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Mosiah 29:13,16,18 What counsel did Mosiah give the people? Did he approve of kings? No / What two kings did Mosiah compare?
 Mosiah 29:21-23 What are consequences of wicked leaders Is it much different today?
 Mosiah 29:11 Good leader qualities (see also D&C 98:9-10) Mosiah suggested system of judges/Are these qualities pertinent today?
 Mosiah 29:12,14 What is foundation of laws for judgment? Upon what basis did Mosiah rule? (God's laws)
 Mosiah 29:24-29 How would Mosiah limit power of groups? Do all by voice of people / system of appeals against bad judges
 Mosiah 29:27 What happens if majority choose wickedness?..... Weakness of democracy / judgments of God, people will be destroyed

2- Alma the Younger serves as chief judge

Alma 1: 1-4 What had Nehor been teaching? Leaders be popular
 Alma 1: 5-6 What was the effect of Nehor's teaching? Leaders not work
 Alma 1: 7-8 How did Gideon respond to Nehor? Everyone is saved
 Alma 1:9-13 What two crimes was Nehor guilty of? Why appealing?
 Alma 1:15-16 Did Nehor's death end wickedness?..... Gideon withstood him actively, not passively
 Alma 1:19-22 What began to happen between peoples? Priestcrafts and murder (see footnote / 2 Nephi 26;29 for definition)
 Alma 1:26 What attitude did priests have for people? No, it continued to spread throughout the land
 Alma 1:27 How did church members treat needy? Persecution, even unto blows (v 24 = many excommunicated)
 Teacher not better than learners / is this important as we teach?
 Imparted of substance / how can this bring peace into our lives?

Relinquished desire for king / assembled in groups to choose judges / exceedingly rejoiced because of new liberty / wax strong in love for Mosiah / Alma the younger appointed 1st chief judge / righteous judgments & peace / Mosiah died 33 years late at age 63 / 509years after Lehi left J

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 Followers voted him to be their king
 Alma 2:16-19 Results of first battle Nephites vs Amlicites?..... 19,094 killed in first great battle
 Though fewer in number, Nephites defeated Lamanites and Amlicites / How?
 Alma 2:23-28 What happened after spies followed Amlicites? Amlicites joined with Lamanite army and were coming against Nephites
 Alma 3:4, 13-19 How did markings fulfill prophecy? Put red mark on foreheads set them apart from Nephites

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Alma 4:1-5 What resulted from Nephite afflictions?..... Not many days later another Lamanite army came against the Nephites and they were also driven back out of Zarahemla / Alma could not fight this one due to a wound / tens of thousands killed in one year
 Nephites humbled themselves and church grew / humility cycle
 Alma 4:1,5,6 How long until members turned wicked? 6th yr=peace with afflictions / 7th yr=many baptized / 8th yr=wax proud
 Alma 4:8-12 How did pride affect members & nonmembers?..... Contention among members / stumbling block for nonmembers Why?
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