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1 Nephi Chapter 18

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Chapter 18

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*The Lord Shows Nephi from Time to Time How to Proceed
Nephi Prays to the Lord Often in the Mount*

1 And **it came to pass**

that they [my brethren] did _____ **worship** the Lord
and [they my brethren] did _____ **go forth** with me
and we did _____ **work** timbers _____ aa
of **curious** **workmanship** [exceedingly fine] {AL} 01

And the Lord did **show*** _____ me [*P= shewn]
from time
to time

I [Nephi] should _____ **work** the timbers _____ after what manner bb
of the ship cc

2 **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 [Nephi] did **build** it the ship _____ after the manner

which the Lord had **shown*** unto me

Wherefore

it [the **building** of the ship] was NOT _____ after the manner _____ of men

3 **And** I Nephi **did go** into the mount **oft** _____ [a natural sacred place – a natural **Temple**] {AG}
and I [Nephi] did **pray** **oft** unto the Lord

Wherefore

the Lord **showed*** unto me
GREAT things

4 And **it came to pass**

that **after** I [Nephi] had finished the ship
according to the **word** of the Lord

[Par. aa – Circular repetition “work”]

[Par. cc – Circular repetition “ship”]

[Heb. 01 – Verb and noun with the same root “work”]

[Par. bb – Circular repetition “after the manner”]

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my brethren beheld [the ship]
that it [the ship] was good

and that the workmanship thereof
was exceedingly fine [added in 1981]

Wherefore

they did humble themselves again before the Lord

*The Lord Has an Order to Families
in Their Journey to the Promised Land*

5 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

02

6 And it came to pass

that on the morrow
after* we had prepared ALL things [1] dd
MUCH fruits {AG} 03
and [MUCH] meat from _____ the wilderness
and [MUCH] honey in abundance
and [MUCH] provisions
according to that which the Lord had commanded us

we did go down into the ship [2] {AG}
with ALL our loading 04 ee
and [with ALL] our seeds
and [with] whatsoever thing we had brought with us

EVERYONE according to his age [symbolic of the dispensations of earth life?]

Wherefore

we did ALL [3]
go down into the ship
with [ALL] our wives
and [with ALL] our children

7 And now

my father had begat two sons _____ in the wilderness {AG} **
the ^elder / eldest [son] was called Jacob {^O / Ø} {AG}
and the younger [son was called] Joseph

[Heb. 02 – Compound preposition “down into”]
[Heb. 03 – Plurals amplify “fruits”]
[Par. dd – Working out + Distribution of “ALL”]

