

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
neather 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 worksenshup thereof was exceding 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 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^{one} according to his age
wherefore we did all go down into the ship with our wives & our Children
⁷& now my father hat 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 unto the Sea & were driven forth before the wind
towards the promesed 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 forgit by what power they had been brought thither
yea they were lefted up unto excedeng rudeness

¹⁰& 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 depths 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 ~~Breath~~ 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 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 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 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 exceedingly

lest they should be drowned in the Sea

nevertheless they did loose me not

¹⁴& on the fourth day which we had been driven back
the tempest began to be exceeding sore

¹⁵& it came to pass that we were about to be swallowed up in the depths 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 wrists

& behold they had much swollen exceedingly

& also mine ankles 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 threatenings

against any one that should speak for me

& my parents being stricken in years

& having suffered much grief because of their Children

they were brought down yea even upon their sick beds

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 lie 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 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

²⁰& 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 whìch they had done
ensomuch 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 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

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 ~~tell~~ tell 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 journied en 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 anemels which were for the use of man
& we did find all manner of ore both of Gold & of silver & of copper