

Lesson 107

Suggested Hymn:
#260 Who's On The
Lord's Side?

WHO'S ON THE LORD'S SIDE? HELAMAN 3-4



ACTIONS OF OTHERS

People in the ... (Country)

People in...(City)

People in the ward or branch...

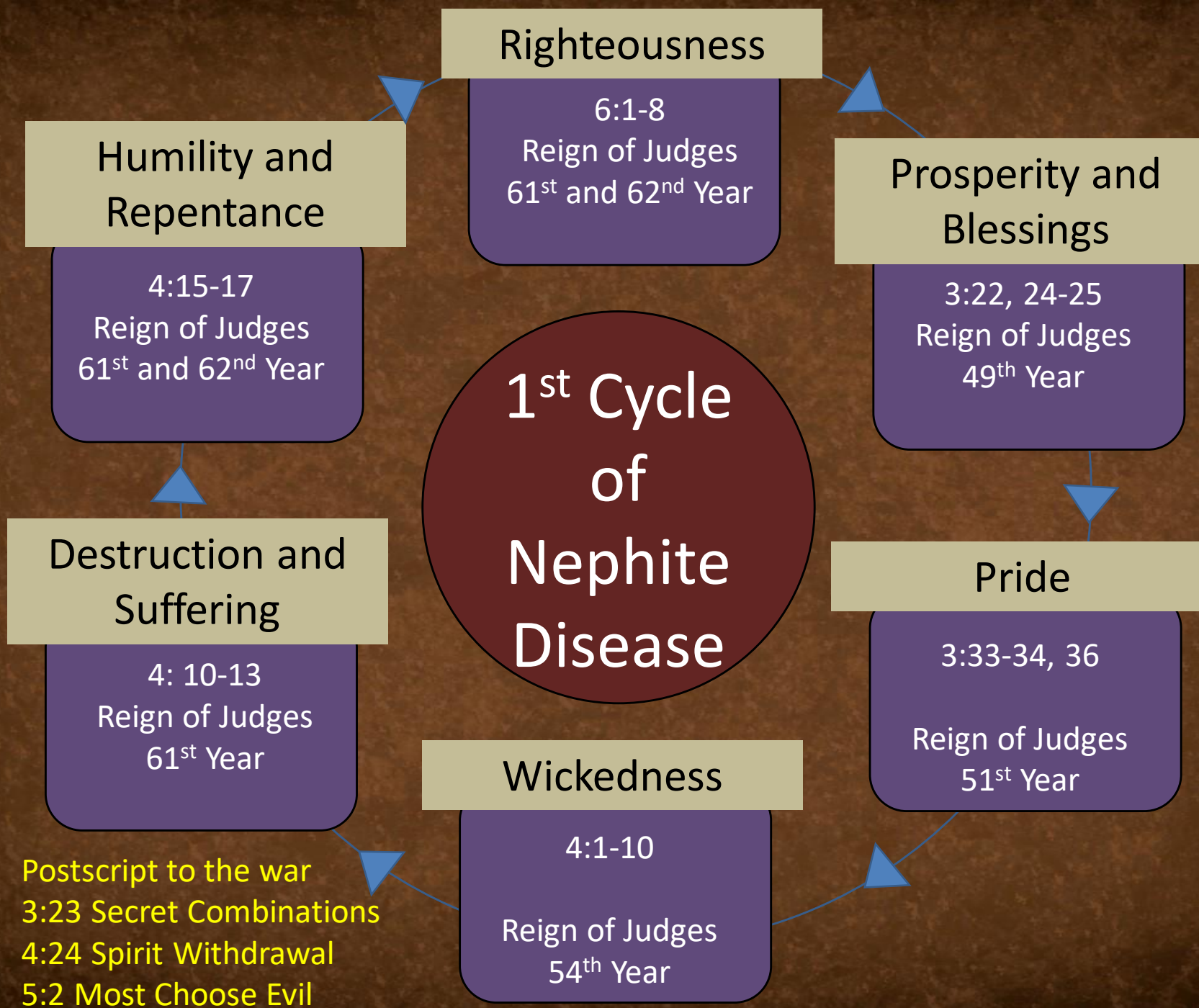
People in my family

Myself

Of all the people listed on the board, who do you feel that you can control?

Have you ever been discouraged because of others' actions?

Have you been been discouraged recently because of the unrighteous actions of others?



A TIME TO LEAVE

In the 43rd - 45th Year of the
Reign of the Judges there
was no contention

However: In the 46th Year there
began to be 'much contention'

Many of the Nephites, including the
people of Ammon, migrated north
for a safer haven...



