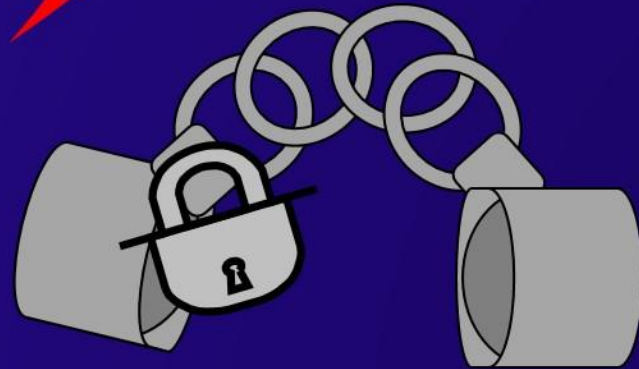
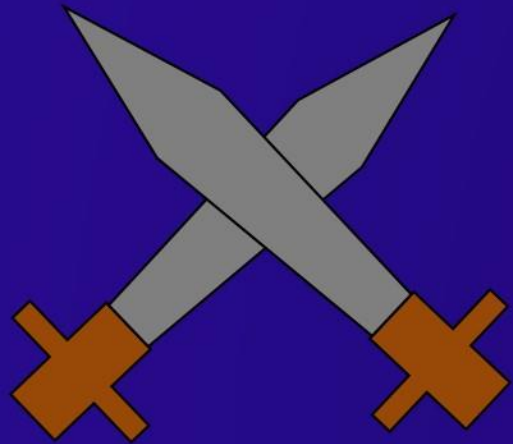


Lesson 62

Suggested Hymn:
#260 Whose on the
Lord's Side?

Prophecy and Fulfillment

Mosiah 19-20



"One Sunday morning ... we awoke to a beautiful day in Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. The Caribbean sun was shining, and the sky was clear. A gentle breeze was blowing, barely ruffling the leaves on the trees; it was warm and peaceful and still. But far out to sea, beyond the reach of our physical senses that day, the deadly destroyer was coming our way, implacable and irresistible.



The Hurricane Center, with responsibility to track and predict the path of Hurricane Georges, was constantly updating the information available on the Internet. In the peaceful, placid quiet of that morning, by virtue of those seeing eyes in the sky, I saw the predicted path of the storm, aimed like an arrow at the heart of Santo Domingo.



"Within 48 hours the storm struck the island with intense ... fury, leaving in its path destruction, desolation, and death."

David R. Stone



What were the conditions preceding the storm?

How did Elder Stone know the storm was coming?



“Great as the damage and destruction and death from these awesome phenomena of physical force can be, there is even more desolation caused in people’s lives by spiritual hurricanes. These furious forces often cause far more devastating damage than physical cyclones, because they destroy our souls and rob us of our eternal perspective and promise.”



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The Purpose of Warnings

Have you ever had a time that someone tried to warn you about a danger that you could not foresee?

Did you listen to this warning?

If you had listened, how were you blessed?

What is the purpose of a warning?

Who warns you about things you should avoid or things that might be harmful to you?

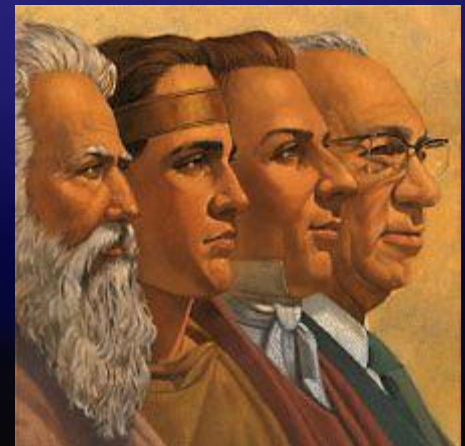
Spiritual Warnings

To whom does God reveal spiritual warnings for His Church?



The Lord sent Abinadi to warn the Nephites of the consequences of their sins.

