



**Come Follow Me 2020**  
**1 NEPHI 16-22**



wherefore there must needs be a place of <sup>a</sup>filthiness prepared for that which is filthy.

35 And there is a place prepared, yea, even that <sup>a</sup>awful <sup>b</sup>hell of which I have spoken, and the <sup>c</sup>devil is the preparator of it; wherefore the final state of the souls of men is to dwell in the kingdom of God, or to be cast out because of that <sup>d</sup>justice of which I have spoken.

36 Wherefore, the wicked are rejected from the righteous, and also from that <sup>a</sup>tree of life, whose fruit is most precious and most <sup>b</sup>desirable above all other fruits; yea, and it is the <sup>c</sup>greatest of all the <sup>d</sup>gifts of God. And thus I spake unto my brethren. Amen.

## CHAPTER 16

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Lehi's sons marry the daughters of*

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3 And now my brethren, if ye were righteous and were willing to hearken to the truth, and give heed unto it, that ye might <sup>a</sup>walk uprightly before God, then ye would not murmur because of the truth, and say: Thou speakest hard things against us.

4 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, did exhort my brethren, with all diligence, to keep the commandments of the Lord.

5 And it came to pass that they did <sup>a</sup>humble themselves before the Lord; insomuch that I had joy and great hopes of them, that they would walk in the paths of righteousness.

6 Now, all these things were said





Elder Neal A. Maxwell  
(1926–2004) of the Quorum  
of the Twelve Apostles

**“God is not only there in the mildest expressions of His presence, but also in those seemingly harsh expressions. For example, when truth ‘cutteth ... to the very center’ (1 Nephi 16:2), this may signal that spiritual surgery is underway, painfully severing pride from the soul”**

*(in Conference Report, Oct. 1987, 37; or Ensign, Nov. 1987, 31).*

AND now it came to pass that after I, Nephi, had made an end of speaking to my brethren, behold they said unto me: Thou hast declared unto us hard things, more than we are able to bear.

2 And it came to pass that I said unto them that I knew that I had spoken <sup>a</sup>hard things against the wicked, according to the truth; and the righteous have I justified, and testified that they should be lifted up at the last day; wherefore, the <sup>b</sup>guilty taketh the <sup>c</sup>truth to be hard, for it <sup>d</sup>cutteth them to the very center.

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and done as my father dwelt in a tent in the <sup>a</sup>valley which he called Lemuel.

7 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, took one of the <sup>a</sup>daughters of Ishmael to <sup>b</sup>wife; and also, my brethren took of the <sup>c</sup>daughters of Ishmael to wife; and also <sup>d</sup>Zoram took the eldest daughter of Ishmael to wife.

8 And thus my father had fulfilled all the <sup>a</sup>commandments of the Lord which had been given unto him. And also, I, Nephi, had been blessed of the Lord exceedingly.

9 And it came to pass that the voice of the Lord spake unto my father by night, and commanded him that on the morrow he should take his <sup>a</sup>journey into the wilderness.

10 And it came to pass that as my father arose in the morning, and

14 And it came to pass that we did take our bows and our arrows, and go forth into the wilderness to slay food for our families; and after we had slain food for our families we did return again to our families in the wilderness, to the place of Shazer. And we did go forth again in the wilderness, following the same direction, keeping in the most fertile parts of the wilderness, which were in the borders near the <sup>a</sup>Red Sea.

15 And it came to pass that we did travel for the space of many days, <sup>a</sup>slaying food by the way, with our bows and our arrows and our stones and our slings.

16 And we did follow the <sup>a</sup>directions of the ball, which led us in the more fertile parts of the wilderness.

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10 And it came to pass that as my father arose in the morning, and went forth to the tent door, to his great astonishment he beheld upon the ground a round <sup>a</sup>ball of curious workmanship; and it was of fine brass. And within the ball were two spindles; and the one <sup>b</sup>pointed the way whither we should go into the wilderness.

11 And it came to pass that we did gather together whatsoever things we should carry into the wilderness, and all the remainder of our provisions which the Lord had given unto us; and we did take <sup>a</sup>seed of every kind that we might carry into the wilderness.

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16 And we went in the <sup>a</sup>directions of the <sup>b</sup>spindles in the wilderness.

17 And we did not find any food for the space of many days; and we did hunger and thirst, and we did not find any water; and we did not find any way out of the wilderness.

18 And it came to pass that after we had journeyed in the wilderness for the space of many days, my brethren and I did come because of the want of food, for we did obtain no food.

19 And it came to pass that we did return without food to our families, and being much fatigued, because of their journeying, they did suffer much for the want of food.









