

A Comparison of Lehi's Dream and Nephi's Vision

Reference	Lehi's Dream: 1 Nephi 8	Nephi's Vision: 1 Nephi 11–14	Reference
8:4	Dark and dreary wilderness	High mountain	11:1
8:5	Man dressed in white robe	Spirit speaks	11:2, 11
8:6	Man leads the way	Spirit's introductory questions	11:2
8:7–8	Man leaves (implied)	Spirit departs	11:12
8:7–8	Dark and dreary waste	Jerusalem	11:13
8:8	Prayer for mercy		
8:9	Large and spacious field		11:7, 13–
8:10	Tree	Tree	18, 20–25
8:10	Fruit desirable to make happy	Love of God most desirable	11:22
8:11	Fruit sweet and white above all	Virgin most beautiful and fair	11:15
8:12	Soul filled with joy	Carried away in the spirit	11:19
8:12	Desire to share with family		
8:14	Head of river near the tree	Fountain of living waters	11:25
8:15	Call with loud voice	Christ, John, apostles preach	11:24–31
8:15–16	Come partake of fruit		
8:17–18	Laman, Lemuel do not partake	People reject Christ	11:32–33
8:19	Rod of iron	Rod of iron	11:25
8:20	Straight and narrow path	The apostles preach	11:34
8:20	Large and spacious field	Large and spacious building	11:35
8:21	Numberless concourses coming	Multitudes like sand	12:1
8:23	Mist of darkness	Mists of darkness	12:17
8:23	Lose their way and are lost	Broad roads and are lost	12:17
8:24	Others come to tree and partake	Four generations	12:10–12
8:26	River is a divider	Great gulf divideth them	12:18
8:26	Great and spacious building	Large and spacious building	12:18
8:27	Fine dress, mocking	Pride and vain imaginations	12:18
8:28	They fell away	The good are overpowered	12:19
8:29	[Break in Nephi's recitation]	War between seed	12:20–23
8:30	Other multitudes partake	Gentile nations	13:3
8:31	Great and spacious building	Great and abominable church	13:4–9
		Restoration of Lehi's seed through a great and marvelous work	13:10– 14:7
8:32	Many drowned in the depths	Whore upon the waters	14:11
8:32	Many are lost in strange roads	Wars and chaos	14:16

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Key Scripture 1 Nephi 8; 11–14

Explanation Though Nephi and Lehi both experienced the vision of the tree of life, they explained it and possibly perceived it somewhat differently. They saw the same vision, for Nephi “saw the things which [his] father saw, and the angel of the Lord did make them known unto [him]” (1 Nephi 14:29). But Lehi’s vision is recorded as being completely allegorical, while Nephi’s vision of the tree of life expanded further into a view of the future of the world and Nephi’s posterity, including specific historical occurrences like the birth of Jesus Christ and the latter-day restoration of the gospel to Lehi’s seed. On this chart the elements in these visions are compared and contrasted. Viewing these two texts together may yield new insights concerning both of these visions of the tree of life.