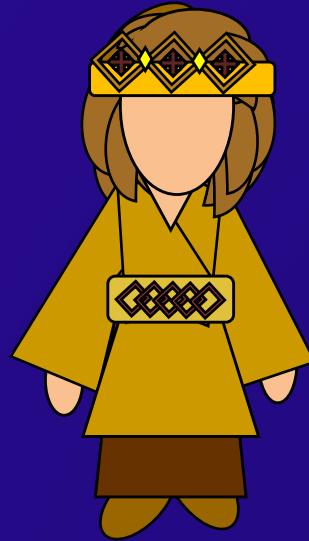
The Lord sends Prophets to warn us against the evils of the day



Division Among the Remainder of the People

Those that were with Alma:

Were enjoying their peaceful
life with their conversion



Those that stayed with King Noah:

Some began to breathe out threats against
King Noah

There began to be contention among them

Gideon

A strong military leader in the army of King Noah

He rose to take action against evil

Around 145 BC he led a revolt against the abuses of King Noah and attempted to slay him but was interrupted by the invasion of the Lamanites

King Noah's son, Limhi, later heeded Gideon's advice to disable their Lamanite guards with drunkenness and gained freedom for the people to return to Zarahemla

He became a teacher of the people in the Church of God

Around 91 BC he challenged arrogant zealot Nehor "with the words of God" (Alma 1:9)