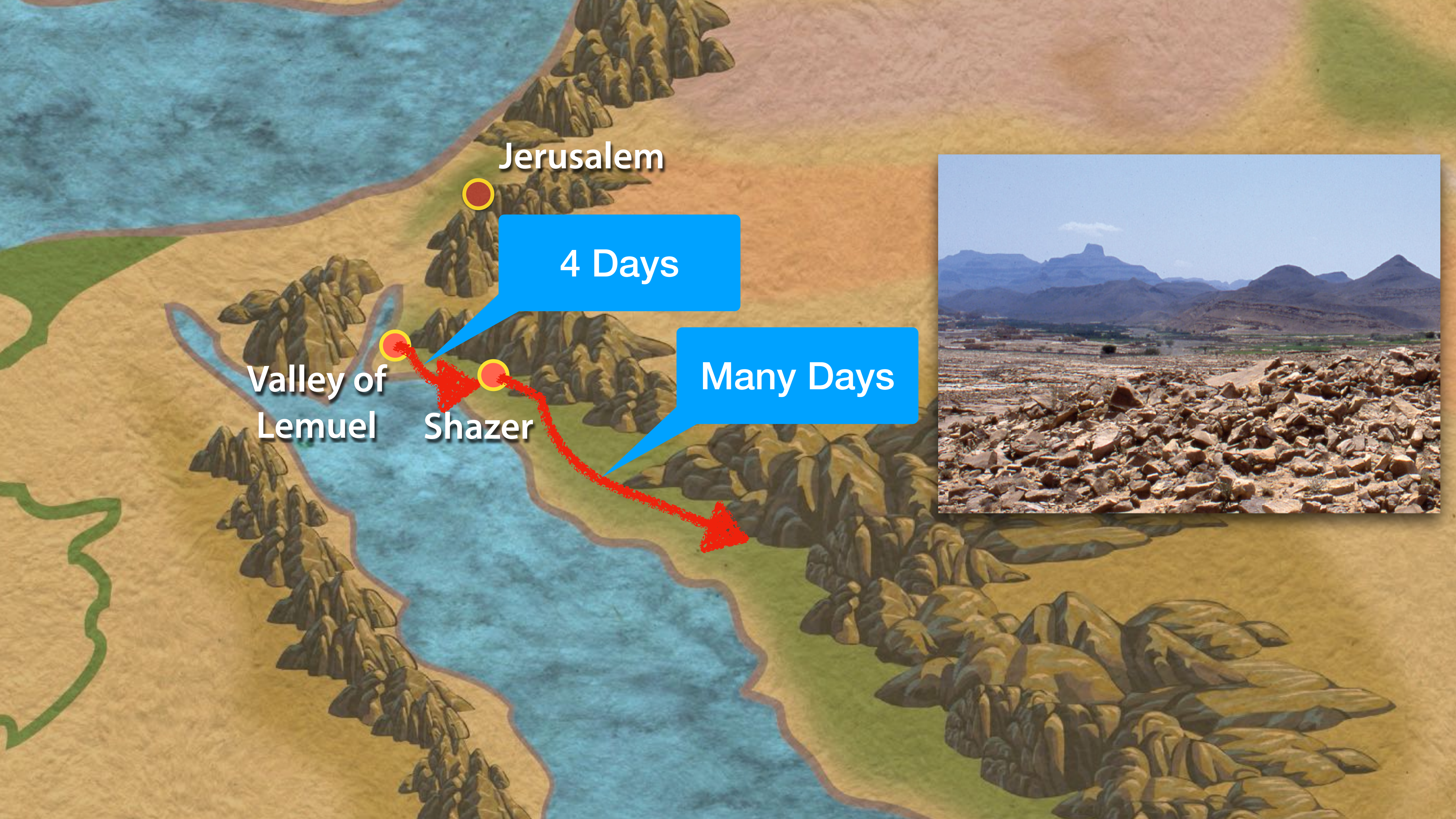


**“The Lord gave to ...every person, a conscience which tells him everytime he starts to go on the wrong path. He is always told if he is listening; but people can, of course, become so used to hearing the messages that they ignore them until finally they do not register anymore.**

**“You must realize that you have something like the compass, like the Liahona, in your own system. Every child is given it. ...If he ignores the Liahona that he has in his own makeup, he eventually may not have it whispering to him. Our ship will not get on the wrong course ...if we listen to the dictates of our own Liahona, which we call the conscience”**

*(in Conference Report, Oct. 1976, 117; or Ensign, Nov. 1976, 79).*





Jerusalem



4 Days

Valley of  
Lemuel



Shazer



Many Days





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*William J. Hamblin, "The Bow and Arrow in the Book of Mormon," Warfare in the  
Book of Mormon (1990)*



**“The overall question of the use of metals by Book of Mormon cultures is an important topic that deserves detailed attention [see John Sorenson, *An Ancient American Setting for the Book of Mormon* (1985), 277–88]. ... There are five explicit references to metal weapons and armor in the Book of Mormon. Two are references to Near East weapons: ‘the blade [of Laban’s sword] was of the most precious steel’ (1 Nephi 4:9), and Nephi’s bow was made of ‘fine steel’ (1 Nephi 16:18). The existence of steel (that is, carburized iron) weapons in the Near East in the early sixth century B.C. has been clearly demonstrated. Robert Maddin writes, ‘To sum up, by the beginning of the seventh century B.C. at the latest, the blacksmiths of the eastern Mediterranean had mastered two of the processes that make iron a useful material for tools and weapons: carburizing and quenching’ [“How the Iron Age Began,” *Scientific American*, Oct. 1977: 131]”**

*(William J. Hamblin and A. Brent Merrill, “Swords in the Book of Mormon,” in *Warfare in the Book of Mormon*, ed. Stephen D. Ricks and William J. Hamblin [1990], 345–46).*







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## Elder Marion D. Hanks

**“I count this one of the really significant lessons of life in the book, and, I repeat, the pages are full of them. A son who had strength enough, and humility enough, and manliness enough to go to his wavering superior and say, ‘You ask God, will you?’ because somehow he knew this is how you make men strong, that wise confidence in men builds them. Lehi asked God and God told him, and Lehi’s leadership was restored”** (*Steps to Learning, Brigham Young University Speeches of the Year [May 4, 1960], 7*).



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23 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, did <sup>a</sup>make out of wood a bow, and out of a straight stick, **an arrow**; wherefore, I did arm myself with a bow and an arrow, with a sling and with stones. And I said unto my <sup>b</sup>father: Whither shall I go to obtain food?

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**“Why then, did Nephi make a new arrow? There are two possible reasons. First, as arrows are continually shot in hunting they become lost or broken. He may simply have run out of arrows and needed a new one. Second, Nephi very likely owned a metal-backed recurved composite bow, as discussed previously. Recurved composite bows can achieve the same draw weight with a much smaller string and draw length than a longer bow. In other words, recurved composite bows shoot shorter arrows than longer bows. If Nephi’s old bow was the recurved composite type, and his new one was a long staff bow (which is the simplest to make on short notice), he may have needed to make a longer arrow because of the longer string and draw length of his new bow.”**

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28 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld the pointers which were in the ball, that they did work according to the <sup>a</sup>faith and diligence and heed which we did give unto them.

29 And there was also written upon them a new writing, which was plain to be read, which did give us <sup>a</sup>understanding concerning the ways of the Lord; and it was written and changed from time to time, according to the faith and diligence which we gave unto it. **And thus we see that by <sup>b</sup>small means the Lord can bring about great things.**

30 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, did go forth up into the top of the mountain, according to the <sup>a</sup>directions which were given upon the ball.

31 And it came to pass that I did slay wild <sup>a</sup>beasts, insomuch that I





things which are written.

27 And it came to pass that when my father beheld the things which were <sup>a</sup>written upon the ball, he did fear and tremble exceedingly, and also my brethren and the sons of Ishmael and our wives.

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Jon is referring to an  
experience in Exodus 19 and 20,  
In particular Exodus 20:18-22

when they believed that I had obtained <sup>a</sup>food, how great was their joy! And it came to pass that they did humble themselves before the Lord, and did give thanks unto him.

33 And it came to pass that we did again take our journey, traveling nearly the same course as in the beginning; and after we had traveled for the space of many days we did pitch our tents again, that we might tarry for the space of a time.

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39 And it came to pass that the Lord was with us, yea, even the voice of the Lord came and did speak many words unto them, and did <sup>a</sup>chasten them exceedingly; and after they were chastened by the voice of the Lord they did turn away their anger, and did repent of their sins,

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°afflictions in the wilderness; and they did °murmur against my father, because he had brought them out of the land of Jerusalem, saying: Our father is dead; yea, and we have wandered much in the wilderness, and we have suffered much affliction, hunger, thirst, and fatigue; and after all these sufferings we must perish in the wilderness with hunger.

