

for behold it came to pass that the Lord spake unto my father yea even in a dream & sayeth unto him blessed art thou Lehi because of the things which thou hast done & because thou hast been faithful & declared unto this people the things which I commanded thee behold they seek to take away thy life

& it came to pass that the Lord commanded my father even in a dream
Nephi cries unto the Lord for his Brethren that he should take his family & depart into the wilderness

& it came to pass that he was obedient unto the word of the Lord wherefore he did as the Lord commanded him

& it came to pass that he departed into the wilderness & he left his house & the land of his inheritance & his gold & his silver & his precious things & took nothing with him save it were his family & provisions & tents & he departed into the wilderness

& he came down by the borders near the shores of the Red Sea & he traveled in the wilderness in the borders which was nearer the Red Sea & he did travel in the wilderness with his family which consisted of my mother Sariah & my elder Brethren which were Laman Lemuel & Sam

& it came to pass that when he had traveled three days in the wilderness he pitched his tent in a valley beside a river of water

& it came to pass that he built an altar of stones & he made an offering unto the Lord & gave thanks unto the Lord our God

& it came to pass that he called the name of the River Laman & it emptied into the Red Sea & the valley was in the borders near the mouth thereof

CHAPTER 2

Lehi takes his family into the wilderness by the Red Sea—They leave their property—Lehi offers a sacrifice to the Lord and teaches his sons to keep the commandments—Laman and Lemuel murmur against their father—Nephi is obedient and prays in faith; the Lord speaks to him, and he is chosen to rule over his brethren. About 600 B.C.

¹For behold, it came to pass that the Lord spake unto my father, yea, even in a dream, **and said** unto him: **Blessed** art thou Lehi, because of the things which thou hast done; **and** because thou hast been faithful **and** declared unto this people the things which I commanded thee, behold, they seek to take away thy life.

²**And** it came to pass that the Lord commanded my father, even in a dream, **[X_X_X_X_X_X_X_X]** that he should take his family **and** depart into the wilderness.

³**And** it came to pass that he was obedient unto the word of the Lord, wherefore he did as the Lord commanded him.

⁴**And** it came to pass that he departed into the wilderness. **And** he left his house, **and** the land of his inheritance, **and** his gold, **and** his silver, **and** his precious things, **and** took nothing with him, save it were his family, **and** provisions, **and** tents, **and** **[X]** departed into the wilderness.

⁵**And** he came down by the borders near the shore **[]** of the Red Sea; **and** he traveled in the wilderness in the borders which **are** nearer the Red Sea; **and** he did travel in the wilderness with his family, which consisted of my mother, Sariah, **and** my elder **brothers, who** were Laman, Lemuel, **and** Sam.

⁶**And** it came to pass that when he had traveled three days in the wilderness, he pitched his tent in a valley **by the side of** a river of water.

⁷**And** it came to pass that he built an altar of stones, **and** **[X]** made an offering unto the Lord, **and** gave thanks unto the Lord our God.

⁸**And** it came to pass that he called the name of the river, Laman, **and** it emptied into the Red **[]** Sea; **and** the valley was in the borders near the mouth thereof.

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& when my father saw that the waters of the River emptied into the fountain of the Red sea he spake unto Laman saying O that thou mightest be like unto this River continually ~~run~~ running into ^{the fountain of} all righteousness

& he also spake unto Lemuel saying O that thou mightest be like unto this vally firm & steadfast & immoveable in keeping the commandments of the Lord

now this he spake because of the stiffneckedness of Laman & Lemuel for behold they did murmur in many things against their father because that he was a visionary man & that he had lead them out of the land of jerusalem to leave the land of their in heritance & their gold & their silver & their precious things & to perish in the wilderness & this they said that he had done because of the flolish immaginations of his heart

& thus Laman & Lemuel being the eldest did murmur against their father & they did murmur because they knew not the dealings of that God who had created them

neither did they believe that Jerusalem that great City could be destroid according to the words of the prophets & they were like unto the Jews which were at Jerusalem which sought to take away the life of my father

& it came to pass that my father did speak unto them in the vally of Lemuel pith power being filled ⁴ with the spirite untill their frames did shake before him & he did confound them that they dearst not utter against him wherefore they did do as he commdnded them

& my father dwelt in a tent

& it came to pass that I Nephi being exceding young nevertheless being large in stature & also haveing great desires to know of the musteries ^{of God} wherefore I cried unto the Lord & behold he did visit me & did soften my heart that I did believe all the words which had been spoken by my fatter wherfore I did not rebell against him like unto my Brothers

& I spake unto Sam making known unto him the things which the Lord had manifested unto me by his Holy spirit & it came to pass that he believed in my words

⁹**And** when my father saw that the waters of the river emptied into the fountain of the Red Sea, he spake unto Laman, saying: O that thou [_ _ _] mightest be like unto this river, continually [_ _] running into **the fountain of** all righteousness!

