records
- They thought it was land of Zarahemla destroyed
- Brought records back and wanted to learn what happened to them
- Limhi's people wanted to be baptized by Ammon, but he did not consider himself worthy
- Focused on how to deliver Nephites out of Lamanite hands

Ch22 - Nephites Escape From Lamanites

- Nephites gather to figure out way to escape
- Lamanites too numerous to fight
- Gideon presents idea of escape by getting guards drunk
- Nephites escape by night and make it back to Zarahemla

Ch23 - Account of Alma and His People in Wilderness

- Alma warned of the Lord to flee from King Noah
- They found a secret land and settled there
- The people wanted Alma to be King - he declined
- Taught them to trust no minister or teacher among them unless he walks with God

- Alma and his people prospered - called the land Helam
- Lamanites came to borders of Helam
- Alma surrendered and Lamanites took possession of Helam
- Amulon (Priest of Noah who took daughters of Lamanites) at Helam
- Lamanites made deal with Alma to show them the way back to land of Nephi and they would release them
- Lamanites broke their promise

Ch24 - Alma & People Escape Helam & Return to Zarahemla

- Amulon gained favor of the Lamanites & began to persecute Alma
- Amulon prevented Alma & others from praying
- Lord promised Alma they would be delivered
- Alma & people's burdens made light
- They were blessed with patience and cheerfulness
- Lord told Alma to lead them out of city
- Lamanites in "profound sleep" - Alma leads people out
- Alma arrives at Zarahemla - Mosiah receives them with joy

Ch25 - Records of Zeniff & Alma - People Establish Church

- More decedents of Mulek than Nephites in Zarahemla
- More Lamanites than Mulekites
- Mosiah reads all the records of Zeniff and Alma
- Alma preaches to people of Zarahemla
- He baptizes Limhi and his people
- They establish the Church among them - 7 Churches in Zarahemla
- They are blessed and prosper

Ch26 - Rising Generation Turns Wicked

- Children at time of King Benjamin's "covenant" (too small to remember) turn wicked
- They did not know or believe the Church
- Brought before Mosiah to be judged
- Mosiah didn't want to judge them - told Alma to do it
- Alma's calling & election made sure
- Alma sent forth to preach to the people - received revelation from God
- Alma becomes judge of the people
- Excommunicates unrepentant people

Ch27 - Alma Jr. and Sons of Mosiah Persecute - Then Converted

- Unbelievers begin to persecute the Church
- Mosiah makes proclamation to NOT persecute anyone
- Please grow & spread rapidly
- Alma the younger and Sons of Mosiah are unbelievers and persecute Church
- They lead many people astray
- Angel appears to Alma & Sons of Mosiah
- Alma told to remember the captivity of his fathers in Helam & Nephi
- Alma is astonished, struck dumb and couldn't move hands

- Alma the Elder rejoiced & called people to assemble
- Priest joined in fast for Alma - 2 days
- Alma gains strength and is born of the Spirit
- He immediately begins to preach to the people
- Converted / changed heart
- Sons of Mosiah (Ammon, Aaron, Omner, Himnon) confess publicly of their sins
- They become missionaries for the Church

Ch28 - Sons of Mosiah 1st Missionary Trip to Land of Nephi

- Sons of Mosiah want to preach gospel to Lamanites in land of Nephi
- Mosiah prays and let's them go
- Mosiah translates gold plates of Jaredites by the Urim & Thummim
- Learned about Jaredite history
- Mosiah passes down all records, interpreters, etc. to Alma the Younger

Ch29 - Mosiah Institutes the Reign of the Judges - No King

- Mosiah asks people who they want for King
- They want Aaron - he wants to preach gospel & declines
- Mosiah proposes Judges instead of Kings to replace him
- They are righteous judges
- Mosiah teaches about Kings and how they MUST be righteous
- Kings will eventually be wicked
- "You cannot dethrone an iniquitous king without much bloodshed"
- Tells people to choose Judges
- Explains that the voice of the people usually sides with what's right (majority)
- If the time comes that the voice of the people choose iniquity they will be ripe for destruction
- They do business by the voice of the people
- Lower Judges & Higher Judges Court
- Called the "Land of Liberty"
- People LOVED Mosiah - He was a great righteous King
- Alma was the 1st Chief Judge
- He was also the High Priest (conferred by his father)
- Alma dies @ age 63
- Reign of the Judges will go 509 since Jerusalem
- End of the Kings

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