[Heb. 04 – Repetition of preposition in list “with”]
[Par. ee – Circular repetition “ALL”]
[Par. ** – Distribution list – “sons”]

~~~ Across the Sea to the Promised Land  
The Ways of the Flesh Cause the Spirit to Withdraw

8 And **it came to pass**

that **after** **we** had ALL [deleted in 1837]

gone **down into the ship**

and **after** **we** had taken with us our provisions

and things which had been **commanded** us  
[by **the Lord**]

and we did \_\_\_\_\_ **put forth** \_\_\_\_\_ **into the sea** [4]

we were **driven forth** **before the wind** **towards the promised land**

[5]

9 And **after**\* **we** had been **driven forth** **before the wind** [\*P= that]

**for the space of MANY days**

**behold** [they] my brethren

and the sons **of** Ishmael

and also their wives **began to** make themselves merry

**insomuch** [to the extent]

{AL}

that they **began to** dance

and to sing

and to speak **with MUCH rudeness** [crudeness]

05

yea

even **to** [the extent]\*

[deleted] [omission]

that they did **forget by** [depart from] what **Power**

[that] they had been \_\_\_\_\_ **brought thither** [to that place/

{AL}

yea they were **lifted up** \_\_\_\_\_ unto exceeding **rudeness**

10 And I Nephi **began to** **fear** exceedingly

**lest** [He] **the Lord** should be **angry** with us

and [He **the Lord** should] **smite** us [down]

because of our **iniquity**

that we should be swallowed **up** **in the depths of the sea** [see v. 15, 20]

**Wherefore** I Nephi **began to** **speak** to them

with MUCH **soberness** [discreet sound principles or doctrine] {AL}

**but behold** they were \_\_\_\_\_ **angry** with me

**saying** [to me]

**We will NOT that** our younger brother shall be a ruler over **us**

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[Heb. 05 – Preposition “with” + noun = adverb “rudely”]

[Heb. 06 – Use of words “will not that”]

Righteousness Is Necessary for Divine Direction

11 And **it came to pass**

that [they] Laman and Lemuel did **take** me ff  
and [did] **bind** me with cords  
and they [Laman and Lemuel] did **treat** me **with MUCH harshness** [cruelness] 07

**Nevertheless**

[He] **the Lord** \_\_\_\_\_ did suffer it  
that **He [the Lord]** might **show** forth **His power**  
unto the fulfilling of **His word**  
which [**word**]  
**He [the Lord]** had \_\_\_ **spoken** concerning the **wicked**

12 And **it came to pass**

that **after** they [Laman and Lemuel] had **bound** me  
**insomuch** **that** I could NOT move  
**the compass** ["compass" = something related to "circular"] {AL}  
which had been **prepared** of **the Lord**  
did CEASE to work

13 **Wherefore**

they [Laman and Lemuel] knew NOT **whither** they should steer the ship  
**insomuch** **that** **there arose** a GREAT \_\_\_\_\_ storm  
**yea** [there arose] a GREAT and terrible tempest  
  
and we were **driven back** \_\_\_\_\_ **upon the waters**  
**for the space of three days**  
  
and they [Laman and Lemuel]  
**began to be frightened** exceedingly 08  
lest they [Laman and Lemuel] should be **drowned in** \_\_\_\_\_ **the sea**

**Nevertheless**

they [Laman and Lemuel] did **NOT loose** me [see v. 12]

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**And** **on the fourth day**  
**which** we had been **driven back** \_\_\_\_\_ **upon the waters**  
  
the tempest **began to be** \_\_\_\_\_ **exceedingly** sore [added in 1981]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Par. ff – Circular repetition “Laman and Lemuel”]  
[Heb. 07 – Preposition “with” + noun = adverb “harshly”]  
[Heb. 08 – Use of words “began to be”]

15 And **it came to pass**

**that** we were about to be **swallowed up** *in the depths of the sea* [see v. 10, 20]

**After that** we had been *driven back* \_\_\_\_\_ *upon the waters* [deleted]  
**for the space of four days**

[they] **my brethren** **began to see**  
**that** \_\_\_\_\_ the **judgments** of **God** **was/were** upon them {AG}  
**and that** they **MUST** \_\_\_\_\_ **perish**  
**SAVE that** they should \_\_\_ **repent** of their **iniquities** {AG}

**Wherefore**

they [my brethren] came unto me  
**and** loosed the bands which **was/were** upon my **wrists** {AG}

**and behold** they [my wrists] had **swollen** exceedingly  
**and also** **mine** ankles were **MUCH swollen**  
**and** **GREAT** was the soreness thereof

16 **Nevertheless**

I [Nephi] did **look** unto **My God**  
**and** I [Nephi] did **praise** **Him** [My God] **ALL the day long**  
**and** I [Nephi] did **NOT** **murmur against the Lord**  
because of mine **afflictions**

17 **Now** **my father** **Lehi** had **said** **MANY** **things** unto them [my brethren]  
**and** [my father **Lehi** had **said** **MANY** **things**] also unto the sons of Ishmael

**but behold**

they [my brethren] did **breathe out** **MUCH** **threatenings** {AG} 09 10  
**against anyone**  
that should **speak** for me

**and** **my parents** being stricken **in years** gg  
**and** [my parents] having suffered **MUCH** **grief** because of their children

**yea** they [my parents] were **brought down**  
[they **my parents** were **brought down**]  
**even** upon their sick-beds  
[by these **threatenings**]

18  
**and** Because of their **grief**  
**and** [because of] their] **MUCH sorrow**  
**and** [because of] the **iniquity** of my brethren

[Heb. 09 – Idiom “breathe out” - meaning *to give life to evil with words* - see Psalm 27:12]

[Heb. 10 – Plurals amplify “threatenings”]

[Par. gg – Circular repetition “my parents”]

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they [my parents] were \_\_\_\_\_ brought near  
even to be carried out of this time  
to meet Their God hh

yea their [my parents'] grey hairs were about \_\_\_\_\_ to be brought down  
to lie low in the dust \*\*

yea even they [my parents] were \_\_\_\_\_ [brought] near  
to be cast ^with sorrow [^O / [ ] P]  
into a watery grave

[Note: This is a possible allusion to the story of Joseph of Egypt. In that story, Joseph's father Jacob stated that to have his "youngest son" taken from him would "bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. (See Genesis chapters 42-44; especially 42:38; also 44:29, 31. See Isaiah 29:4; also Jeremiah 26:20-23).]

19 And Jacob  
and Joseph also being young  
[and] having need of MUCH nourishment  
were grieved because of the afflictions of their mother

and also my wife with her tears  
and [with her] prayers

and also my children  
[with their tears  
and [with their prayers]

did NOT soften the hearts of my brethren  
that they [my brethren] would loose me {AG}

20 And there was NOTHING  
SAVE it were the power of God  
which \_\_\_\_\_ [power of God] threatened them  
with destruction  
[that] could soften their hearts

**Wherefore**

when they [my brethren] saw  
that they [my brethren] were about to be swallowed up in the depths of the sea  
they [my brethren] repented of the thing which they had done

insomuch that they [my brethren] \_\_\_\_\_ loosed me

21 And it came to pass  
[that] after they [my brethren] had loosed me [P= after]

**behold**

I [Nephi] took the compass  
And it [the compass] did work whither [in that place or situation] {AL}  
I [Nephi] desired it [the compass] to work

[Par. hh – Synonymous list of terms for dying]

[Heb. \*\* -- Euphemisms]

And **it came to pass**  
 that I [Nephi] **prayed** unto **the Lord**  
 and **after that** I [Nephi] had **prayed** [unto **the Lord**] [deleted]  
 the winds did CEASE  
 and the storm did CEASE  
 and there was a GREAT calm

22 And **it came to pass**  
 that I Nephi *did guide the ship*  
 that we *sailed again towards **the Promised land*** ii

