

## LESSON 4 / “While Carried Away in the Spirit”

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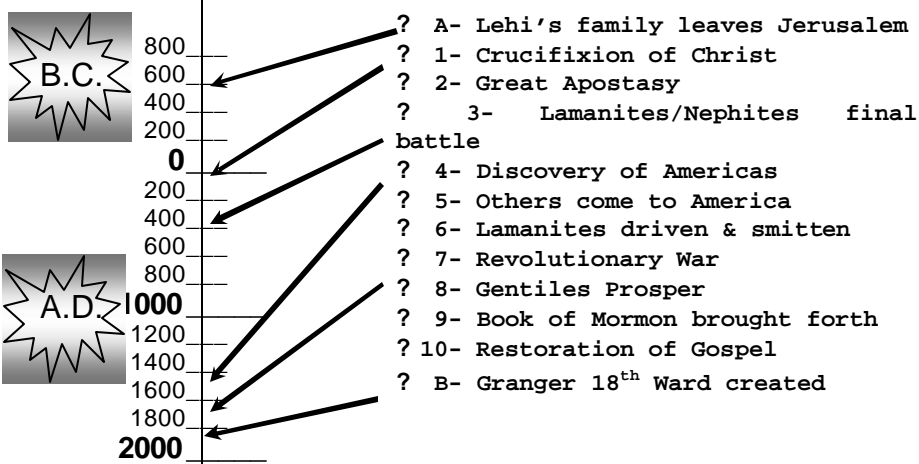
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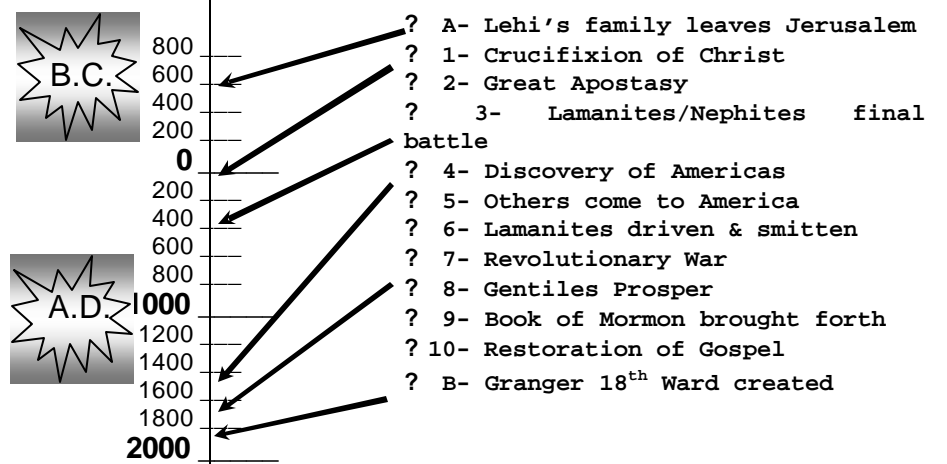
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**1- Nephi sees future of descendants**

Matt 1:27-37

- 1Nephi 12:1-6 How did Nephi describe conditions before JC? .....How are these similar to conditions preceding 2<sup>nd</sup> coming?
- 1Nephi 12:11 How did Nephi describe conditions after JC? .....Fulfillment found in 4 Nephi 1:2-4 / Reason in 4 Nephi 1:15
- 1Nephi 12:12-15 How many righteous generations before wars?.....Any comments on what that must have been like?
- 1Nephi 12:19-20 What did Nephi see happening to descendants?...Why were Nephi's descendants overpowered? (v 19)
- 2 Nephi 26:7 What was Nephi's emotional response? .....How can pride & temptations lead to destruction?

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- Supplement #1 What did Nephi see in 1 Nephi 13? .....All but A and B were seen by Nephi
- 1Nephi 13:4-5 What did Nephi see formed among Gentiles? .....Who is the founder of the G&A church? (devil v. 6)
- Supplement #2 Elder Bruce R. McConkie .....G&A is symbol of apostasy in all its forms / not one church
- 1Nephi 13:8-9 What are some characteristics of G&A church? ....Weakens faith/ desires riches & sins/ seeks praise of world
- <sup>1</sup> 1Nephi 11:35 What does the G&A church compare to?.....Great and Spacious building
- 1Nephi 13:12-13 Who were these Gentiles that went forth? .....Columbus (read quote #1)
- <sup>2</sup> 1Nephi 13:14-19 Why were these explorers successful?.....What role did early explorers & settlers play in Restoration?
- 1Nephi 13:20-23 What was the book the Gentiles carried?.....Record of Jews = Old Testament / like brass plates, not so many
- <sup>3</sup> 1Nephi 13:24-27 What did G&A do to book? Why?.....Were changes because of typos?
- 1Nephi 13:29 What were consequences of loss?.....Ask missionaries who try to teach other faiths
- 1Nephi 13:35-36 How did Lord preserve His words?....."plain & precious" used often to describe the writings of prophets
- <sup>4</sup> 1Nephi 13:40-41 What are purposes of Book of Mormon?.....Establish truth of first/ restore plain & precious things/JC is Son of God
- Supplement #3 Plain and Precious Truths.....How does BofM help us to understand Bible?

**3- Nephi sees blessings promised to faithful**

- 1Nephi 14:1-7 Do not What are blessings promised to faithful? .....God manifest/ remove stumbling blocks/ #ed among H of Israel/ no captivity
- 1Nephi 14:1-7 read all What are cursings promised to unfaithful? .....Fill pit dug by G&A/ utter destruction/ casting into hell with no end
- Supplement #4 Blessings and Cursings Chart.....How can we soften our hearts so we can receive blessings?
- 1Nephi 14:12 How will our numbers compare to G&A? .....“few” and “small”
- 1Nephi 14:14 What did Nephi see the Saints armed with? .....Although numbers will be few, they will overcome G&A church

**How does this apply to me?**

There are only 2 choices (1 Nephi 14:10), which one will we choose?.....The blessings of faithfulness are available to use also

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