Nehor slew Gideon with the sword

He gave his life in defending the truth

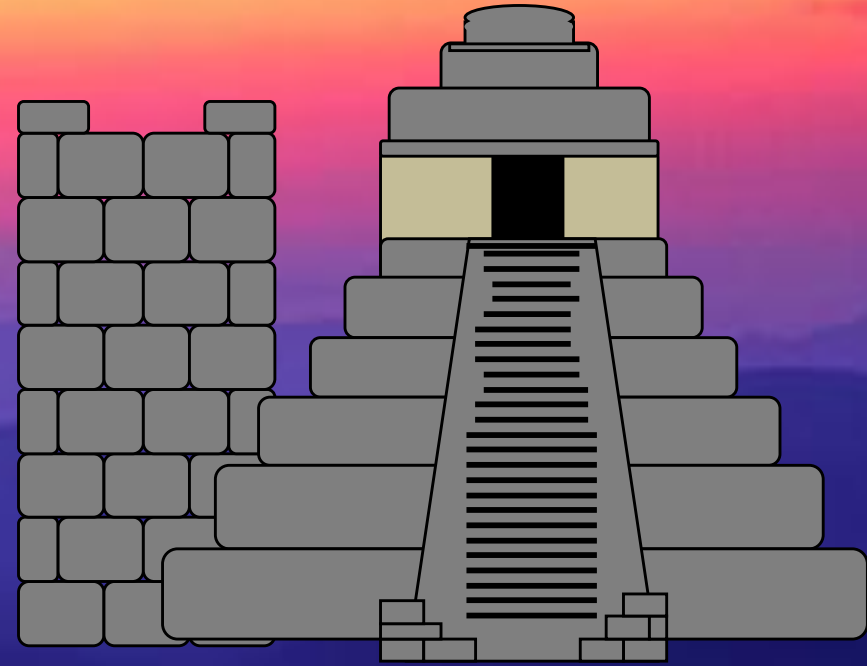


The Story

Gideon draws sword to slay
King Noah—

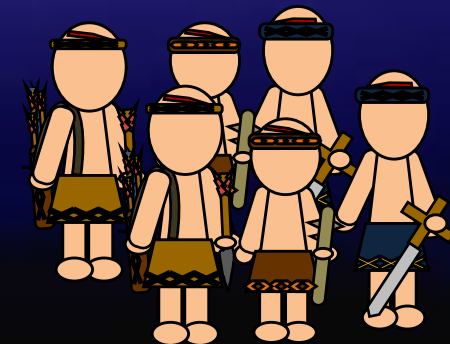
King Noah fled

Gideon pursues him to the
tower by the temple



King Noah sees the Lamanite army were on
the borders of the land

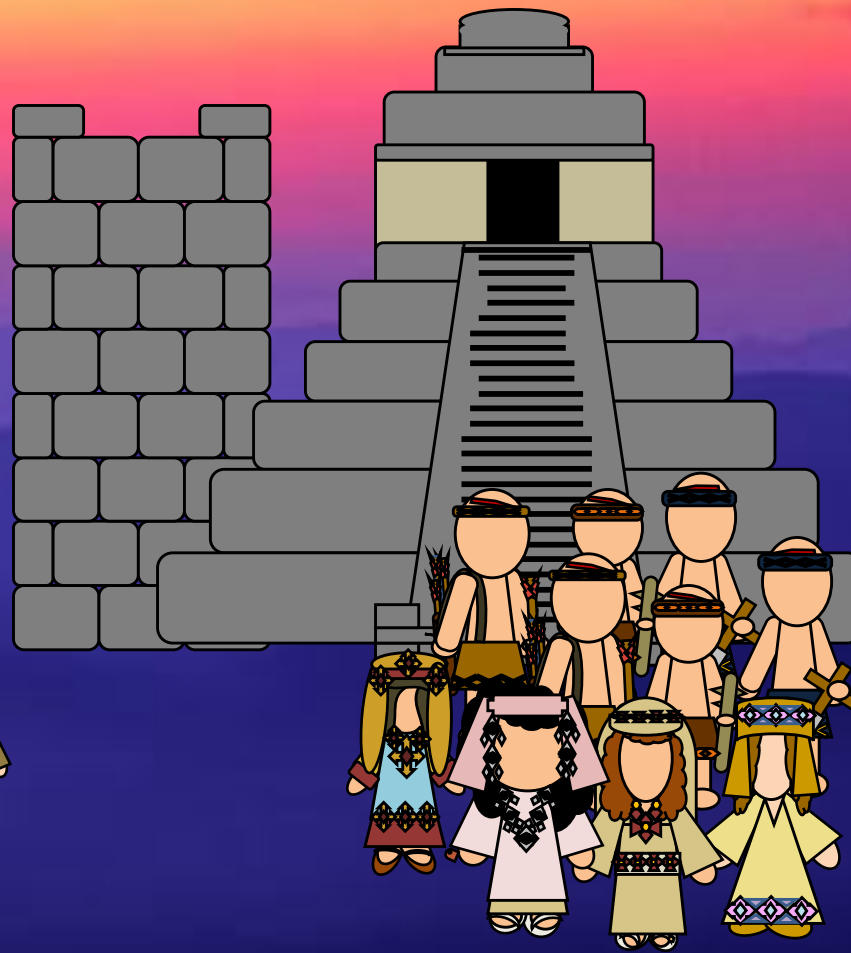
Gideon spared the king's life





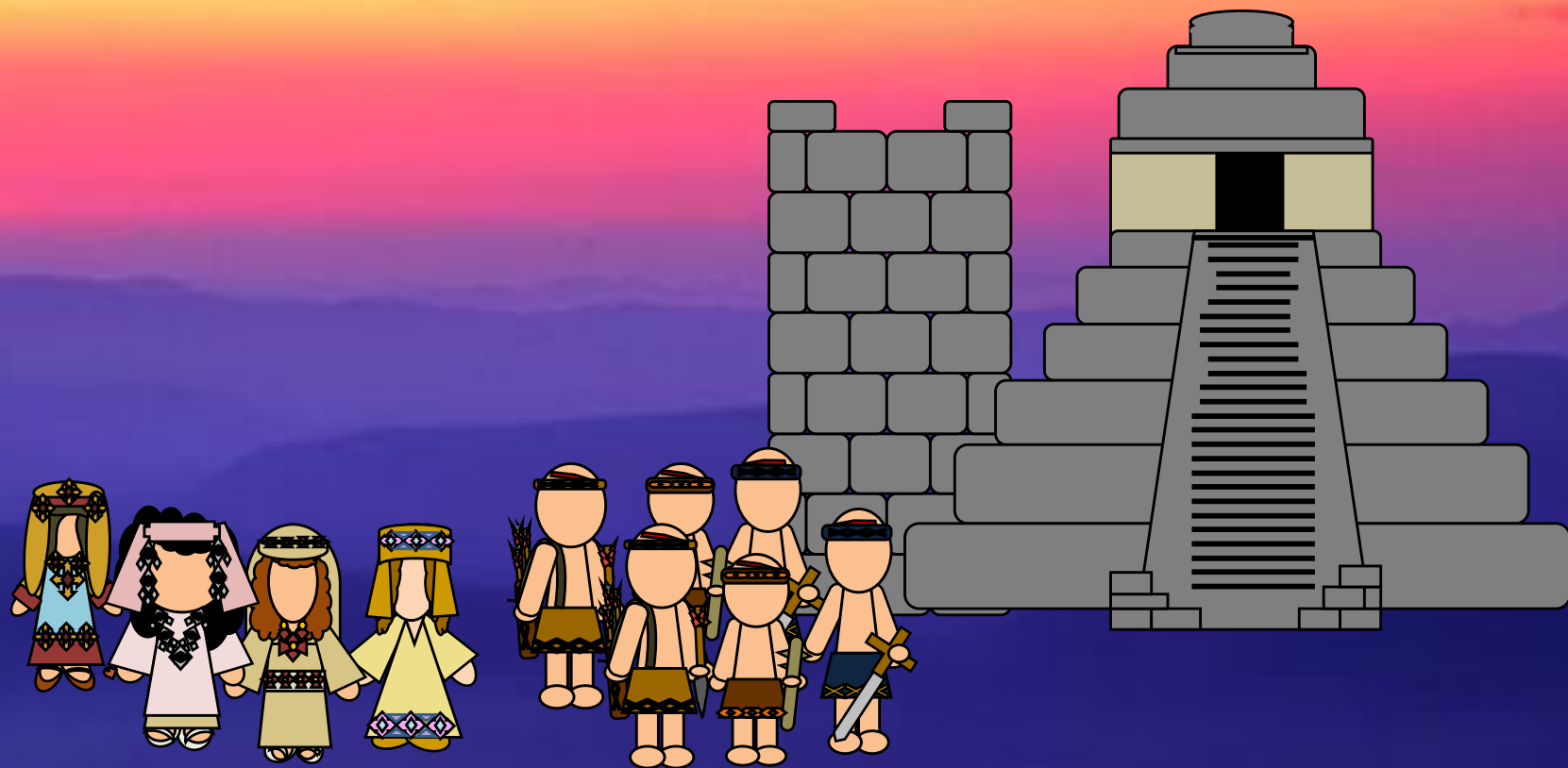
King Noah commanded that
the people flee

He also fled before them



The Lamanites captured them and began to slay them

King Noah commanded that the women and children flee
but many woman remained



Those who stayed had their fair daughters stand forth and plead with the Lamanites to not slay them