36 And thus they did murmur against my father, and also against me; and they were desirous to °return again to Jerusalem.

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us again with food, that we did not perish.

## CHAPTER 17

*Nephi is commanded to build a ship—His brethren oppose him—He exhorts them by recounting the history of God's dealings with Israel—Nephi is filled with the power of God—His brethren are forbidden to touch him, lest they wither as a dried reed. About 592–591 B.C.*

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3 **And thus we see** that the commandments of God must be fulfilled. And if it so be that the children of men keep the commandments of God he doth nourish them, and <sup>a</sup>strengthen them, and provide means whereby they can accomplish the thing which he has commanded them: wherefore, he did





they were chastened by the voice of the Lord they did turn away their anger, and did repent of their sins,

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5 And we did come to the land which we called "Bountiful, because

35 *b* TG Affliction.

*c* TG Murmuring.

36 *a* Num. 14:4 (1–5).

37 *a* 1 Ne. 17:44; 2 Ne. 1:24.

TG Murder

*b* TG Provoking.

*c* TG Anger.

39 *a* TG Chastening.

17 1 *a* Ps. 69:2 (1–2, 14).

*b* TG Woman

TG Meat.

3 *a* Ex. 1:19;

Ezra 8:22 (22–23);

Isa. 45:24;

Mosiah 2:41.





**Recently, I was in a meeting with Elder Jeffrey R. Holland. In teaching the principle that mortal life can be agonizing but our hardships have eternal purpose—even if we do not understand it at the time—Elder Holland said, “You can have what you want, or you can have something better.”**

*Elder Donald L. Hallstrom, “I Am a Child of God,” General Conference, April 2016*



the voice of the Lord came unto me, saying: <sup>a</sup>Arise, and get thee into the mountain. And it came to pass that I arose and went up into the mountain, and cried unto the Lord.

8 And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto me, saying: Thou shalt <sup>a</sup>construct a ship, after the <sup>b</sup>manner which I shall show thee, that I may carry thy people across these waters.

9 And I said: Lord, whither shall I go that I may find ore to molten, that I may make <sup>a</sup>tools to construct the ship after the manner which thou hast shown unto me?

10 And it came to pass that the Lord told me whither I should go to find ore, that I might make tools.

11 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, did make a bellows wherewith to <sup>a</sup>blow the fire, of the skins of beasts; and after I had made a bellows, that I might have wherewith to blow the

ised land, ye shall <sup>a</sup>know that I, the Lord, am <sup>b</sup>God; and that I, the Lord, did <sup>c</sup>deliver you from destruction; yea, that I did bring you out of the land of Jerusalem.

15 Wherefore, I, Nephi, did strive to keep the <sup>a</sup>commandments of the Lord, and I did <sup>b</sup>exhort my brethren to faithfulness and diligence.

16 And it came to pass that I did <sup>a</sup>make tools of the ore which I did molten out of the rock.

17 And when my brethren saw that I was about to <sup>a</sup>build a ship, they began to <sup>b</sup>murmur against me, saying: Our brother is a fool, for he thinketh that he can build a ship; yea, and he also thinketh that he can cross these great waters.

18 And thus my brethren did <sup>a</sup>complain against me, and were desirous that they might not labor, for they did not <sup>b</sup>believe that I could build a ship; neither would they





**“This is one of the more interesting stories we have in the scriptures because it tells of an instance in which the Lord provided help but then stepped aside to allow one of His sons to exercise his own initiative. I have sometimes wondered what would have happened if Nephi had asked the Lord for tools instead of a place to find the ore to make the tools. I doubt the Lord would have honored Nephi’s request. You see, the Lord knew that Nephi could make the tools, and it is seldom the Lord will do something for us that we can do for ourselves”**

*(Elder L. Tom Perry in Conference Report, Oct. 1991, 87–88; or Ensign, Nov. 1991, 64).*



father hath judged them, and hath led us away because we would hearken unto his words; yea, and our brother is like unto him. And after this manner of language did my brethren murmur and complain against us.

23 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, spake unto them, saying: Do ye believe that our fathers, who were the children of Israel, would have been led away out of the hands of the Egyptians if they had not hearkened unto the words of the Lord?

24 Yea, do ye suppose that they would have been led out of bondage, if the Lord had not commanded Moses that he should lead them out of bondage?

25 Now ye know that the children of Israel were in bondage; and ye know that they were laden with tasks, which were grievous to be borne; wherefore, ye know that it must needs be a good thing for them, that they should be brought out of bondage.

26 Now ye know that Moses was commanded of the Lord to do that great work; and ye know that by his word the waters of the Red Sea were divided hither and thither, and they passed through on dry ground.

27 But ye know that the Egyptians were drowned in the Red Sea, who were the armies of Pharaoh.

28 And ye also know that they were fed with manna in the wilderness.

29 Yea, and ye also know that Moses, by his word according to the power of God which was in him, smote the rock, and there came

forth water, that the children of Israel might quench their thirst.

30 And notwithstanding they being led, the Lord their God, their Redeemer, going before them, leading them by day and giving light unto them by night, and doing all things for them which were expedient for man to receive, they hardened their hearts and blinded their minds, and reviled against Moses and against the true and living God.

31 And it came to pass that according to his word he did destroy them; and according to his word he did lead them; and according to his word he did do all things for them; and there was not any thing done save it were by his word.

32 And after they had crossed the river Jordan he did make them mighty unto the driving out of the children of the land, yea, unto the scattering them to destruction.

33 And now, do ye suppose that the children of this land, who were in the land of promise, who were driven out by our fathers, do ye suppose that they were righteous? Behold, I say unto you, Nay.

34 Do ye suppose that our fathers would have been more choice than they if they had been righteous? I say unto you, Nay.

35 Behold, the Lord esteemeth all flesh in one; he that is righteous is favored of God. But behold, this

Nephi uses the story of Moses to inspire his brothers

30a Ex. 13:18 (18, 20).

b D&C 18:18; 88:64 (64–65).

c Ex. 32:8; Num. 14:11 (11–12); Ezek. 20:13 (13–16); D&C 84:24 (23, 25).

c 1 Sam. 2:30; 1 Kgs. 2:3; Ps. 97:10; 145:20 (1–21); Alma 13:4; 28:13; D&C 82:10 (8–10).

d Gen. 15:16; Ex. 23:31 (28, 31).

people had rejected every word of God, and they were ripe in iniquity; and the fulness of the wrath of God was upon them; and the Lord did curse the land against them, and bless it unto our fathers; yea, he did curse it against them unto their destruction, and he did bless it unto our fathers unto their obtaining power over it.

