

and it came to pass that we had getherd  
to geather all manner **12** of seeds of every king  
both of grain of every kind and also of the seeds  
of fruits of every king

and it came to pass that while my father tarried in  
the wilderness he spake unto us saying be hold i  
have dreamd a dream or in otther words i have  
seen a vission

and hehold becaus of the thing which h have seen  
i have reason to rejoicie in the lord because of  
nephi and also of sam for i have reason to suppose  
that they and allo meny of them seed will be saved

but behold Laman & lemual i fear  
exedingly becaus of you for behold  
me thotgtt <sup>1</sup> saw a dark And drery  
wilderness

and it came to pass that i saw a Man and he was  
drest in a white roae and he came and stood  
before me

and it came to pass that he spake unto me and bade  
me follow him

and it came to pals that As i followed him  
and after i had fowlowed him i beheld myself that i  
was in a dark and dreary waste

and after that i had trueded for the space ~~fof~~  
menny hours in darkness i began to pray unto  
the lord that he would have mercy on me according  
to the multitude of his tender mercies

and it came to pass that ~~I~~ after i had praid unto  
the lord beheld A large and specious field

& it came to pass that i beheld a tree whose fruit  
was desirable to make one happy

**CHAPTER 8**

*Lehi sees a vision of the tree of life—He partakes of  
its fruit and desires his family to do likewise—He  
sees a rod of iron, a strait and narrow path, and the  
mists of darkness that enshroud men—Sariah,  
Nephi, and Sam partake of the fruit, but Laman  
and Lemuel refuse. About 600–592 B.C.*

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass that we had gathered  
to [ ]ge [ ]ther all manner of seeds of every kind,  
both of grain of every kind, and also of the seeds  
of fruit [ ] of every kind.

<sup>2</sup>And it came to pass that while my father tarried in  
the wilderness he spake unto us, saying: **Be [ ]hold, I**  
have dreamed a dream; or, in o [ ]ther words, **I** have  
seen a vis [ ]ion.

<sup>3</sup>And **behold**, because of the thing which **I** have seen,  
**I** have reason to rejoic [ ]ce in the **Lord** because of  
**Nephi** and also of **Sam**; for **I** have reason to suppose  
that they, and also many of their seed, will be saved.

<sup>4</sup>But behold, Laman **and** Lemuel, **I** fear  
exceedingly because of you; for behold,  
me [ ]thought **I** saw in my dream, a dark and dreary  
wilderness.

<sup>5</sup>And it came to pass that **I** saw a man, and he was  
dressed in a white robe; and he came and stood  
before me.

<sup>6</sup>And it came to pass that he spake unto me, and bade  
me follow him.

<sup>7</sup>And it came to pass that **as I** followed him  
[X\_X\_X\_X\_X\_X] **I** beheld myself that **I**  
was in a dark and dreary waste.

<sup>8</sup>And after [X] **I** had traveled for the space [ ]of [ ]  
man [ ]y hours in darkness, **I** began to pray unto  
the **Lord** that he would have mercy on me, according  
to the multitude of his tender mercies.

<sup>9</sup>And it came to pass [X\_X] after **I** had prayed unto  
the **Lord I** beheld a large and spacious field.

<sup>10</sup>And it came to pass that **I** beheld a tree, whose fruit  
was desirable to make one happy.

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and it came to pass that i did go forth and partook of the fruit thereof and beheld that it was Most sweet above all that i ever had before  
**2** Lehies dream of the P'essious fruit  
tasted yea and i beheld that the fruiit threof was white to excced all the whiteness that i had ever seen

and as i partook of the fruit thereof it fild my soul with exeding great  $\diamond$ i wherefore i began to be desirus that my fa<sup>family</sup> nily should partake of it also for i knew that it das desirus Above all other fruit

and as i csst my eyes around about that perhaps i might dis<sup>c</sup>over my fammaly also And i beheld a river of water and it ran along and it was near the tree of which i was partaking the fruit

and i loocked to behold from whence it came and i saw the head thereof a litle way of and at the head thereof i beheld your Mother sariah and Sam and nephi and they stood as if they knew not wthither they should go

and it came to pass that i beckoned unto them and i also did say unto them wth a loud voice that they should come unto me and partake of the fruite whtich was desirable above all other fruit

