

THE FIRST BOOK OF NEPHI

HIS REIGN AND MINISTRY

An account of Lehi and his wife Sariah, and his four sons, being called, (beginning at the eldest) Laman, Lemuel, Sam, and Nephi. The Lord warns Lehi to depart out of the land of Jerusalem, because he prophesieth unto the people concerning their iniquity and they seek to destroy his life. He taketh three days' journey into the wilderness with his family. Nephi taketh his brethren and returneth to the land of Jerusalem after the record of the Jews. The account of their sufferings. They take the daughters of Ishmael to wife. They take their families and depart into the wilderness. Their sufferings and afflictions in the wilderness. The course of their travels. They come to the large waters. Nephi's brethren rebel against him. He confoundeth them, and buildeth a ship. They call the name of the place Bountiful. They cross the large waters into the promised land, and so forth. This is according to the account of Nephi; or in other words, I, Nephi, wrote this record.

CHAPTER 1

Nephi begins the record of his people—Lehi sees in vision a pillar of fire and reads from a book of prophecy—He praises God, foretells the coming of the Messiah, and prophesies the destruction of Jerusalem—He is persecuted by the Jews. About 600 B.C.

I, NEPHI, having been ^aborn of ^bgoodly ^cparents, therefore I was ^dtaught somewhat in all the learning of my father; and having seen many ^eafflictions in the course of my days, nevertheless, having been highly favored of the Lord in all my days; yea, having had a great knowledge of the goodness and the mysteries of God, therefore I make a ^frecord of my proceedings in my days.

2 Yea, I make a record in the ^alanguage of my father, which consists of the learning of the Jews and the language of the Egyptians.

3 And I know that the record which I make is ^atrue; and I make it with mine own hand; and I make it according to my knowledge.

4 For it came to pass in the commencement of the ^afirst year of the reign of ^bZedekiah, king of Judah, (my father, Lehi, having dwelt at ^cJerusalem in all his days); and in that same year there came many ^dprophets, prophesying unto the people that they must ^erepent, or the great city ^fJerusalem must be destroyed.

5 Wherefore it came to pass that my father, Lehi, as he went forth prayed unto the Lord, yea, even

1 1 ^a TG Birthright. ^b Prov. 22:1. ^c Mosiah 1:2 (2–3); D&C 68:25 (25, 28). TG Honoring Father and Mother. ^d Enos 1:1. TG Education; Family, Children, Responsibilities toward; Family, Love within. ^e TG Affliction; Blessing; God, Gifts of. ^f TG Record Keeping;	Scriptures, Writing of. 2 ^a Mosiah 1:4; Morm. 9:32 (32–33). 3 ^a 1 Ne. 14:30; 2 Ne. 25:20; Mosiah 1:6; Alma 3:12; Ether 5:3 (1–3). 4 ^a 1 Ne. 2:4; Mosiah 6:4. ^b 2 Kgs. 24:18; 2 Chr. 36:10; Jer. 37:1; 44:30; 49:34; 52:3 (3–5); Omni 1:15.	^c 1 Chr. 9:3; 2 Chr. 15:9; Alma 7:10. ^d 2 Kgs. 17:13 (13–15); 2 Chr. 36:15 (15–16); Jer. 7:25; 26:20. TG Prophets, Mission of. ^e TG Repent. ^f Jer. 26:18 (17–19); 2 Ne. 1:4; Hel. 8:20. TG Israel, Bondage of, in Other Lands; Jerusalem.
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