¹⁰**And** he also spake unto Lemuel [X]: O that thou mightest be like unto this valley, firm **and** steadfast, **and** immov[_]able in keeping the commandments of the Lord!

¹¹**Now** this he spake because of the stiffneckedness of Laman **and** Lemuel; for behold they did murmur in many thin[_]gs against their father, because [X] he was a visionary man, **and** [X_X] had le[_]d them out of the land of Jerusalem, to leave the land of their in[_]heritance, **and** their gold, **and** their silver, **and** their precious things, [X] to perish in the wilderness. **And** this they said [X] he had done because of the foolish im[_]agi[_]nations of his heart.

¹²**And** thus Laman **and** Lemuel, being the eldest, did murmur against their father. **And** they did murmur because they knew not the dealings of that God who had created them.

¹³**Neither** did they believe that Jerusalem, that great city, could be destroyed according to the words of the prophets. **And** they were like unto the Jews **who** were at Jerusalem, **who** sought to take away the life of my father.

¹⁴**And** it came to pass that my father did speak unto them in the valley of Lemuel, **with** power, being filled with the Spirit[_], until[_] their frames did shake before him. **And** he did confound them, that they du[_]rst not utter against him; wherefore, they did [X] as he comm~~and~~ed them.

¹⁵**And** my father dwelt in a tent.

¹⁶**And** it came to pass that I, Nephi, being exceedingly young, nevertheless being large in stature, **and** also hav[_]ing great desires to know of the mysteries **of God**, wherefore, **I did cry** unto the Lord; **and** behold he did visit me, **and** did soften my heart that I did believe all the words which had been spoken by my father; wherefore, I did not rebel[_] against him like unto my brothers.

¹⁷**And** I spake unto Sam, mak[_]ing known unto him the things which the Lord had manifested unto me by his Holy Spirit. **And** it came to pass that he believed in my words.

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but behold Laman & Lemuel would not hearken unto my words & being grieved because of the heardness of their hearts I cried unto the Lord for them

& it came to pass that the Lord spake unto me saying blessed art thou ^{Nephi} because of thy faith for thou hast sought me diligently with lowliness of heart

& in as much as ye shall keep my commandments ye shall prosper ~~in~~ & shall be lead to a land of promise yea even a land which I have prepared for you **yea** a land which is choice above all other lands

& in as much as thy Brethren shall rebell agaisst the^e they shall be cut off from the presance of the Lord

& in as much as thou shalt keep my commandments thou shalt be made a ruler & a teacher over thy Brethren

for behold in that day that they shall rebell against me I will curse them even with a sore curse & they shall have no power over thy seed except they shall ~~re~~

■ Nephi goeth up to jerusalem to bring the ^{Records} of the jews
rebell against me also

& if it so be that they rebell against me they shall be a Scourge unto thy seed to stir them up in the ways of remembrance

¹⁸**But**, behold, Laman **and** Lemuel would not hearken unto my words; **and** being grieved because of the h[]ardness of their hearts I cried unto the Lord for them.

¹⁹**And** it came to pass that the Lord spake unto me, saying: **Blessed** art thou, **Nephi**, because of thy faith, for thou hast sought me diligently, with lowliness of heart.

²⁰**And** in []as []much as ye shall keep my commandments, ye shall prosper [X], **and** shall be le []d to a land of promise; yea, even a land which I have prepared for you; **yea**, a land which is choice above all other lands.

²¹**And** in as much as thy brethren shall rebel [] against thee, they shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord.

²²**And** in []as []much as thou shalt keep my commandments, thou shalt be made a ruler **and** a teacher over thy brethren.

²³**F**or behold, in that day that they shall rebel [] against me, I will curse them even with a sore curse, **and** they shall have no power over thy seed except they shall [_]
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rebel [] against me also.

²⁴**And** if it so be that they rebel [] against me, they shall be a scourge unto thy seed, to stir them up in the ways of rememb []rance.