

Lehi and His People Arrive in the Promised Land

1 Nephi 18:5–24

And it came to pass that after we had sailed for the space of many days we did arrive at the promised land. 1 Nephi 18:23

The Lord spoke to Lehi and told him it was time to take his people into the ship. Lehi's people prepared fruits, meat, honey, seeds, and other supplies for the journey, and then all the men, women, and children went into the ship. The wind blew them toward the promised land. (See 1 Nephi 18:5–8.)

After sailing for many days, Laman and Lemuel and the sons of Ishmael and their wives began to dance and sing with rudeness. They forgot that it was God's power that was taking them to the promised land. Nephi was afraid the Lord would be angry and cause the ship to be swallowed in the sea. He spoke to those who were singing and dancing so rudely, but they became angry with him. Laman and Lemuel did not like their younger brother telling them what to do. They took Nephi and tied him up. After they did this, the compass—the Liahona—stopped working, and they did not know where to steer the ship. (See 1 Nephi 18:9–13.)

A great storm arose, and for three days they were driven back on the waters. Although Laman and Lemuel were afraid they were going to drown, they would not untie Nephi. Lehi spoke to Laman

and Lemuel and the others, but they were rude to him and threatened him. They treated Lehi and Sariah so badly that they became sick. Nephi's younger brothers, Jacob and Joseph, were not given the nourishment they needed because of their mother's afflictions. Nephi's wife and children cried and prayed that Nephi would be released. (See 1 Nephi 18:13, 17–19.)

After four days of this terrible storm, Laman and Lemuel realized that God's judgments were upon them and that they would be killed if they did not repent. Finally they went to Nephi and untied him. His wrists and ankles were swollen and sore because of the tight cords that had been around them. (See 1 Nephi 18:15.)

Nephi picked up the Liahona, and it began to work again. Then he prayed, and the wind and the storm stopped. The sea became calm once more. (See 1 Nephi 18:21.)

Nephi guided the ship, and after many days they arrived in the promised land. They went out onto the land, put up their tents, and began to prepare the soil and plant the seeds they had brought with them. (See 1 Nephi 18:22–24.)

Summary

After many days of sailing, some of Lehi's family began to behave rudely and to forget the Lord. Nephi was afraid the Lord would not be pleased and warned his brothers. Laman and Lemuel became angry that Nephi was telling them what to do, so they tied him up. The Liahona stopped working, and no one could guide the ship. A great storm raged, but Lehi

and some of the others could not get Laman and Lemuel to untie Nephi. On the fourth day, Laman and Lemuel realized they were about to be destroyed by the storm. At last they freed Nephi, and the Liahona began to work. Nephi prayed, and the sea became calm. He guided the ship, and after many days they reached the promised land.

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