

# Finding the Promised Land

A scenic view of a mountain valley. The foreground is dominated by lush green, forested hillsides. In the middle ground, a thick layer of white clouds fills the valley, creating a 'sea of clouds' effect. Several mountain peaks rise above the clouds, their tops partially obscured. The background shows more distant, hazy mountain ranges under a clear blue sky.

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# THE LEMONITES

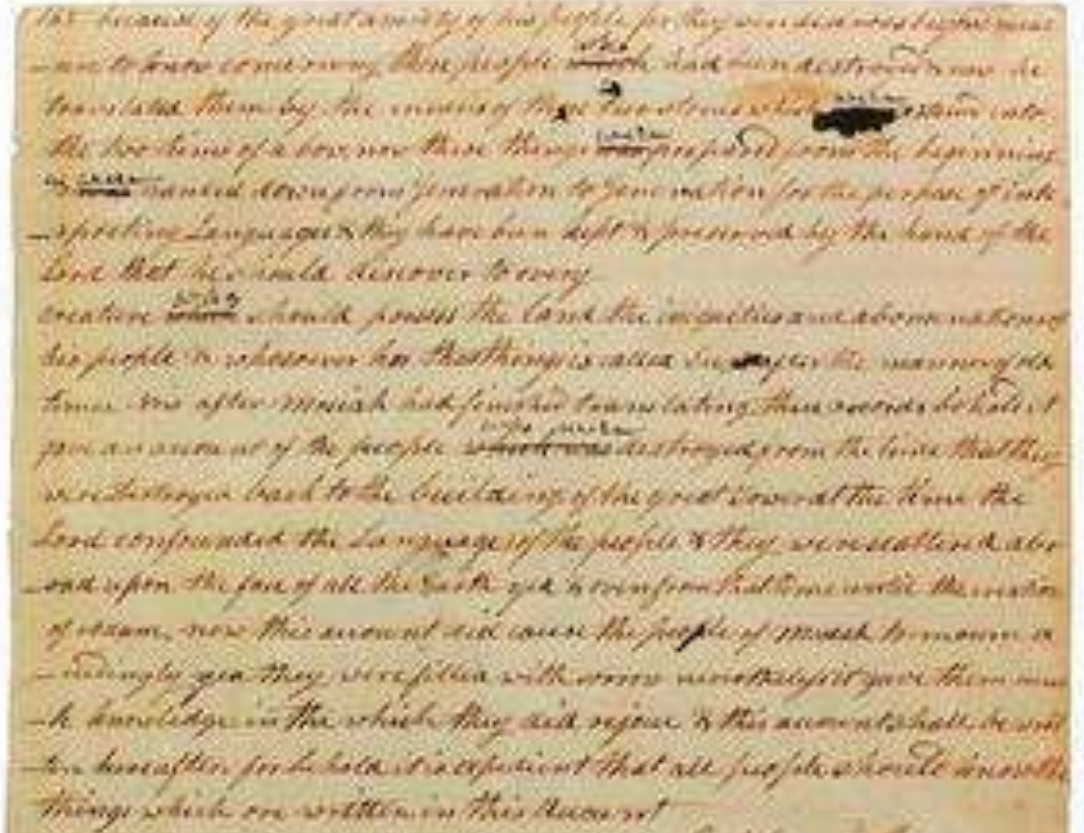


# FYI...

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## Original Book of Mormon Manuscript

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187 because of the great sinfulness of his people for they were disobedient & carnal  
- and he knew concerning these people <sup>which</sup> had been destroyed & now he  
translated them by the coming of these two stones which <sup>came</sup> down into  
the two stones of a box now these things <sup>were prepared</sup> from the beginning  
<sup>by the</sup> ~~Lord~~ <sup>Lord</sup> ~~had~~ <sup>sent</sup> down from generation to generation for the purpose of  
- speaking languages they have been left & preserved by the hand of the  
Lord that he might discover to every  
creature <sup>which</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>should</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>possess</sup> the land the imperfections and iniquities of  
his people & whatsoever he that they is called in <sup>scripture</sup> the morning of the  
times now after much and finished translating these records he held it  
- for an amount of the people <sup>which</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>destroyed</sup> ~~destroyed from the time that they  
were destroyed back to the building of the great tower at the time the  
Lord confounded the language of the people & they were scattered abro-  
- and upon the face of all the earth yet he knew from that time until the creation  
of man, now this amount did cause the people of much to mourn &  
- & yea they were filled with sorrow notwithstanding that they were  
- a knowledge in the which they did rejoice & this amount shall be writ-  
- ten hereafter for he held it expedient that all people should know the  
things which are written in this record~~