36 Behold, the Lord hath created the earth that it should be inhabited; and he hath created his children that they should possess it.

37 And he raiseth up a righteous nation, and destroyeth the nations of the wicked.

38 And he leadeth away the righteous into precious lands, and the wicked he destroyeth, and curseth the land unto them for their sakes.

39 He ruleth high in the heavens, for it is his throne, and this earth is his footstool.

40 And he loveth those who will have him to be their God. Behold, he loved our fathers, and he covenanted with them, yea, even Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and he remembered the covenants which he had made; wherefore, he did bring them out of the land of Egypt.

41 And he did straiten them in the wilderness with his rod; for they hardened their hearts, even as ye have; and the Lord straitened them because of their iniquity. He sent

Isa. 45:1 (1–3); 1 Ne. 4:13; Ether 2:10; D&C 98:32 (31–32); 117:6.

38a 1G Lands of Inheritance. b Lev. 20:22.

fiery flying serpents among them; and after they were bitten he prepared a way that they might be healed; and the labor which they had to perform was to look; and because of the simpleness of the way, or the easiness of it, there were many who perished.

42 And they did harden their hearts from time to time, and they did revile against Moses, and also against God; nevertheless, ye know that they were led forth by his matchless power into the land of promise.

43 And now, after all these things, the time has come that they have become wicked, yea, nearly unto ripeness; and I know not but they are at this day about to be destroyed; for I know that the day must surely come that they must be destroyed, save a few only, who shall be led away into captivity.

44 Wherefore, the Lord commanded my father that he should depart into the wilderness; and the Jews also sought to take away his life; yea, and ye also have sought to take away his life; wherefore, ye are murderers in your hearts and ye are like unto them.

45 Ye are swift to do iniquity but slow to remember the Lord your God. Ye have seen an angel, and he spake unto you; yea, ye have heard his voice from time to time; and he hath spoken unto you in a still small voice, but ye were past feeling, that ye could not feel his words; wherefore, he has spoken unto you like unto the voice of thunder, which did cause the earth to shake as if it were to divide asunder.

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my frame has <sup>b</sup>no strength.

48 And now it came to pass that when I had spoken these words they were angry with me, and were desirous to throw me into the depths of the sea; and as they came forth to lay their hands upon me I spake unto them, saying: In the name of the Almighty God, I command you that ye <sup>a</sup>touch me not, for I am filled with the <sup>b</sup>power of God, even unto the consuming of my flesh; and whoso shall lay his hands upon me shall <sup>c</sup>wither even as a dried reed; and he shall be as naught before the power of God, for God shall smite him.

49 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, said unto them that they should murmur no more against their father; neither should they withhold their labor from me, for God had commanded me that I should <sup>a</sup>build a ship.

50 And I said unto them: <sup>a</sup>If God had commanded me to do all things I could do them. If he should command me that I should say unto this water, be thou earth, it should be earth; and if I should say it, it



the Spirit of God, and thus it had wrought upon them.

53 And it came to pass that the Lord said unto me: Stretch forth thine hand again unto thy brethren, and they shall not wither before thee, but I will <sup>a</sup>shock them, saith the Lord, and this will I do, that they may know that I am the Lord their God.

54 And it came to pass that I stretched forth my hand unto my brethren, and they did not wither before me; but **the Lord did shake them**, even according to the word which he had spoken.

55 And now, they said: **We know of a surety** that the Lord is <sup>a</sup>with thee, for we know that it is the power of the Lord that has shaken us. And they fell down before me, and were about to <sup>b</sup>worship me, but I would not suffer them, saying: I am thy brother, yea, even thy younger brother; wherefore, worship the Lord thy God, and honor thy father and thy mother, that thy <sup>c</sup>days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God shall give thee.

## CHAPTER 18

*The ship is finished. The births of Isaac*

after what manner I should work the timbers of the <sup>c</sup>ship.

2 Now I, Nephi, did not work the timbers after the manner which was learned by men, neither did I build the ship after the manner of men; but I did build it after the manner which the Lord had shown unto me; wherefore, it was not after the manner of men.

3 And I, Nephi, did go into the mount oft, and I did <sup>a</sup>pray oft unto the Lord; wherefore the Lord <sup>b</sup>showed unto me <sup>c</sup>great things.

4 And it came to pass that after I had finished the ship, according to the word of the Lord, my brethren beheld that it was good, and that the workmanship thereof was exceedingly fine; wherefore, they did <sup>a</sup>humble themselves again before the Lord.

5 And it came to pass that the voice of the Lord came unto my father, that we should arise and go down into the ship.

6 And it came to pass that on the morrow, after we had prepared all things, much fruits and <sup>a</sup>meat from the wilderness, and honey in abundance, and provisions according to that which the Lord had commanded us, we did go down into the



43 And now, after all these things, the time has come that they have become wicked, yea, nearly unto ripeness; and I know not but they are at this day about to be <sup>a</sup>destroyed; for I know that the day must surely come that they must be destroyed, save a few only, who shall be led away into captivity.

44 Wherefore, the Lord <sup>a</sup>commanded my father that he should depart into the wilderness; and the Jews also sought to take away his life; yea, and <sup>b</sup>ye also have sought to take away his life; wherefore, ye are murderers in your hearts and ye are like unto them.

45 Ye are <sup>a</sup>swift to do iniquity but slow to remember the Lord your God. Ye have seen an <sup>b</sup>angel, and he spake unto you; yea, ye have heard his voice from time to time; and he hath spoken unto you in a still small voice, but ye were <sup>c</sup>past feeling, that ye could not feel his words; wherefore, he has spoken unto you like unto the voice of thunder, which did cause the earth to shake as if it were to divide asunder.

46 And ye also know that by the

when I had spoken these words they were angry with me, and were desirous to throw me into the depths of the sea; and as they came forth to lay their hands upon me I spake unto them, saying: In the name of the Almighty God, I command you that ye <sup>a</sup>touch me not, for I am filled with the <sup>b</sup>power of God, even unto the consuming of my flesh; and whoso shall lay his hands upon me shall <sup>c</sup>wither even as a dried reed; and he shall be as naught before the power of God, for God shall smite him.

49 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, said unto them that they should murmur no more against their father; neither should they withhold their labor from me, for God had commanded me that I should <sup>a</sup>build a ship.

50 And I said unto them: <sup>a</sup>If God had commanded me to do all things I could do them. If he should command me that I should say unto this water, be thou earth, it should be earth; and if I should say it, it would be done.

51 And now, if the Lord has such great power, and has wrought so

wrought upon them.

