

Scripture Scholars

See if you can become a scripture scholar. All you have to do is answer some of the following questions using 1 Nephi Chapter 3:

- In verse one, what is the eighth word? _____
- Can you circle the page numbers?
- At the bottom of the page, it tells you when this account took place... It happened between _____ and _____ B.C.
- Read Nephi 3:6 and notice the small raised "a" before "murmur." Now look near the bottom of the page below the horizontal line. Find the chapter number "3" in bold print, then the verse number "6" in lighter print, and finally the letter a. This footnote directs you to the _____.
- Verse seven is a very popular scripture. Read it. What is the most important WORD in this scripture? Write it here: _____ Underline it on your copy.
- Underline the Chapter Number.
- In verse 11, go to footnote "a". What two scriptures does it refer you to? _____ and _____.
- What is the fourth word in verse 11: _____ Ask your teacher what it means:

- Lehi and his family had to leave from _____ (city name). Can't remember? See verse 17.
- Those living in this city didn't obey the commandments and didn't listen to Heavenly Father's _____ (the word by footnote "b" in verse 20). Using footnote "b", it gives you three scriptures to reference. Which one is from the Book of Mormon? Circle it.

Now, you're an expert at navigating the scriptures... Congratulations!!!

wherefore, I did cry unto the Lord; and behold he did visit me, and did soften my heart that I did believe all the words which had been spoken by my father; wherefore, I did not rebel against him like unto my brothers.

17 And I spake unto Sam, making known unto him the things which the Lord had manifested unto me by his Holy Spirit. And it came to pass that he believed in my words. 18 But, behold, Laman and Lemuel would not hearken unto my words; and being grieved because of the hardness of their hearts I cried unto the Lord for them.

19 And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto me, saying: Blessed art thou, Nephi, because of thy faith, for thou hast sought me diligently, with lowliness of heart. 20 And inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments, ye shall prosper, and shall be led to a land of promise; yea, even a land which I have prepared for you; yea, a land which is choice above all other lands.

21 And inasmuch as thy brethren shall rebel against thee, they shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord. 22 And inasmuch as thou shalt keep my commandments, thou shalt be made a ruler and a teacher over thy brethren.

23 For behold, in that day that they shall rebel against me, I will curse them even with a sore curse, and they shall have no power over

thy seed except they shall rebel against me also.

24 And if it so be that they rebel against me, they shall be a scourge unto thy seed, to stir them up in the ways of remembrance.

CHAPTER 3

Leti's sons return to Jerusalem to obtain the plates of brass—Laban refuses to give them up—Nephi exhorts and encourages his brethren—Laban steals their property and attempts to slay them—Laman and Lemuel smile Nephi and are reproved by an angel.

AND it came to pass that I, Nephi, returned from speaking with the Lord, to the tent of my father.

2 And it came to pass that he spake unto me, saying: Behold I have dreamed a dream, in the which the Lord hath commanded me that thou and thy brethren shall return to Jerusalem.

3 For behold, Laban hath the record of the Jews and also a genealogy of my forefathers, and they are engraven upon plates of brass.

4 Wherefore, the Lord hath commanded me that thou and thy brothers should go unto the house of Laban, and seek the records, and bring them down hither into the wilderness.

5 And now, behold thy brothers murmur, saying it is a hard thing which I have required of them; but behold I have not required it of

them, but it is a commandment of the Lord.

6 Therefore go, my son, and thou shalt be favored of the Lord, because thou hast not murmured.

7 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, said unto my father: I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them.

8 And it came to pass that when my father had heard these words he was exceedingly glad, for he knew that I had been blessed of the Lord.

9 And I, Nephi, and my brethren took our journey in the wilderness, with our tents, to go up to the land of Jerusalem.

10 And it came to pass that when we had gone up to the land of Jerusalem, I and my brethren did consult one with another.

11 And we cast lots—who of us should go in unto the house of Laban. And it came to pass that the lot fell upon Laman; and Laman went in unto the house of Laban, and he talked with him as he sat in his house.

12 And he desired of Laban the records which were engraven upon the plates of brass, which contained the genealogy of my father.

