

*Liberae sunt nostrae cogitationes.*<sup>1</sup>

# Literature 7

## A Mother Humbled<sup>2</sup>

and

## The Battle of Corbio



### Greece

Read “A Mother Humbled” You will find it on the *Mothers' Companion* flashdrive in Volume 3, Classics, “Legends of Greece and Rome” by G. H. Kupfer, no 16. This is the sad story of Niobe (Νιόβη). This gruesome and vengeful tale illustrates perfectly the character of the Classical deities. Their behaviour is more like that of demons than deities and there is a real reason for that!

### 2 Rome

Read “Cincinnatus” and “The Battle of Corbio.” You will find these stories on the *Mothers' Companion* flashdrive in Volume 4, “Stories from the History of Rome” nos. 7 and 8. This battle took place in 446BC. We know about the battle from the writing of the Roman historian, Livy (c.60BC-c.15AD).

#### Vocabulary

*disciplina, disciplinae* training, education, discipline

Bible example:

*timor Domini disciplina sapientiae* (Proverbs 15:33a)

Jerome here used *disciplina* for the word translated “instruction” in English. What case is *sapientiae*?

(answer on the next page)

*fabula, fabulae* story, tale

*et eris perditus in proverbium ac fabulam omnibus populis ad quos te introduxerit Dominus* (Deuteronomy 28:37)

The word is “byword” in English which means an example.

*praeda, praedae* plunder, booty, prey

*numquid tolletur a forte praeda aut quod captum fuerit a robusto salvum esse poterit?* (Isaiah 49:24)

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1 Our thoughts are free. Cicero.

2 Picture of the Weeping Rock Mount Sipylus: Carole Raddato - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/carolemage/18548112254/>

Answers:

Genitive, "instruction **of wisdom.**"