53 And it came to pass that the Lord said unto me: Stretch forth thine hand again unto thy brethren, and they shall not wither before thee, but I will <sup>a</sup>shock them, saith the Lord, and this will I do, that they may know that I am the Lord their God.

54 And it came to pass that I stretched forth my hand unto my brethren, and they did not wither before me; but **the Lord did shake them**, even according to the word which he had spoken.

55 And now, they said: **We know of a surety** that the Lord is <sup>a</sup>with thee, for we know that it is the power of the Lord that has shaken us. And they fell down before me, and were about to <sup>b</sup>worship me, but I would not suffer them, saying: I am thy brother, yea, even thy younger brother; wherefore, worship the Lord thy God, and honor thy father and thy mother, that thy <sup>c</sup>days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God shall give thee.

## CHAPTER 18

*The ship is finished—The births of Jacob*





**“The Holy Ghost communicates with the spirit through the mind more than through the physical senses. This guidance comes as thoughts, as feelings, through impressions and promptings. It is not always easy to describe inspiration. The scriptures teach us that we may ‘feel’ the words of spiritual communication more than hear them, and see with spiritual rather than with mortal eyes (see 1 Nephi 17:45)”**

*(Elder Boyd K Packer in Conference Report, Oct. 1989, 16; or Ensign, Nov. 1989, 14).*





**“Cellular phones are used for much of the communication in our time. Occasionally, however, we find dead spots where the signal coming to a cell phone fails. This can happen when the cell phone user is in a tunnel or a canyon or when there is other interference.**

**“So it is with divine communication. The still, small voice, though still and small, is very powerful. It ‘whispereth through and pierceth all things’ [D&C 85:6]. ... Perhaps something in our lives prevents us from hearing the message because we are ‘past feeling’ [1 Nephi 17:45]. We often put ourselves in spiritual dead spots—places and situations that block out divine messages. Some of these dead spots include anger, pornography, transgression, selfishness, and other situations that offend the Spirit”**

*(Elder James E Faust in Conference Report, Apr. 2004, 67–68; or Ensign, May 2004, 67).*



their hands upon me nor touch me with their fingers, even for the space of many days. Now they durst not do this lest they should wither before me, so powerful was the <sup>b</sup>Spirit of God; and thus it had wrought upon them.

53 And it came to pass that the Lord said unto me: Stretch forth thine hand again unto thy brethren, and they shall not wither before thee, but I will <sup>a</sup>shock them, saith the Lord, and this will I do, that they may know that I am the Lord their God.

54 And it came to pass that I stretched forth my hand unto my brethren, and they did not wither before me; but the Lord did shake them, even according to the word which he had spoken.

55 And now, they said: We know of a surety that the Lord is <sup>a</sup>with thee, for we know that it is the power of the Lord that has shaken us. And they fell down before me, and were about to <sup>b</sup>worship me, but I would not suffer them, saying: I am thy brother, yea, even thy younger brother; wherefore, worship the Lord thy God, and honor thy father and thy mother, that thy <sup>c</sup>days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God shall give thee.

## CHAPTER 18

*The ship is finished—The births of Jacob and Joseph are mentioned—The*

AND it came to pass that they did <sup>a</sup>worship the Lord, and did go forth with me; and we did work timbers of curious <sup>b</sup>workmanship. And the Lord did show me from time to time after what manner I should work the timbers of the <sup>c</sup>ship.

2 Now I, Nephi, did not work the timbers after the manner which was learned by men, neither did I build the ship after the manner of men; but I did build it after the manner which the Lord had shown unto me; wherefore, it was not after the manner of men.

3 And I, Nephi, did go into the mount oft, and I did <sup>a</sup>pray oft unto the Lord; wherefore the Lord <sup>b</sup>showed unto me <sup>c</sup>great things.

4 And it came to pass that after I had finished the ship, according to the word of the Lord, my brethren beheld that it was good, and that the workmanship thereof was exceedingly fine; wherefore, they did <sup>a</sup>humble themselves again before the Lord.

5 And it came to pass that the voice of the Lord came unto my father, that we should arise and go down into the ship.

6 And it came to pass that on the morrow, after we had prepared all things, much fruits and <sup>a</sup>meat from the wilderness, and honey in abundance, and provisions according to that which the Lord had commanded us, we did go down into the ship, with all our loading and our

## 1 NEPHI 18:7-17

<sup>b</sup>seeds, and whatsoever thing we had brought with us, every one according to his age; wherefore, we did all go down into the <sup>c</sup>ship, with our wives and our children.

7 And now, my father had begat two sons in the wilderness; the elder was called <sup>a</sup>Jacob and the younger <sup>b</sup>Joseph.

8 And it came to pass after we had all gone down into the ship, and had taken with us our provisions and things which had been commanded us, we did put forth into the <sup>a</sup>sea and were driven forth before the wind towards the <sup>b</sup>promised land.

9 And after we had been <sup>a</sup>driven forth before the wind for the space of many days, behold, my brethren and the sons of Ishmael and also their wives began to make themselves merry, insomuch that they began to dance, and to sing, and to speak with much <sup>b</sup>rudeness, yea, even that they did forget by what power they had been brought thither; yea, they were lifted up unto exceeding rudeness.

10 And I, Nephi, began to fear exceedingly lest the Lord should be angry with us, and smite us because of our iniquity, that we should be swallowed up in the depths of the sea; wherefore, I, Nephi, began to speak to them with much soberness; but behold they were

fulfilling of his word <sup>b</sup>spoken concerning

12 And it came to pass that they had bound me in the ship, I could not move, the ship which had been prepared by the Lord, did cease to waver.

13 Wherefore, they began to say whither they should go, insomuch that there arose a <sup>a</sup>storm, yea, a great and terrible pest, and we were <sup>b</sup>driven into the waters for the space of many days; and they began to be exceedingly lessened, and many of them were drowned in the sea; and they did not loose me.

14 And on the fourth day, the pest began to be exceedingly lessened.

15 And it came to pass that we were about to be swallowed up in the depths of the sea; and we had been driven into the waters for the space of many days; my brethren began to murmur against the judgments of God, and that they must perish; and they should repent of their iniquities; wherefore, they were upon my wrist, and they had swollen exceedingly; also mine ankles were swollen, and great was the pain thereof.

16 Now the Lord said unto me:



and were driven forth before the wind towards the <sup>b</sup>promised land.

9 And after we had been <sup>a</sup>driven forth before the wind for the space of many days, behold, my brethren and the sons of Ishmael and also their wives began to make themselves merry, insomuch that they began to dance, and to sing, and to speak with much <sup>b</sup>rudeness, yea, even that they did forget by what power they had been brought thither; yea, they were lifted up unto exceeding rudeness.

