

# 1 Nephi 16–22: Journey to Promised Land

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## 1. What was taken away after the apostles?

After Old Testament and the writings of the twelve apostles go forth “from the Jews unto the Gentiles, thou seest the formation of that great and abominable church...; for behold, they have taken away from the gospel of the Lamb many parts which are plain and most precious; and also many covenants of the Lord have they taken away.... [and]... there are many plain and precious things taken away from the book....” (1 Ne 13:26–28)

- taken away from the gospel
- covenants taken away
- taken away from the book

“No single known historical church, denomination, or set of believers meets all the requirements for the great and abominable church. ... Such an agent would have had its origins in the second half of the first century and would have done much of its work by the middle of the second century.” About 150 years later a centralized, orthodox Catholic church began with the Nicene council in AD 325. In AD 1054, the Catholic Church split into the Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox Churches. (Robinson)

## 2. Journey to Bountiful



Events	1 Nephi	
Christ’s crucifixion. Jews to be scattered	11	19
His omniscience and love for covenant people	12	20 (Isa 48)
Day of Gentiles; nursing fathers and mothers	13	21 (Isa 49)
Restoration or Israel; good over evil	14	22

## 3. Liahona

Given for whom?

What were the two functions of the Liahona?

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What did they have to do?

What caused the Liahona to stop working?

How does the Liahona story apply to us?

How the Liahona relate to rod of iron?

## 4. How did Lehi fulfill the commandments given him?

“And thus my father had fulfilled all the commandments of the Lord which had been given unto him.” (1 Ne 16:8; 5:20)

What commandments?

How were they given? (Acts 1:2)

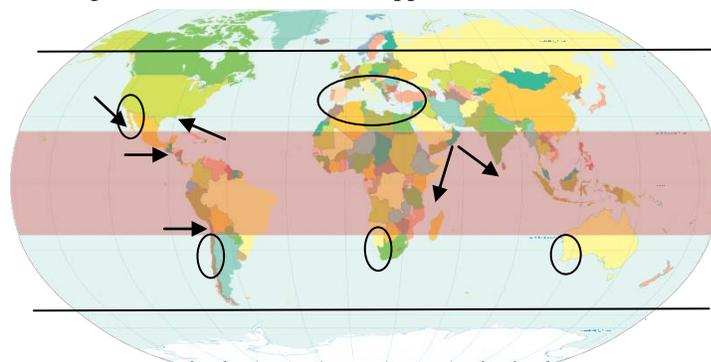
How does this verse relate to the sacrament prayer?

“...that they may... witness unto thee,... that they are willing to ... keep his commandments which he hath given them, that they may always have his Spirit to be with them. Amen.” (Moro 4:3)

Understand, make, and keep covenants as contained in the scriptures

## 5. Journey to the Promised Land

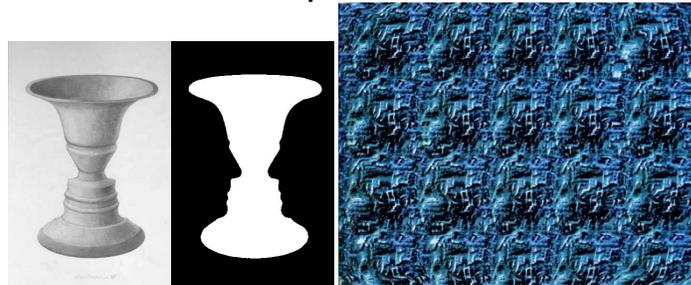
<sup>23</sup> After we had sailed for ... many days we did arrive at the promised land; and we went forth upon the land, and did pitch our tents. ... <sup>24</sup> We did put all our seeds into the earth, which we had brought from the land of Jerusalem. And ... they did grow exceedingly. ... <sup>25</sup> We did find ... in the wilderness, that there were beasts in the forests of every kind ... the cow ... ox, ... ass ... horse, ... goat ... wild goat, and all manner of wild animals, which were for the use of men. And we did find all manner of ore, both of gold, and of silver, and of copper. (1 Ne 18:23–25)



Mid-latitude areas are above or below the tropics (shaded) and below or above the polar ice cap (lines). Ovals show the five areas with a Mediterranean climate like Jerusalem. The arrows show proposed travel directions from Bountiful and landing places in the promised land.

