

**CHAPTER 18**

*The ship is finished—The births of Jacob and Joseph are mentioned—The company embarks for the promised land—The sons of Ishmael and their wives join in revelry and rebellion—Nephi is bound, and the ship is driven back by a terrible tempest—Nephi is freed, and by his prayer the storm ceases—The people arrive in the promised land. About 591–589 B.C.*

& 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

now I Nephi did not work the timbers after the manner which was learned by men naither 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

& I Nephi did go into the mount oft & I did pray oft unto the Lord wherefore the Lord shewed unto me great things

& 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 worksenshup thereof was exceding fine wherefore they did humble themselves again before the Lord

& it came to pass that the voice of the Lord came unto my father that we should arise & go down into the ship

& it came to pass that on the morrow after that we had prepared all things much fruits & meat from the wilderness & honey en abundance & provisions according to that which the ~~Lord~~ 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 <sup>one</sup> according to his age wherefore we did all go down into the ship with our wives & our Children

& now my father hat begat two sons in the wilderness the elder was called Jacob & the younger Joseph

<sup>1</sup>**And** it came to pass that they did worship the Lord, **and** did go forth with me; **and** we did work timbers of curious workmanship. **And** the Lord did **show** me from time to time after what manner I should work the timbers of the ship.

<sup>2</sup>**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.

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

<sup>4</sup>**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 work**manship** thereof was **exceedingly** fine; wherefore, they did humble themselves again before the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>**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.

<sup>6</sup>**And** it came to pass that on the morrow, after **[X]** we had prepared all things, much fruits **and** meat from the wilderness, **and** honey **in** abundance, **and** provisions according to that which the **[X]** Lord had **comm**anded us, we did go down into the ship, with all our loading **and** our seeds, **and** whatsoever thing<sup>[ ]</sup> we had brought with us, every **one** according to his age; wherefore, we did all go down into the ship, with our wives **and** our **children**.

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

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& 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 unto the Sea & were driven forth before the wind towards the promised land

& 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 lefted up unto excedeng rudeness

& I Nephi began to fear exceedingly lest the Lord should be angry with us & smite us because of our iniquity that we should be swallowed up in the debth of the Sea wherefore I Nephi began to speak to them with much soberness but behold they were angry with me saying we will not that our younger ~~Broeth~~ Brother shall be a ruler over us

& it came to pass that Laman & Lemuel did take me & bend me with cords & they did treat me with much harshness nevertheless the Lord suffered it that he might shew forth his power unto the fulfilling of his word which he hath spoken concerneng the wicked

& it came pass that after they had bound me **37** insomuch that I could not movee the compass which had been prepared of the Lord did cease to work

wherefore they knew not whither they should steer 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 excedengly lest they should be drowned in the Sea nevertheless they did loose me not

& on the forth day which we had been driven back the tempest began to be exceding sone

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

<sup>9</sup>**And** after [X] we had been driven forth before the wind for the space of many days, behold, my brethren **and** the **s**ons of **I**shmael **and** also their wives began to make them [ ]selves merry, insomuch that they began to dance, **and** to sing, **and** to speak with much rudeness, yea, even [X] that they did **forget** by what power they had been brought thither; yea, they were **lifted** up unto **exceeding** rudeness.

<sup>10</sup>**And** I, Nephi, began to fear **exceedingly** lest the Lord should be ang[ ]ry 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 ang[ ]ry with me, saying: **We** will not that our younger [ \_ \_ \_ \_ ] **brother** shall be a ruler over us.

<sup>11</sup>**And** it came to pass that Laman **and** Lemuel did take me **and bind** me with cords, **and** they did treat me with much harshness; nevertheless, the Lord **did** suffer[ \_ ] it that he might **show** forth his power, unto the fulfilling of his word which he had[ ] spoken **concerning** the wicked.

<sup>12</sup>**And** it came **to** pass that after they had bound me insomuch that I could not mov[ ]e, the compass, which had been prepared of the Lord, did cease to work.

<sup>13</sup>**Wherefore**, they knew not whither they should **steer** the ship, insomuch that there arose a great storm, yea, a great **and** terrible tempest, **and** we were driven back upon the waters for the space of three days; **and** they began to be frightened **exceedingly** lest they should be drowned in the **sea**; nevertheless they did **not** loose me [X].

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

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& 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 ny Brethren began to see that the judgmen~~me~~<sup>s</sup> of God was upon them & that they must perish save that they should repent of their iniquitees wherefore they came unto me & loosed the bands which was upon my rists & behold they had much swollen excedingly & also mine ancles were much swollen & great was the soreness thereof

nevertheless 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

now my father Lehi had said many thengs unto them & also unto the Sons of Ishmael but behold they did breathe 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

because of their grief & much sorrow & hhe 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 ~~bro~~ brought down to lye █ low in the dust yea even they were near to ~~be~~ be cast with sorrow into a watery grave

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

& there was nothing save it were the power of God which threatened them with distructton 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 theng wh'ch they had done ensomuch that they loosed me

& it came to pass that after they had loosed me behold I took the compass & it did work whither I desered 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

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

<sup>15</sup>**And** it came to pass that we were about to be swallowed up in the dep~~th~~s of the sea. **And** after [**X**] we had been driven back upon the waters for the space of four days, **my** brethren began to see that the judgmen~~t~~<sup>s</sup> 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 [**X**] swollen excedingly; **and** also mine an~~k~~les were much swollen, **and** great was the soreness thereof.

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

<sup>17</sup>Now my father, Lehi, had said many things unto them, **and** also unto the sons of Ishmael; but, behold, they did breathe out much threatenings against any~~one~~ that should speak for me; **and** my parents being stricken in years, **and** hav~~ing~~ suffered much grief because of their children, they were brought down, yea, even upon their sick-be~~ds~~.

<sup>18</sup>Because of their grief **and** much 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 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.

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

<sup>20</sup>**And** there was nothing save it were the power of God, which threatened them with destr~~u~~ction, could soften their hearts; wherefore, when they saw that they were about to be swallowed up in the dep~~th~~s of the sea they repented of the thing which they had done, insomuch that they loosed me.

<sup>21</sup>**And** it came to pass [**X**] 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 prayed unto the Lord; **and** after [**X**] I had prayed the winds did cease, **and** the storm did cease, **and** there was a great calm.

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

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& it came to pass that after **38** we had sailed for the space of many days we did arrive to the promised land & we went forth upon the land & did pitch our tents & we did call it the promised land

& it came to pass that we did begin to ~~tell~~ tell the earth & we began to plant 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 exceedingly wherefore we were blessed in abundance

& it came to pass that we did find upon the land of promise as we journeyed in the Wilderness that there were 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 animals which were for the use of man & we did find all manner of ore both of Gold & of silver & of copper

<sup>23</sup>**And** it came to pass that after we had sailed for the space of many days we did arrive **at** the promised land; **and** we went forth upon the land, **and** did pitch our tents; **and** we did call it the promised land.

<sup>24</sup>**And** it came to pass that we did begin to **[X]** till the earth, **and** we began to plant **[ ]** seeds; yea, we did put all our seeds into the earth, which we had brought from the land of Jerusalem. **And** it came to pass that they did grow exceedingly; wherefore, we were blessed in abundance.

<sup>25</sup>**And** it came to pass that we did find upon the land of promise, as we journeyed **in** the wilderness, that there **were** 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 ore, both of gold, **and** of silver, **and** of copper.