10 And I, Nephi, began to fear exceedingly lest the Lord should be angry with us, and smite us because of our iniquity, that we should be swallowed up in the depths of the sea; wherefore, I, Nephi, began to speak to them with much soberness; but behold they were <sup>a</sup>angry with me, saying: We will not that our younger brother shall be a <sup>b</sup>ruler over us.

ened exceedingly lest they should be drowned in the sea; nevertheless they did not loose me.

14 And on the fourth day, which we had been driven back, the tempest began to be exceedingly sore.

15 And it came to pass that we were about to be swallowed up in the depths of the sea. And after we had been driven back upon the waters for the space of four days, my brethren began to <sup>a</sup>see that the judgments of God were upon them, and that they must perish save that they should repent of their iniquities; wherefore, they came unto me, and loosed the bands which were upon my wrists, and behold they had swollen exceedingly; and also mine ankles were much swollen, and great was the soreness thereof.

16 Nevertheless, I did look unto my God, and I did <sup>a</sup>praise him all the day long; and I did not murmur



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me, and loosed the bands which were upon my wrists, and behold they had swollen exceedingly; and also mine ankles were much swollen, and great was the soreness thereof.

16 Nevertheless, I did look unto my God, and I did <sup>a</sup>praise him all the day long; and I did not murmur against the Lord because of mine afflictions.

17 Now my father Lehi had said

of the afflictions of their mother, and also <sup>a</sup>my wife with her tears and prayers, and also my children, did not soften the hearts of my brethren that they would loose me.

20 And there was nothing save it were the power of God, which threatened them with destruction, could soften their <sup>a</sup>hearts; wherefore, when they saw that they were about to be swallowed up in the depths of the sea they repented of the thing which they had done, inasmuch that they loosed me.

21 And it came to pass after they had loosed me, behold, I took the compass, and it did work whither I desired it. And it came to pass that I <sup>a</sup>prayed unto the Lord; and after I had prayed the winds did cease, and the storm did cease, and there was a great calm.

22 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, did guide the ship, that we sailed again towards the promised land.

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sorrow, and the iniquity of my brethren, they were brought near even to be carried out of this time to meet their God; yea, their <sup>a</sup>grey hairs were about to be brought down to lie low in the dust; yea, even they were near to be cast with sorrow into a watery grave.

19 And Jacob and Joseph also, being young, having need of much nourishment, were grieved because of the afflictions of their mother; and also <sup>a</sup>my wife with her tears and prayers, and also my children, did not soften the hearts of my brethren that they would loose me.

20 And there was nothing save it were the power of God, which threatened them with destruction, could soften their <sup>a</sup>hearts; wherefore, when they saw that they were about to be swallowed up in the depths of the sea they repented of the thing which they had done, in-somuch that they loosed me.

21 And it came to pass after they

we had brought from the land of Jerusalem. And it came to pass that they did grow exceedingly; wherefore, we were blessed in abundance.

25 And it came to pass that we did find upon the land of promise, as we journeyed in the wilderness, that there were <sup>a</sup>beasts in the forests of every kind, both the cow and the ox, and the ass and the horse, and the goat and the wild goat, and all manner of wild animals, which were for the use of men. And we did find all manner of <sup>b</sup>ore, both of <sup>c</sup>gold, and of silver, and of copper.

## CHAPTER 19

*Nephi makes plates of ore and records the history of his people—The God of Israel will come six hundred years from the time Lehi left Jerusalem—Nephi tells of His sufferings and crucifixion—The Jews will be despised and scattered until the latter days, when they will return unto the Lord. About*



**“Fossil remains of true horses, differing but very slightly from the smaller and inferior breeds of those now existing, are found abundantly in deposits of the most recent geological age, in almost every part of America, from Escholz Bay in the north to Patagonia in the South. In that continent however, they became quite extinct, and no horses, either wild or domesticated, existed there at the time of the Spanish conquest, which is the most remarkable as, when introduced from Europe the horses that ran wild proved by their rapid multiplication in the plains of South America and Texas that the climate, food, and other circumstances were highly favorable for their existence. The former great abundance of Equidae in America, their complete extinction, and their perfect acclimatization when reintroduced by man, form curious but as yet unsolved problems in geographical distribution.’ (New Americanized Encyclopedia, Vol. 5, p. 3197.)”**

*(Joy M. Osborn, The Book of Mormon—The Stick of Joseph, 2nd ed. [2001], 164).*



*Nephi makes plates of ore and records the history of his people—The God of Israel will come six hundred years from the time Lehi left Jerusalem—Nephi tells of His sufferings and crucifixion—The Jews will be despised and scattered until the latter days, when they will return unto the Lord. About 588–570 B.C.*

AND it came to pass that the Lord commanded me, wherefore I did make plates of ore that I might engraven upon them the <sup>a</sup>record of my people. And upon the plates which I made I did <sup>b</sup>engraven the record of my <sup>c</sup>father, and also our journeyings in the wilderness, and the prophecies of my father; and also many of mine own prophecies have I engraven upon them.

2 And I knew not at the time when I made them that I should be

commanded of the Lord to make <sup>a</sup>these plates; wherefore, the record of my father, and the genealogy of his fathers, and the more part of all our proceedings in the wilderness are engraven upon those first plates of which I have spoken; wherefore, the things which transpired before I made <sup>b</sup>these plates are, of a truth, more particularly made mention upon the first plates.

3 And after I had made these plates by way of commandment, I, Nephi, received a commandment that the ministry and the prophecies, the more plain and precious parts of them, should be written upon <sup>a</sup>these plates; and that the things which were written should be kept for the instruction of my people, who should possess the land, and also for other <sup>b</sup>wise purposes, which purposes **are known unto the Lord.**

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**ACT 1, Christ's earthly ministry**  
**(1 Nephi 11)**

**ACT 2, the Nephites and Lamanites in the land of promise**  
**(1 Nephi 12)**

**ACT 3, the Gentiles and house of Israel in America**  
**(1 Nephi 13)**

**ACT 4, the period immediately preceding Christ's Second Coming**  
**(1 Nephi 14)**

*Amy Easton-Flake, "Lehi's Dream as a Template for Understanding Each Act of Nephi's Vision," in The Things Which My Father Saw: Approaches to Lehi's Dream and Nephi's Vision (2011 Sperry Symposium), ed. Daniel L. Belnap, Gaye Strathearn, and Stanley A. Johnson (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University; Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2011), 179–98.*



looked and beheld the whore of all the earth, and she sat upon many <sup>a</sup>waters; and she had dominion over <sup>b</sup>all the earth, among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people.