CONCRETE HOMES

They pitched their tents and made concrete homes because timber was scarce



HELAMAN II

Helaman was chief judge and also kept the sacred records



He had two sons:
Nephi and Lehi



The unbelievable peace “...for I will work a work in your days, *which* ye will not believe, though it be told *you*.”
Habakkuk 1:5

47th – 49th year very little contention---much prosperity

THUS WE SEE

The Lord is merciful to those who,
in sincerity, call on his holy name



The gate of heaven is open to all
who believe in Jesus Christ'



The word of God has three effects:

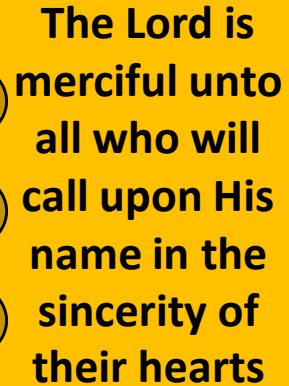
1. It divides asunder the cunning and the wiles of the devil
2. It leads the “man of Christ” in a straight and narrow course across the gulf of misery
3. It helps to land faithful men’s immortal souls at the right hand of God

PROSPERITY

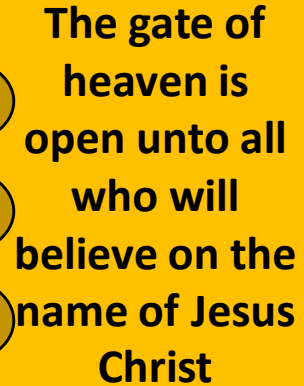
Not only in the temporal—
worldly things but also in
the spiritual aspects



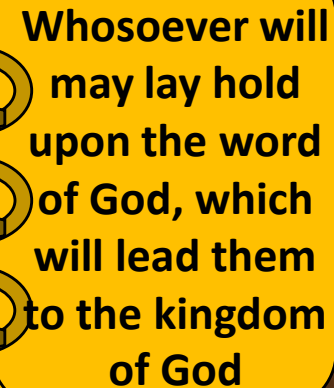
MORMON WANTS US TO LEARN



The Lord is merciful unto all who will call upon His name in the sincerity of their hearts



The gate of heaven is open unto all who will believe on the name of Jesus Christ



Whosoever will may lay hold upon the word of God, which will lead them to the kingdom of God

“The God of heaven is not a heartless referee looking for any excuse to throw us out of the game. He is our perfectly loving Father, who yearns more than anything else to have all of His children come back home and live with Him as families forever.

He truly gave His Only Begotten Son that we might not perish but have everlasting life. Please believe, and please take hope and comfort from, this eternal truth. Our Heavenly Father intends for us to make it! That is His work and His glory.

“... None of us will ever be ‘good enough,’ save through the merits and mercy of Jesus Christ but because God respects our agency, we also cannot be saved without our trying.”
J. Devn Cornish



PRIDE AND PERSECUTION

“The Great Evil” — Saints against Saints

Many humble members
experience persecution



1. A young woman makes fun of another girl in her ward.
2. A young man teases a member of his quorum for being too eager to answer questions in class or to volunteer for priesthood duties.
3. A group of young men in a ward exclude another young man from their conversations and activities outside of church.
4. A group of young women make hurtful remarks about the clothes that other young women wear.

“For of him unto whom much is given much is required; and he who sins against the greater light shall receive the greater condemnation.”
D&C 82:3

THE SPIRIT IS THE SANCTIFIER

Fast and pray oft

Be strong in humility

Increase firmness of faith in Christ

Yield your hearts unto God

THE REBELLIOUS

54th Year of
the Reign of
the Judges

“And the rebellious part were slain and driven out of the land, and they did go unto the king of the Lamanites.

And it came to pass that they did endeavor to stir up the Lamanites to war against the Nephites; but behold, the Lamanites were exceedingly afraid, insomuch that they would not hearken to the words of those dissenters.”

57th - 61st Year
of the Reign of
the Judges

The Work of Death---They lost Zarahemla and even up to the Land Bountiful

Moronihah helped in regaining back half of the cities



“Think of what pride has cost us in the past and what it is now costing us in our own lives, our families, and the Church.

“Think of the repentance that could take place with lives changed, marriages preserved, and homes strengthened, if pride did not keep us from confessing our sins and forsaking them.



“Think how temple work would increase if the time spent in this godly service were more important than the many prideful pursuits that compete for our time.”

Ezra Taft Benson

“Think of the many who are less active members of the Church because they were offended and their pride will not allow them to forgive or fully sup at the Lord’s table.

“Think of the tens of thousands of additional young men and couples who could be on missions except for the pride that keeps them from yielding their hearts unto God.



THE KEY—WINNING THE BATTLE



What do you think your chances of winning the battle would be if you had the Lord on your side?

In the Nephites' experience, being left to their own strength meant losing battles and lands.

What “battles” might we lose if we do not have the Holy Ghost with us?



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Helaman

