

## Lesson 6: Mosiah 8-10

In Chapter 7 we learned that King Mosiah allowed a group of 16 men led by Ammon (same name as King Mosiah's son Ammon, but not the same person) to go in search of the group that had left Zarahemla many years before with Zeniff, who was zealous to get back the land of the Nephite's first inheritance. He finds King Limhi, son of Noah, and grandson of Zeniff.

### First Reading: Mosiah 8:1-21

1. A. King Limhi asks Ammon to report to his people all that has happened in Zarahemla in the years since they left. What is the one thing mentioned in the text, that Ammon reported?

B. Write a 3 or 4 point summary of King Benjamin's address to the people. (If you have to go back and skim Chps 2-5, go ahead.)

2. A. Why did Limhi send men to find Zarahemla? What did he hope to gain by this?

B. What actually happened to the 43 men that Limhi sent out to look for Zarahemla?

3. Because of King Limhi's curiosity about the 24 gold plates, he learns from Ammon what a "seer" is. How does Ammon define seer?

4. Note verse 18. How is the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints a "great benefit to his fellow beings"?

5. A. Note footnote 13b. What is another name for the interpreters?

B. Read in the Bible Dictionary about the above-mentioned thing. List two facts you have learned that are new to you.

**Second Reading:** Mosiah 9:1-19 Note: Mosiah chapters 9 through 22 are a flash back to the history of the people of Zeniff which covers approximately 80 years. Chapters 9 and 10 are in Zeniff's own words. The rest of the chapters are a condensation compiled by Mormon from different records that were kept.

6. Describe the conflict that caused the failure of the first attempt to plant a Nephite colony back in the land of Lehi-Nephi?

7. A. What do you think it meant that Zeniff described himself as "over-zealous to possess the land of our fathers."

B. How can we liken this to our own lives and learn from it?

8. A. What was the "deal" that the Nephite colony made with the locals, i.e., the Lamanites?

B. How many years did the Nephite colony have peace before the Lamanites began to make war against them?

9. To what does Zeniff credit his people's victory over the Lamanites in the first war?

**Third Reading:** Mosiah 10:1-22

10. How did King Zeniff prepare for the future to keep his people safe?

11. The king sent spies so that he would know the strategy of the enemy "that they might not come upon my people and destroy them." (Mosiah 10:7) What can we learn from this that would help us guard our families in the latter days?

12. When war eventually came after 22 years of peace, what enabled King Zeniff's people to be victorious?

13. Even active Mormons can "depend upon their own strength." How can we guard against this happening to us?

14. Name two grievances that Laman and Lemuel had against Nephi and passed on to their descendants, and how each of these were misinterpretations of the actual facts.

15. Do you think King Zeniff was a good or bad king? Defend your answer.

16. Is there any life-lesson from these three chapters that has particularly stood out to you during your study?