12 And it came to pass that I beheld the church of the Lamb of God, and its numbers were <sup>a</sup>few, because of the wickedness and abominations of the whore who sat upon many waters; nevertheless, I beheld that the church of the Lamb, who were the saints of God, were also upon <sup>b</sup>all the face of the earth; and their dominions upon the face of the earth were small, because of the wickedness of the great whore whom I saw.

13 And it came to pass that I beheld that the great mother of abominations did gather together multitudes upon the face of all the earth, among all the nations of the Gentiles to

nations which belonged to the mother of abominations, the angel spake unto me, saying: Behold, the wrath of God is upon the mother of harlots; and behold, thou seest all these things—

17 And when the <sup>a</sup>day cometh that the <sup>b</sup>wrath of God is poured out upon the mother of harlots, which is the great and abominable church of all the earth, whose founder is the devil, then, at that day, the <sup>c</sup>work of the Father shall commence, in preparing the way for the fulfilling of his <sup>d</sup>covenants, which he hath made to his people who are of the house of Israel.

18 And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me, saying: Look!

19 And I looked and beheld a man, and he was dressed in a white robe.

20 And the angel said unto me:



that the great mother of abominations did gather together multitudes upon the face of all the earth, among all the nations of the Gentiles, to <sup>a</sup>fight against the Lamb of God.

14 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and they were <sup>a</sup>armed with <sup>b</sup>righteousness and with the <sup>c</sup>power of God in great glory.

15 And it came to pass that I beheld that the wrath of God was <sup>a</sup>poured out upon that great and abominable church, insomuch that there were wars and rumors of wars among

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**ACT 1, Christ's coming, mission, suffering, crucifixion  
(1 Nephi 19)**

**ACT 2, Rejection of Christ by the Jews, their scattering  
(1 Nephi 20/Isaiah 48)**

**ACT 3, The Lord's plans for the Gentiles  
(1 Nephi 21/Isaiah 49)**

**ACT 4, The restoration of Israel and God's victory over evil  
(1 Nephi 22)**

*“Getting through Isaiah with the Help of the Nephite Prophetic View,” John W Welch, From, “Isaiah in the Book of Mormon”  
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ministry and the prophecies, the more plain and precious parts of them, should be written upon <sup>a</sup>these plates; and that the things which were written should be kept for the instruction of my people, who should possess the land, and also for other <sup>b</sup>wise purposes, which purposes are known unto the Lord.

4 Wherefore, I, Nephi, did make a record upon the <sup>a</sup>other plates, which gives an account, or which gives a greater account of the wars and contentions and destructions of my people. And this have I done, and commanded my people what they should do after I was gone; and that these plates should be handed down from one generation to another, or from one prophet to another, until further commandments of the Lord.

5 And an account of my <sup>a</sup>making these plates shall be given hereafter; and then, behold, I proceed accord-

to the body and soul, others set at <sup>a</sup>naught and trample under their feet. Yea, even the very God of Israel do men <sup>b</sup>trample under their feet; I say, trample under their feet but I would speak in other words—they set him at naught, and <sup>c</sup>hearken not to the voice of his counsels.

8 And behold he <sup>a</sup>cometh, according to the words of the angel, in <sup>b</sup>six hundred years from the time my father left Jerusalem.

9 And the world, because of their iniquity, shall judge him to be a thing of naught; wherefore they scourge him, and he suffereth it; and they smite him, and he suffereth it. Yea, they <sup>a</sup>spit upon him, and he suffereth it, because of his loving <sup>b</sup>kindness and his <sup>c</sup>long-suffering towards the children of men.

10 And the <sup>a</sup>God of our fathers, who were <sup>b</sup>led out of Egypt, out of bondage, and also were preserved in the wilderness by him, yea, the



the <sup>a</sup>prophets of old all things <sup>b</sup>concerning them; and also he did show unto many concerning us; wherefore, it must needs be that we know concerning them for they are written upon the plates of brass.

22 Now it came to pass that I, Nephi, did teach my brethren these things; and it came to pass that I did read many things to them, which were engraven upon the <sup>a</sup>plates of brass, that they might know concerning the doings of the Lord in other lands, among people of old.

23 And I did read many things unto them which were written in the <sup>a</sup>books of Moses; but that I might more fully persuade them to believe in the Lord their Redeemer I did read unto them that which was written by the prophet <sup>b</sup>Isaiah; for I did <sup>c</sup>liken all scriptures unto us, that it might be for our <sup>d</sup>profit and learning.

About 588–570 B.C.

<sup>a</sup>HEARKEN and hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, or out of the waters of <sup>b</sup>baptism, who <sup>c</sup>swear by the name of the Lord, and make mention of the God of Israel, yet they swear <sup>d</sup>not in truth nor in righteousness.

2 Nevertheless, they call themselves of the <sup>a</sup>holy city, but they do <sup>b</sup>not stay themselves upon the God of Israel, who is the Lord of Hosts; yea, the Lord of Hosts is his name.

3 Behold, I have declared the <sup>a</sup>former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I showed them. I did show them suddenly.

4 And I did it because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy <sup>a</sup>neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;

5 And I have even from the beginning declared to thee; before it came



has the prophet written.

## CHAPTER 20

*The Lord reveals His purposes to Israel—Israel has been chosen in the furnace of affliction and is to go forth from Babylon—Compare Isaiah 48. About 588–570 B.C.*

<sup>a</sup>HEARKEN and hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, or out of the waters of <sup>b</sup>baptism, who <sup>c</sup>swear by the name of the Lord, and make mention of the God of Israel, yet they swear <sup>d</sup>not in truth nor in righteousness.

2 Nevertheless, they call themselves of the <sup>a</sup>holy city, but they do <sup>b</sup>not stay themselves upon the God of Israel, who is the Lord of Hosts; yea, the Lord of Hosts is his name.

3 Behold, I have declared the <sup>a</sup>former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth

to thee, and thou hearest not, yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time thine ear was not opened; for I knew that thou wouldst deal very treacherously, and wast called a <sup>a</sup>transgressor from the womb.

9 Nevertheless, for my <sup>a</sup>name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain from thee, that I cut thee not off.

10 For, behold, I have refined thee, I have chosen thee in the furnace of <sup>a</sup>affliction.

11 For mine own sake, yea, for mine own sake will I do this, for I will not suffer my <sup>a</sup>name to be polluted, and I will <sup>b</sup>not give my glory unto another.

12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob, and Israel my called, for I am he; I am the <sup>a</sup>first, and I am also the last.

13 Mine hand hath also <sup>a</sup>laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the

beginning was declared the Lord God sent me.

