

THE PROMISED LAND

(1 Nephi 5:211-217)

After sailing many, many days, they sighted land (v. 211-212). How happy they were! Upon arriving at the shore, they disembarked and pitched their tents, and they called it the promised land (v.213).

We know this promised land as the land of the Americas, and even to this very day, it is truly a land of promise. The ship carrying them is believed to have landed on the west coast of South America, in what is now known as Chile.

The new settlers plowed the ground and planted all the seeds they had brought from Jerusalem, which grew quickly and abundantly in the rich soil (v. 214). They wandered in the wilderness, exploring this new land, and found beasts in the forest: the cow, the ox, the donkey, the horse, the goat, and many wild animals (v. 216). They found gold, silver, and copper ore in this new land. Indeed, this was a promised land, rich in everything they needed: and the people began to prosper (V. 217).

1. How long did it take to get to the Promised Land?

2. What did they do when they got there?

3. What did they find there?

4. How does the Lord bless us in our lives?

5. What do we have already to be thankful for?