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and it came to pass that i was desirus that laman And lemual should come and partake of the fruit also Wherefor<sup>e</sup> i cast mine eyes toward the head of the river that perhaps I might see tthem

and it came to pass that i s<sup>a</sup>w them but they would not come unto Me and partake of the fruit

and i beheld a rod of iron and it extended along the bank of the river And led to the tree by which i stood

and i also beheld a Strait and mrrough path which came along by the rod of iron even to the tree by which i stood and it also led uy the head of the fountain unto a large and specious field as if it had ben a world

And i saw numberless concorses of people many of home are **13** presing forward that they might obtain the path which led unto the tree by which i stood

and it came to pass that they did come forth and

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**11**And it came to pass that **I** did go forth and partake of the fruit thereof; and **I** beheld that it was most sweet, above all that **I** ever [X] before [ \_ \_ \_ \_ X X X \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ X ]  
tasted. Yea, and **I** beheld that the frui[ ]t thereof was w[ ]hite, to exceed all the whiteness that **I** had ever seen.

**12**And as **I** partook of the fruit thereof it filled my soul with exceeding<sup>ly</sup> great joy; wherefore, **I** began to be desirous that my [ \_ ]family[ \_ \_ \_ ] should partake of it also; for **I** knew that it was desirable above all other fruit.

**13**And as **I** cast my eyes [ ]round about, that perhaps **I** might discover my fam[ ]ily also, [X] **I** beheld a river of water; and it ran along, and it was near the tree of which **I** was partaking the fruit.

**14**And **I** loo[ ]ked to behold from whence it came; and **I** saw the head thereof a litle way off; and at the head thereof **I** beheld your mother Sariah, and Sam, and Nephi; and they stood as if they knew not w[ ]hither they should go.

**15**And it came to pass that **I** beckoned unto them; and **I** also did say unto them with a loud voice that they should come unto me, and partake of the fruit[ ], w[ ]hich was desirable above all other fruit.

**16**And it came to pass that they did come unto me and partake of the fruit also.

**17**And it came to pass that **I** was desirous that Laman and Lemuel should come and partake of the fruit also; wherefore, **I** cast mine eyes towards the head of the river, that perhaps I might see t[ ]hem.

**18**And it came to pass that **I** saw them, but they would not come unto me and partake of the fruit.

**19**And **I** beheld a rod of iron, and it extended along the bank of the river, and led to the tree by which **I** stood.

**20**And **I** also beheld a strait and n[ ]arro[ ]w path, which came along by the rod of iron, even to the tree by which **I** stood; and it also led by the head of the fountain, unto a large and spacious field, as if it had ben a world.

**21**And **I** saw numberless concourses of people, many of whom[ ] were pressing forward, that they might obtain the path which led unto the tree by which **I** stood.

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and it came to pass that there arose a mist of darkness yea ~~an~~ even an exceeding great mist of darkness inomuch that they wthich had commeced in the path did loose their way that they ~~d~~ wanderd of and ware lost

and it came to ps<sup>as</sup>s that i beheld others pressing forward And they came forth and caught hold of the end of the rod of iron and they did press forward throuhh the mists of darkness clinging to the rod of iron even until they did come forth and partook of the fruit of the tree

and after that they h had parpook of the fruit Of the tree they did cast theyr eyes about as if they ware a shamed

and i also cast my eyes round a bout and beheld on the other side of the river of water of ~~water of water~~ a great and spesious bilding and it stood as it ware in the are high above the earth

and it was filled with people both old and yound both male and female and their manner of dress was exceding fine and they ware in the attitude of mocking and Lehies p<sup>ear</sup>s for laman & lemual and he exorts them

**13** pointing their fingers towards those which had came up and ware partaking of the fruit

and after that they had tasted of the fruit they ware ashamed because of those that ware A scoffing at them and they fell away into forbidden paths and ware lost

& now i nephi do not speak all the words of my father

but to be short in writing behold he saw other multitudes pressing forward& they came amd caught hold of the end of the rod of iron and they did press their way forward continually holding fast to the rod of iron until they came forth and fell down and partook of the fruit of the tree

and he also saw other muliitudes prssing their way towards that great and spesious bilding

and it came to p<sup>a</sup>ss that menny were drownd in the ~~d~~epth of the fountain & many ware lost

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<sup>22</sup>And it came to pass that they did come forth, and commence[] in the path which led to the tree.