~~~ *Lehi Arrives in the Promised Land*

23 And **it came to pass**
 that **after** we had *sailed for the space of MANY days*
we *did arrive* ^{^to / at} **the Promised land** [^O / 1920]
 and we *went forth upon **the land***
 and [we] *did pitch our tents*
 and we *did call it **the Promised Land*** [covenant language]

24 And **it came to pass**
 that we did **begin to** till **the earth**
 and we **began to** plant seeds
 yea we did put ALL our seeds into **the earth** [duality - covenant]
 which [seeds]
we had brought *from **the land of Jerusalem***

And **it came to pass**
 that they _____ [our seeds] did **grow** exceedingly [duality – covenant children]

Wherefore we were **blessed in abundance** [*bountifully* - **in Bountiful?**] [duality?] 11

25 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** [“was” – P] {AG}
 of EVERY kind jj
 both **the cow** **
 and **the ox**
 and **the ass**
 and **the horse**
 and **the goat**
 and **the wild goat**

[Par. ii – Circular repetition “we”]

[Heb. 11 – Preposition “in” with noun = Adverb “bountifully”]

[Par. jj – Distribution list?]

[Heb. ** -- Repetition of an article “the”]

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and we did find ALL manner of wild animals which were for the use of men
 And we did find ALL manner of ore **
 both of gold kk
 and of silver
 and of copper

[Heb. ** -- Repetition of a preposition "of"]
 [Par. kk – Distribution list?]

[Note: According to Alan Goff, ancient people looked back to foundational events or creation events in a way that transformed the present and the future as they came into contact with the past; these events served as the beginning of time for their people. Not only did past events serve as interpretive guides, but the people conceived themselves as reliving those events. Goff calls this **repetition**.

According to Goff, readers of the Book of Mormon need to reconsider their conclusion that because the Book of Mormon contains some repetitions from the Bible, Joseph Smith merely plagiarized the book. Plagiaristic claims specifically ignore a genuinely biblical manner of writing. One must look deeper to show the sophisticated nature of the Book of Mormon narrative.

Three Biblical Archetypes Compared to Nephi's Construction of the Ship

| | <u>Work
"Good"</u> | <u>Completion
Formula</u> | <u>Blessing
Pronounced</u> | <u>Multiply &
Fill the Earth</u> | <u>Curious
Workmanship</u> | <u>Mountain
Theophany</u> |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Creation | Gen.1:31 | Gen 2:1 | Gen.2:3 | Gen 1:22 | Gen 1:11-12
Gen 1:20-22
Gen 1:24-25 | |
| Deluge | Gen 9:11-17 | Gen 6:22
Gen 7:5 | Gen 9:1 | Gen 8:17
Gen 9:1 | Gen 6:14-16 | |
| Tabernacle | Ex 39:43 | Ex 39:32
Ex 39:43
Ex 40:33 | Ex 39:43 | Josh 18:1 | Ex 31:3-4 | Ex 24:12-13 |
| Nephi's ship | 1 Ne 18:4 | 1 Ne 18:4 | 1 Ne 18:24 | 1 Ne 18:24 | 1 Ne 18:1,2 | 1 Ne 17:7,8 |

[Alan Goff, "Boats, Beginnings, and Repetitions" in *Journal of Book of Mormon Studies*, Vol. 1/1, F.A.R.M.S. (Fall 1992): 67-81. See also John W. Welch & J. Gregory Welch, "Three Biblical Archetypes Compared to Nephi's Construction of the Ship" in *Charting the Book of Mormon: Visual Aids for Personal Study and Teaching*, chart 93]]