17 And the <sup>a</sup>Redeemer I have sent who teacheth <sup>b</sup>leadeth to shouldst go

18 O that my <sup>a</sup>commen-<sup>b</sup>peace been- teousness a

19 Thy <sup>a</sup>sa- sand; the c- like the gr- should not destroyed

20 <sup>a</sup>Go ye from the <sup>b</sup> of singing to the end



Lord hath redeemed his <sup>c</sup>servant Jacob.

21 And they <sup>a</sup>thirsted not; he led them through the deserts; he caused the waters to flow out of the <sup>b</sup>rock for them; he clave the rock also and the waters gushed out.

22 And notwithstanding he hath done all this, and greater also, there is no <sup>a</sup>peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked.

## CHAPTER 21

*The Messiah will be a light to the Gentiles and will free the prisoners—Israel will be gathered with power in the last days—Kings will be their nursing fathers—Compare Isaiah 49. About 588–570 B.C.*

<sup>a</sup>AND again: Hearken, O ye house of Israel, all ye that are broken off and are driven out because of the

5 And now, saith the Lord—that <sup>a</sup>formed me from the womb that I should be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him—though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be my <sup>b</sup>strength.

6 And he said: It is a light thing that thou shouldst be my servant to raise up the <sup>a</sup>tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel. I will also give thee for a <sup>b</sup>light to the <sup>c</sup>Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the ends of the earth.

7 Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nations abhorreth, to servant of rulers: Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful.

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<sup>a</sup>AND again: Hearken, O ye house of Israel, all ye that are broken off and are driven out because of the wickedness of the pastors of my people; yea, all ye that are broken off, that are scattered abroad, who are of my people, O house of Israel. Listen, O <sup>b</sup>isles, unto me, and hearken ye people from <sup>c</sup>far; the Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

3 And said unto me: Thou art my <sup>a</sup>servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

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8 Thus saith the Lord: In an acceptable time have I heard thee, O isles of the sea, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee; and I will preserve thee, and give thee <sup>a</sup>my servant for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

9 That thou mayest say to the <sup>a</sup>prisoners: Go forth; to them that sit in <sup>b</sup>darkness: Show yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their <sup>c</sup>pastures shall be in all high places.

10 They shall not hunger nor thirst, neither shall the heat nor the sun smite them; for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by



from the west, and these from the land of Sinim.

13 <sup>a</sup>Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; for the feet of those who are in the east shall be established; and <sup>b</sup>break forth into singing, O mountains; for they shall be smitten no more; for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his <sup>c</sup>afflicted.

14 But, behold, Zion hath said: The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me—but he will show that he hath not.

15 For can a <sup>a</sup>woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have <sup>b</sup>compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may <sup>c</sup>forget, yet will I not forget thee, O house of Israel.

16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the <sup>a</sup>palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

17 Thy children shall make haste against thy destroyers; and they that made thee <sup>a</sup>waste shall go

have, after thou hast lost the first, shall <sup>a</sup>again in thine ears say: The place is too strait for me; give place to me that I may dwell.

21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart: Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am <sup>a</sup>desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? And who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where have they been?

22 Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the <sup>a</sup>Gentiles, and set up my <sup>b</sup>standard to the people; and they shall bring thy sons in their <sup>c</sup>arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.

23 And <sup>a</sup>kings shall be thy <sup>b</sup>nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers; they shall bow down to thee with their face towards the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the Lord; for they shall not be



oppress thee with their own flesh; they shall be drunken with their own blood as with sweet wine; and all flesh shall <sup>b</sup>know that I, the Lord, am thy <sup>c</sup>Savior and thy Redeemer, the <sup>d</sup>Mighty One of Jacob.

## CHAPTER 22

*Israel will be scattered upon all the face of the earth—The Gentiles will nurse and nourish Israel with the gospel in the last days—Israel will be gathered and saved, and the wicked will burn as stubble—The kingdom of the devil will be destroyed, and Satan will be bound. About 588–570 B.C.*

AND now it came to pass that after I, Nephi, had read these things which were engraven upon the <sup>a</sup>plates of brass, my brethren came unto me and said unto me: What <sup>b</sup>meaneth

4 And behold, there are many who are already lost from the knowledge of those who are at Jerusalem. Yea, the more part of all the <sup>a</sup>tribes have been <sup>b</sup>led away; and they are <sup>c</sup>scattered to and fro upon the <sup>d</sup>isles of the sea; and whither they are none of us knoweth, save that we know that they have been led away.

5 And since they have been led away, these things have been prophesied concerning them, and also concerning all those who shall hereafter be scattered and be confounded, because of the Holy One of Israel; for against him will they <sup>a</sup>harden their hearts; wherefore, they shall be scattered among all nations and shall be <sup>b</sup>hated of all men.

6 Nevertheless, after they shall be <sup>a</sup>nursed by the <sup>b</sup>Gentiles, and the



they will harden their hearts against the Holy One of Israel.

19 For behold, the righteous shall not perish; for the time surely must come that all they who fight against Zion shall be cut off.

20 And the Lord will surely <sup>a</sup>prepare a way for his people, unto the fulfilling of the words of Moses, which he spake, saying: A <sup>b</sup>prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass that all those who will not hear that prophet shall be <sup>c</sup>cut off from among the people.

21 And now I, Nephi, declare unto you, that this <sup>a</sup>prophet of whom Moses spake was the Holy One of Israel; wherefore, he shall execute <sup>b</sup>judgment in righteousness.

22 And the righteous need not fear,

and <sup>d</sup>quake; they are those who must be brought low in the dust; they are those who must be <sup>e</sup>consumed as stubble; and this is according to the words of the prophet.

24 And the time cometh speedily that the righteous must be led up as <sup>a</sup>calves of the stall, and the Holy One of Israel must reign in dominion, and might, and power, and great <sup>b</sup>glory.

25 And he <sup>a</sup>gathereth his children from the four quarters of the earth; and he numbereth his <sup>b</sup>sheep, and they know him; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd; and he shall feed his sheep, and in him they shall find <sup>c</sup>pasture.

26 And because of the <sup>a</sup>righteousness of his people, <sup>b</sup>Satan has no power; wherefore, he cannot be loosed for the space of <sup>c</sup>many years; for he hath no power over the hearts



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of the people, for they dwell in righteousness, and the Holy One of Israel <sup>d</sup>reigneth.

27 And now behold, I, Nephi, say unto you that all these <sup>a</sup>things must come according to the flesh.

28 But, behold, all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people shall dwell safely in the Holy One of Israel if it so be that they will <sup>a</sup>repent.

29 And now I, Nephi, make an end; for I durst not speak further as yet concerning these things.

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