13 And behold, it came to pass that Laban was angry, and thrust him out from his presence; and he would not that he should have the records. Wherefore, he said unto him: Behold thou art a robber, and I will slay thee.

14 But Laman fled out of his presence, and told the things which Laban had done, unto us. And we began to be exceedingly sorrowful, and my brethren were about to return unto my father in the wilderness.

15 But behold I said unto them that: As the Lord liveth, and as we live, we will not go down unto our father in the wilderness until we have accomplished the thing which the Lord hath commanded us.

16 Wherefore, let us be faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord; therefore let us go down to the land of our father's inheritance, for behold he left gold and silver, and all manner of riches. And all this he hath done because of the commandments of the Lord.

17 For he knew that Jerusalem must be destroyed, because of the wickedness of the people.

18 For behold, they have rejected the words of the prophets. Wherefore, if my father should dwell in the land after he hath been commanded to flee out of the land, behold, he would also perish. Wherefore, it must needs be that he flee out of the land.

19 And behold, it is wisdom in God that we should obtain these records, that we may preserve unto our children the language of our fathers;

20 And also that we may preserve unto them the words which have been spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets, which have been delivered unto them by the Spirit and power of God, since the world began, even down unto this present time.

169 Ps. 8: 4; 1 Ne. 3: 1; 19: 11; Alma 17: 10; D&C 5: 16. Tc Guidance, Div/ine. c 1 Kgs. 18: 37; Alma 5: 7. d 1 Ne. 11: 5. e Tc Honoring Father and Mother. f Tc Family, Love within. 18d Alma 31: 24; 3 Ne. 7: 16. 19d 1 Ne. 7: 12 (9-13); 15: 11.

20a Josh. 1: 7; 1 Ne. 4: 14; Mosiah 1: 7. b Deut. 33: 13 (13-16); 1 Chr. 28: 8 (7-8); 1 Ne. 5: 5 (22); 7: 13; Moses 7: 17 (17-18). Tc Promised Lands. 21a Josh. 23: 13; 2 Ne. 5: 20 (20-24); Alma 9: 14 (13-15); 38: 1. 22a Gen. 37: 8 (8-11); 1 Ne. 3: 29. Tc Authority. 23a Job 24: 13. b Deut. 11: 28; 1 Ne. 12: [Between 600 and 592 B.C.]

22 (22-23); D&C 41: 1. Tc Curse. c Josh. 22: 16; Mosiah 15: 26. 24a Josh. 23: 13; Judg. 2: 22 (22-23). b 2 Ne. 5: 25. 3 1a 1 Ne. 2: 16. 3 1a Tc Dream. b 1 Ne. 2: 4 (1-9); 7: 3. 3a 1 Ne. 3: 12; 5: 14. b Jer. 17: 1; 1 Ne. 3: 24 (12, 19-24). [Between 600 and 592 B.C.]

6a Tc Sustaining Church Leaders. b Tc Murmur/ing. 7a 1 Sam. 17: 32; 1 Kgs. 17: 15 (11-15). Tc Faith; Loyalty; Obedience. b Tc Commandments of God. c Gen. 18: 14; Phillip. 4: 13; 1 Ne. 17: 3, 50; D&C 5: 34. 11a Neh. 10: 34; Acts 1: 26.

12a 1 Ne. 3: 3; 5: 14; Jarom 1: 1. 15a Tc Oath; Promise. b Tc Commitment; Dedication. 16a 1 Ne. 2: 4. b 1 Ne. 2: 2; 4: 34. 17a 2 Chr. 36: 20 (16-20); Jer. 39: 9 (1-9); 1 Ne. 1: 13. 18a Jer. 26: 23 (21-24).

Tc Prophecs, Rejection of. b 1 Ne. 5: 21; 7: 2; 16: 8. 19a Omni 1: 17; Mosiah 1: 3 (2-6). Tc Record Keeping. 20a Tc Scriptures. b Zech. 7: 12; Matt. 11: 13; Mosiah 15: 13. [Between 600 and 592 B.C.]