### Chapter 14<sup>th</sup>

I had now as I said unto you that after King Benish had done  
these things he took the plates of Brass and all the things which he had  
left and deposited them upon <sup>them</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>was</sup> the chest of <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>Lord</sup> <sup>and</sup>  
the records and also the interpretations and deposited them upon him and  
- <sup>and</sup> <sup>he</sup> <sup>commanded</sup> <sup>him</sup> <sup>that</sup> <sup>he</sup> <sup>should</sup> <sup>keep</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>preserve</sup> <sup>them</sup> <sup>untill</sup>  
- <sup>the</sup> <sup>coming</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>people</sup> <sup>building</sup> <sup>their</sup> <sup>temple</sup> <sup>from</sup> <sup>one</sup> <sup>genera-</sup>  
- <sup>tion</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>another</sup> <sup>even</sup> <sup>as</sup> <sup>they</sup> <sup>had</sup> <sup>been</sup> <sup>sent</sup> <sup>down</sup> <sup>from</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>Lord</sup>  
- <sup>that</sup> <sup>Lehi</sup> <sup>had</sup> <sup>sent</sup> <sup>unto</sup> <sup>Benish</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>that</sup> <sup>he</sup> <sup>should</sup>  
- <sup>not</sup> <sup>bring</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>him</sup> <sup>all</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>land</sup> <sup>because</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>people</sup> <sup>building</sup> <sup>the</sup>  
- <sup>know</sup> <sup>that</sup> <sup>they</sup> <sup>will</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>land</sup> <sup>when</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>King</sup> <sup>shall</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>sent</sup>

**Elder CS Lewis**

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**I read to know  
that I'm not  
alone...**



# Simplicity

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**1 Nephi 17:41**





*Feel* his words

**1 Nephi 17:45**

# Elder Neal A. Maxwell

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**"Some young people belong to peer groups in which there is an almost constant celebration of the senses: tactile, visual, and aural. It is significant that three prophets (Nephi, Paul, and Mormon) in three different cultures and at three different times, each used the same two words to describe a people *who had celebrated the senses so much that they had lost their capacity to feel.***

**The words 'past feeling' appear in the scriptures to depict people who had become sufficiently encrusted in their excesses that they killed their capacity to feel. The very capacity to feel which they celebrated was lost in the process of celebration.**

**They were in a situation in which increasingly stronger stimulants were needed to feel anything, and finally no dose was large enough to appease their appetites."** (A Time

to Choose, p. 15 - 16.)



# Building a Ship





# Led by Light, Driven by Wind

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## Lord's Design For Nephi

*"I [did not] build the ship after the manner of men"  
(1 Nephi 18:2)*

## Divine Tutoring

*I, Nephi, did go into the mount oft and I did pray oft  
unto the Lord (1 Nephi 18:3)*

## Light to see

*"And I will also be your light in the wilderness; and I  
will prepare the way before you (1 Nephi 17:13)*

## Driven by Wind

*We did put forth into the sea and were driven forth  
before the wind towards the promised land (1 Nephi  
18:8)*

## Lord's Design for Jaredites

*Jared did go to work...and built barges...according to  
the instructions of the Lord*

## Divine Tutoring

*Lord came again unto the brother of Jared...and  
for..three hours did the Lord talk with [him]*

## Light to See

*"What will ye that I should do that ye may have light in  
your vessels?"*

## Driven the Wind

*Lord God caused that there should be a furious wind  
blow upon the face of the waters...and the wind did  
never cease to blow...*

# Kirtland Temple Dedication

**36** Let it be fulfilled upon them, as upon those on the day of Pentecost; let the gift of tongues be poured out upon thy people, even cloven tongues as of fire, and the interpretation thereof.

**37** And let thy house be filled, as with a rushing mighty wind, with thy glory.

**79** And also this church, to put upon it thy name. And help us by the power of thy Spirit, that we may mingle our voices with those bright, shining seraphs around thy throne, with acclamations of praise, singing Hosanna to God and the Lamb!



# Weakness?

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**1 Nephi 19:6**



# Gather or Wander?

**1 Nephi 19:13**