Seeds from “the land of Jerusalem” will grow exceedingly only in an area with a similar climate. Lesson 1 discussed several other indicators of a mid-latitude location for Lehi’s family.

## 6. What can one see in pictures like these?



## 7. Two Ways of Viewing and Doing

What is	
1. Find fault	1. Accept (not condone or desire)
2. Blame	2. Goal focus (end)
3. Punish (if possible)	3. Method (means)
4. Justify (grievance story)	4. Do it! (learn, repeat, grateful)

*wisdom*: (1) capacity of judging rightly in matters relating to life and conduct; *soundness of judgment in the choice of means and ends ...* (SOED=Shorter Oxford English Dictionary)

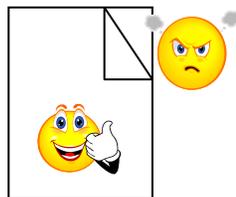
### How were these ways of viewing and doing illustrated?

- Get the plates of brass
- Broken bow
- After Ishmael died  
 “Laman said unto Lemuel and ... the sons of Ishmael: ... *let us slay... our brother Nephi*, who has taken it upon him to be our ruler and our teacher, who are his elder brethren” (16:37). To “stir up their hearts to anger.” (16:38)
- Commandment to build a ship
- Laman tied up Nephi on ship
- Summaries of journey to Bountiful (1 Ne 17)

**Nephi:**<sup>1</sup> We did travel and wade through much *affliction* in the wilderness; and our women did bear children in the wilderness.<sup>2</sup> And so *great were the blessings* of the Lord upon us, that while we did live upon *raw meat* in the wilderness, our women did give plenty of suck for their children, and were *strong ...*; and they began to bear their journeyings *without murmurings*.<sup>3</sup> ... And if ... men keep the commandments of God *he doth nourish them, and strengthen them, and provide means whereby they can accomplish the thing which he has commanded them; wherefore, he did provide means for us while we did sojourn in the wilderness....*<sup>6</sup> We were exceedingly rejoiced when we came to the seashore; and we called the place Bountiful....

**Laman:**<sup>20</sup> Our father, led away by the foolish imaginations of his heart; yea, he hath led us out of the land of *Jerusalem*, and we have *wandered* in the wilderness for these many years; and our women have toiled, being big with child; and they have borne children in the wilderness and *suffered* all things, save it were death; and it would have been better that they had died before they came out of Jerusalem than to have suffered these afflictions.<sup>21</sup> Behold, these many years we have suffered in the wilderness, which time we might have enjoyed our possessions and the land of our inheritance; yea, and *we might have been happy*.

## 8. Likening it unto me



## 9. How Love Begins ... and Ends

### 1. How Love Begins

Focus: What I <b>like</b>	Attraction
View: “Rose-colored”	Appreciate little things
Do: Please and honor other Golden Rule	Affection (time, touch, talk) Ask and Accept

### 2. Habituation

Focus: What is different	Less Attraction
View: Take each other for granted	Less Appreciation
Do: Normal	Less Affection and Asking

### 3. Expectations (Rules)

Focus: What I <b>dislike</b> (find fault)	Disappointment
View: <i>Blame Game</i>	Depreciation
Do: Displease and dishonor other	Disaffection
My will be done! “Gold” rules	Demand perfection

There is a way that *seemeth right* unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of *death*. (Prov 16:25; 14:12)

### Ways That Seem Right But Usually Don't Work

- Do my will! (You should...)
- Do my will or else! (You must...)
- Do my will because I am smarter, wiser, better, or more righteous than you!
- Do my will cheerfully, willingly, and without being asked!
- Your will be done, not mine. (Lose-Win)



These ways that seem right may get compliance at first but they lead to resentment, resistance, rebellion, retaliation, and revenge.

### 4. How Love Ends

Worthless	Last Straw
Hopeless (Impossible to change.)	Rewrite history
Helpless (I can't change it.)	“Divorce”

### What happens when grass is not watered?

### How does “yellow grass” relate to marriage?

The grass is always greener on the side of the fence you water the most.

Over the years I have collected stories that show how the two ways of viewing and doing relate to marriage and family. I have put some of these stories in a paper. For copies of the stories, my notes, or this handout, go to [www.sviewp.com](http://www.sviewp.com).