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1 Nephi 3

Nephi
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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.
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.
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***.

Laman was ran off by Laban and his servants and when Laman returned to his brothers, he attempted to convince them to return to their father Lehi without the plates.

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 baccomplished 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.
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.***
21 And it came to pass that after this manner of language did I persuade my brethren, that they might be faithful in keeping the commandments of God.
22 And it came to pass that we went down to the land of our inheritance, and we did gather together our gold, and our silver, and our precious things.

23 And after we had gathered these things together, we went up again unto the house of Laban.
24 And it came to pass that we went in unto Laban, and desired him that he would give unto us the records which were engraven upon the plates of brass, for which we would give unto him our gold, and our silver, and all our precious things.
25 And it came to pass that when Laban saw our property, and that it was exceedingly great, he did lust after it, insomuch that he thrust us out, and sent his servants to slay us, that he might obtain our property.
26 And it came to pass that we did flee before the servants of Laban, and we were obliged to leave behind our property, and it fell into the hands of Laban.

There were three main reasons why the Lord commanded Lehi to obtain the records from Laban.

1. The record contained a genealogy of Lehi's forefathers.
2. The record would preserve the language of their fathers for their descendants.
3. The record would preserve all 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

We see that Lehi did accomplised the three above things through Nephi.

- Do we do our part to preserve a record of our ancestors and descendants and then let the Spirit guide us in this temple and family history work?
- Have we preserved a record of our life experiences to preserve a our language for our children and descendants?
- Do we preserve a record of the experiences that we have had where the Lord has assisted and directed us in our lives and when the Holy Ghost has been present in our lives and what we have learned from the experiences?
- What is the gold and silver in our lives that we need to give up to preserve these types of records?

We felt strongly as we read these chapters that there was a great message in these verses to do all we can to attend the temple and preserve our family history.

Vital Records Training Online

We are putting together a series videos on how and where to find vital records (births, marriages, and deaths). Here is the link to the first video of the series, called, "Talk with others", https://youtu.be/o1g854F1_J8 . These can be found on You Tube under, "Find Family Records". "The Family History Guide" also has many videos and tips that can be found on You Tube.

Military Records

Ancestry.com is providing free access to military records on Fold 3 today and tomorrow. Please try to get this out to ward members so they can take advantage of this great offer.

Armed Forces Day is for those still in their uniform.

Veterans Day is for those who hung up their uniform.

Memorial Day is for those who never made it out of their uniform.

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