

## **ZORAM JOINS THE GROUP**

(1 Nephi 1:122-145)

### **V122-145**

Nephi told Zoram, a servant, that he wanted the plates of brass. The servant, thinking this was his master, obeyed, and brought the plates to Nephi, who told him he wanted to take them outside the walls, and Zoram was to accompany him.

When Laman, Lemuel, and Sam saw them coming, they were frightened, for they thought surely Laban had killed Nephi and was now coming to kill them. As they ran away, Nephi called to them and they recognized this voice. Zoram then became frightened, and was about to run back to Jerusalem, but Nephi seized him and held him fast.

Nephi promised Zoram that if he would listen to him, he would spare his life. He told him he could go down into the wilderness with them and be a free man. Zoram promised that he would go with them from that time forth.

**V124:** Nephi acts deceptively in order to dupe Zoram. Notice there is no longer any mention of the Spirit actively guiding or talking to Nephi. He is now taking matters into his own hands. Do the ends justify the means? Do they ever?

**V126:** It was dark since it was night, perhaps Zoram was groggy from sleep, perhaps no torches or candles were lit, or perhaps he was nearsighted.

**V143:** If Zoram was not taken along then he would have known the people who took the plates, and therefore those guilty of his death, were not inside Jerusalem. As it was, those who would have investigated Laban's execution probably assumed the culprit was within the city, or at the very least wouldn't have known whether they were inside or out, and so little or no search would have been outside Jerusalem.

- 1. Why did Zoram follow Nephi?**
- 2. Why did Nephi and his brothers let Zoram come with them?**
- 3. What is an oath?**
- 4. Would you have been scared of Nephi when he looked like Laban?**
- 5. Is it important to do what you say you will do?**