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## LESSON 61.—THE REVOLT ON THE WATERS.

PLACE.—The Indian Ocean.

DATE.—About 590 B. C.

TEXT.—I Nephi 18:9-16, 21, 22.

9. And after we had been driven forth before the wind, for the space of many days, behold my brethren, and the sons of Ishmael, and also their wives, began to make themselves merry, insomuch that they began to dance, and to sing, and to speak with much rudeness, yea, even that they did forget by what power they had been brought thither; yea, they were lifted up unto exceeding rudeness.

10. And I, Nephi, began to fear exceedingly, lest the Lord should be angry with us, and smite us, because of our iniquity, that we should be swallowed up in the depths of the sea; wherefore I, Nephi, began to speak to them with much soberness; but behold they were angry with me, saying, We will not that our younger brother shall be a ruler over us.

11. And it came to pass that Laman and Lemuel did take me and bind me with cords, and they did treat me with much harshness; nevertheless the Lord did suffer it, that he might show forth his power, unto the fulfilling of his word which he had spoken concerning the wicked.

12. And it came to pass that after they had bound me, insomuch that I could not move, the <sup>2</sup>compass, which had been prepared of the Lord, did cease to work;

13. Wherefore, they knew not whither they should steer the ship, insomuch that there arose a great storm, yea, a great and terrible tempest, and we were driven back upon the waters for the space of three days; and they began to be frightened exceedingly, lest they should be drowned in the sea; nevertheless they did not loose me.

14. And on the fourth day, which we had been driven back, the tempest began to be exceeding sore.

15. And it came to pass that we were about to be swallowed up in the depths of the sea. And after we had been driven back upon the waters for the space of four days, my brethren began to see that the judgments of God were upon them, and that they must perish, save that they should repent of their iniquities; wherefore they came unto me, and loosed the bands which were upon my wrists, and behold they had swollen exceedingly; and also mine ankles were much swollen, and great was the soreness thereof.

16. Nevertheless I did look unto my God, and I did praise him all the day long; and I did not murmur against the Lord, because of mine afflictions.

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21. And it came to pass after they had loosed me, behold, I took the <sup>2</sup>compass, and it did work whither I desired it. And it came to pass that I prayed unto the Lord; and after I had prayed, the winds did cease, and the storm did cease, and there was a great calm.

22. And it came to pass that I, Nephi, did guide the ship, that we sailed again towards the promised land.

1. I. Nephi 2:22; 16:37, 38; II. Nephi 1:25-27; 5:3, 19. 2. I. Nephi 16:10; II. Nephi 5:12; Alma, 37:38-47.

### LESSON STATEMENT.

When Nephi had finished the ship all the company went on board, and at once put to sea. The vessel was then driven by the winds towards the promised land. After they had been sailing prosperously for a number of days, the hearts of Nephi's brothers and of the sons of Ishmael and others grew merry and in their merriment they forgot the Lord. They danced, and sang, and became very boisterous and rude. Nephi reproved them. This opened the old sore. They said they would not have him for their ruler, but would do as they pleased. Then they seized him and bound him, hands and feet, so tightly that he suffered a great deal. The result was that the Lord was angry at their wickedness, and the Liahona ceased to work. A heavy storm arose, a head wind drove them back upon the waters, the waves threatened to engulf them, and they were all in danger of being drowned. For three days the rebels continued stubborn in their

anger; during that time they would not loose Nephi, and every one who pled for him or spoke in his favor was threatened with like tortures. But at last, on the fourth day, the danger grew so threatening that they released him; but his legs and arms had swollen so greatly by reason of the way in which he had been tied that he could scarcely use them. Notwithstanding his great weakness and sufferings, as soon as he was loosed he took the Liahona, and in his hands it began to work. Then the wind fell, the storm ceased, and there came a great calm. And Nephi took charge of the ship and guided it without further trouble, to the promised land.

#### NOTE.

THE COURSE OF THE VOYAGE.—The colony took ship on the Arabian Sea, sailed in a south-easterly direction, crossing the Indian and South Pacific Oceans, and landed on the South American Continent, on the coast of Chili, thirty degrees south latitude.

#### WHAT WE MAY LEARN FROM THIS LESSON.

1. That when the ship was finished all went on board and the wind drove it forward on its course. 2. That Laman, Lemuel, and the sons of Ishmael were so delighted with their progress that they became exceedingly merry, and their merriment grew into rudeness of speech and action. 3. That in their excitement they entirely forgot the Lord who had delivered them. 4. That Nephi reprov'd them, then they grew angry and took him and bound him so tightly that he suffered much. 5. That during all his sufferings

he never murmured, but continued to praise the Lord. 6. That a great storm arose, the Liahona ceased to work, and the ship was in danger of going to the bottom of the sea. 7. That for three days the hearts of the rioters continued unsoftened, but on the fourth day the danger was so great that they unloosed Nephi. 8. That as soon as he was unbound the storm ceased, and he took the Compass, which in his hands again began to work. 9. That all now went prosperously, and under Nephi's captainship the vessel in due time safely reached the promised land.

#### QUESTIONS FROM THIS LESSON.

1. When the ship was finished who went on board? 2. When they had been driven before the wind several days what happened? 3. Describe the conduct of Laman and his companions? 4. How did Nephi act? 5. What result had Nephi's appeals? 6. How did they treat him? 7. What change took place in the Liahona? 8. What arose? 9. How long did it last? 10. What effect had it upon the rioters? 11. What was Nephi's behavior? 12. What may we learn from his example? 13. What happened when he was loosed? 14. Where did they now sail for? 15. Where did they land? 16. Where was the promised land? 17. What lessons of patience and faith can we learn from this story? 18. What effect were these repeated rebellions having on the hearts of Laman and Lemuel?