

1st Nephi 18

¹& it came to *pass* that
they *did* worship the Lord & did go forth with me
& *we* did work timbers of curious *workmanship*
& the Lord did shew me from time to time
after what manner I *should* work the timbers of the ship
²now 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 man
but I *did* build it after the manner which the Lord had shewn unto me
wherefore it was not *after* the manner of men
³& I Nephi did go into the mount oft
& I did pray oft unto the Lord
wherefore the Lord shewed unto me great things

⁴& 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
& that the *workmanship* thereof was exceeding fine
wherefore they did humble themselves again before the Lord

⁵& it came to *pass* that the voice of the Lord came unto my father
that *we* should arise & go down into the ship
⁶& it came to *pass* that on the morrow
after that we had prepared all things
much fruits & meat from the wilderness
& honey in abundance & provisions
according to that which the Lord had commanded us
we did go down into the ship with all our loading & our seeds
& whatsoever things we had brought with us
every^{one} according to his age
wherefore we did all go down into the ship with our wives & our Children
⁷& now my father had begat two sons in the wilderness
the elder was called Jacob & the younger Joseph

⁸& it came to *pass* that after we had all gone down into the ship
& had taken with us our Provisions & things which had been commanded us
we did put forth into the Sea & were driven forth before the wind
towards the promised land
⁹& after that we had been driven forth before the wind
for the space of many days
behold my brethren & the Sons of Ishmael & also their wives
began to make them selves merry
insomuch that they began to dance & to sing
& to speak with much rudeness
yea even to that they did forget by what power they had been brought thither
yea they were lifted up unto exceeding rudeness

¹⁰& I Nephi began to fear exceedingly lest the Lord should be *angery* with us
& smite us because of our iniquity
that we should be swallowed up in *the debths of the Sea*
wherefore I Nephi began to speak to them with much soberness
but behold they were angary with me saying
we will not that our younger ~~Breoth~~ Brother shall be a ruler over us
¹¹& it came to pass that Laman & Lemuel did take *me* & bind me with cords
& they did treat me with much harshness
nevertheless *the* Lord did suffered it that he might shew forth his power
unto the fulfilling of his *word* which he hath spoken concerning the wicked
¹²& it came ^{to} pass that after they had bound me
insomuch that I could not move
the compass which had been prepared of the *Lord* did cease to work
¹³wherefore they knew not whither they *should* stear the ship
insomuch *that* there arose a great storm
yea a great & *terrible* tempest
& we were driven back upon the waters for *the space of three days*
& they began to be frightened exceedingly
lest they should be *drowned* in the Sea
nevertheless they did loose me not

¹⁴& on *the* forth day which *we* had been driven back
the tempest *began* to be exceding sore
¹⁵& it came *to pass* that we were about to be swallowed up in the debths of the sea
& after *that* *we* had been driven back upon *the* waters for the space of four days
my Brethren began to see that the judgment^{ts} of God was upon them
& that they must perish save that they should repent of their iniquities
wherefore they came unto me & loosed *the* bands which was upon my rists
& behold they had much swollen exceedingly
& also mine ancles were much swollen
& great was the soreness thereof
¹⁶nevertheless *I* did look unto my God
& I did praise him all the day long
& I did not murmur against the Lord because of mine afflictions

¹⁷now my father Lehi had said many *things* unto them
& also unto the Sons of Ishmael
but behold they did *breath* out much *threatnings*
against any one that should speak for me
& my parents being stricken in years
& haveing suffered much grief because of their Children
they were brought *down* yea even upon *their* sick beads
¹⁸because of their grief & much sorrow & *the iniquity of my Brethren*
they were brought near even to be carried out of this time *to meet their* God
yea their gray hairs were about to be ~~be~~ brought down to lye *low* in the dust
yea even they were near to ~~be~~ be cast with sorrow *into* a watery grave

¹⁹& Jacob & Josep also being young
haveing nead of much nourishment
were grieved because of the afflictions of their *Mother*
& also my wife with her tears & prayers & also my *Children*
did not soften the hearts of *my Brethren*
that they would loose me

²⁰& *there* was nothing save it were the power of *God*
which *threatened* them with distruction
could soften their hearts
wherefore when they *saw* that
they were about to be swallowed up in the debths of the *Sea*
they repented of the thing wh'ch they had done
insomuch that they loosed me

²¹& it came to *pass* that after they had loosed me
behold I took the compass & it did work whither I desired it
& it came to *pass* that I prayed unto the Lord
& after that I had prayed
the winds did cease & the storm *did* cease & there was a great calm

²²& it came to *pass* that I Nepi did guide the ship
that we sailed again towards the promised land

²³& it came to *pass* that after we had sailed for the space of many days
we did *arive* to the promised land
& we went forth upon the land & did pitch our *tents*
& we did call it the promised land

²⁴& it came to *pass* that we did begin to ~~æH~~ till the earth
& we began to plants seeds
yea we did put all our seeds into the earth
which we had brought from the land of Jerusalem
& it came to *pass* *that* they did grow excedingly
wherefore we were blessed in abundance

²⁵& it came to *pass* that we did find upon the land of *promise*
as we *jourined* in the Wilderness
that there was beasts in the forests of every *kind*
both the cow & the Ox & the ass & the Horse & the goat
& the wild goat & all *manner* of wild animels which were for the use of man
& we did find all *manner* of ore both of Gold & of silver & of copper