<sup>23</sup>And it came to pass that there arose a mist of darkness; yea, [X] even an exce~~eding~~ly great mist of darkness, insomuch that they **who** had commenced in the path did lo[]se their way, that they [] wander~~ed~~ off and were lost.

<sup>24</sup>And it came to p[] [ \_ ]ass that **I** beheld **others** pressing forward, **and** they came forth and caught hold of the end of the rod of iron; and they did press forward throug~~h~~ the mist[] of darkness, clinging to the rod of iron, even until they did come forth and partake of the fruit of the tree.

<sup>25</sup>And after [X] they [] had partaken of the fruit of the tree they did cast their eyes about as if they were a[]shamed.

<sup>26</sup>And **I** also cast my eyes round a[]bout, and beheld, on the other side of the river of water [X] [X\_X\_X], a great and sp~~acious~~ building; and it stood as it were in the air, high above the earth.

<sup>27</sup>And it was filled with people, both old and young, both male and female; and their manner of dress was exce~~eding~~ly fine; and they were in the attitude of mocking and [ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ X\_X\_X\_X\_X\_X ] [ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ X ]

pointing their fingers towards those **who** had come at and were partaking of the fruit.

<sup>28</sup>And after [X] the[]y had tasted of the fruit they were ashamed, because of those that were [X] scoffing at them; and they fell away into forbidden paths and were lost.

<sup>29</sup>And now **I, Nephi**, do not speak all the words of my father.

<sup>30</sup>But, to be short in writing, behold, he saw other multitudes pressing forward[]; and they came and caught hold of the end of the rod of iron; and they did press their way forward, continually holding fast to the rod of iron, until they came forth and fell down and partook of the fruit of the tree.

<sup>31</sup>And he also saw other multitudes **feeling** their way towards that great and sp~~acious~~ building.

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from ~~My view~~ his wiew wandring in strang roads

and great was the multitude that did enter into that strange building and after that they did enter into that bu<sup>h</sup>iding they did point the finger of scorn at me and those that ware partaking of the fruit also but we heded them not

thus is the words of my father for as many as heded them had ~~to fall in their~~ fallen away

and laman and lemual partook not of the fruit Saith my father

and it came to pass that after my father had spoken all the words of his dream or vission which ware many he said unto us because of these things which he saw in a vission he excedingly feard for laman & lemual ye he feard lest they should be cast of from the pressance of the lord

and he did exort them then with all the feeling of a tender parent that they would herken to his words in that perhaps the lord would be mersyfull to them and not ~~cast~~ cast them of yea my father did praach unto them

and after that he had preacht unto them and also prophesed unto them of many thing<sup>s</sup> he bade them to keep the commandment of the lord and he did seace speaking unto them

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<sup>32</sup>And it came to pass that man~~[ ]~~y were drown~~ed~~ in the ~~[ ]~~ depths of the fountain; **and** many ~~were~~ lost from ~~[X\_X]~~ his ~~v~~iew, wand~~er~~ing in strange roads.

<sup>33</sup>And great was the multitude that did enter into that strange building. **And** after ~~[X]~~ they did enter into that building they did point the finger of scorn at me and those that ~~were~~ partaking of the fruit also; but we ~~heded~~ them not.

<sup>34</sup>**These are** the words of my father: **For** as many as ~~heded~~ them, had ~~[X\_X\_X\_X]~~ fallen away.

<sup>35</sup>And Laman and Lemuel partook not of the fruit, ~~said~~~~[ ]~~ my father.

<sup>36</sup>And it came to pass ~~[X]~~ after my father had spoken all the words of his dream or vis~~[ ]~~ion, which ~~were~~ many, he said unto us, because of these things which he saw in a vis~~[ ]~~ion, he excedingly feared for Laman **and** Lemuel; **yea**, he feared lest they should be cast off from the pres~~[ ]~~ence of the **Lord**.

<sup>37</sup>And he did exhort them then with all the feeling of a tender parent, that they would ~~hear~~arken to his words, ~~[X]~~ that perhaps the **Lord** would be merciful~~[ ]~~ to them, and not ~~[ ]~~ cast them off; **yea**, my father did ~~preach~~ unto them.

<sup>38</sup>And after ~~[X]~~ he had ~~preached~~ unto them, and also prophesied unto them of many things, he bade them to keep the commandments of the **Lord**; and he did ~~cease~~ speaking unto them.