The Lamanites had compassion on them

They took them back to the Land of Nephi under the condition that they deliver up King Noah and their property—1/2 of what they had to pay tribute to the king of the Lamanites

Limhi

Son of King Noah

Grandson of Zeniff

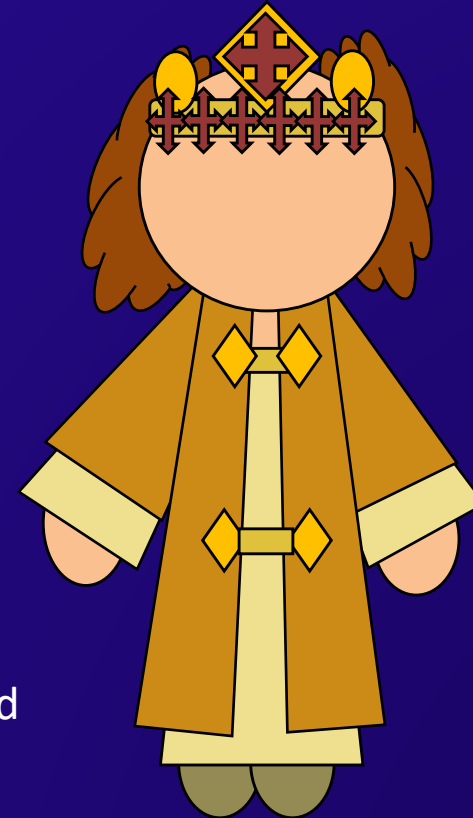
He was appointed king by the voice of the people around 145 BC, but ascension to power began around 150 BC

He was the last of the Nephite kings in the colony established by Zeniff among the Lamanites in the land of Nephi

He did not seek after the wicked ways of his father, Noah

He served as a spiritual guide for his people

He sought to escape the bondage his people were in with the Lamanites and ruled in an atmosphere of constant fear of Lamanite attack or retribution

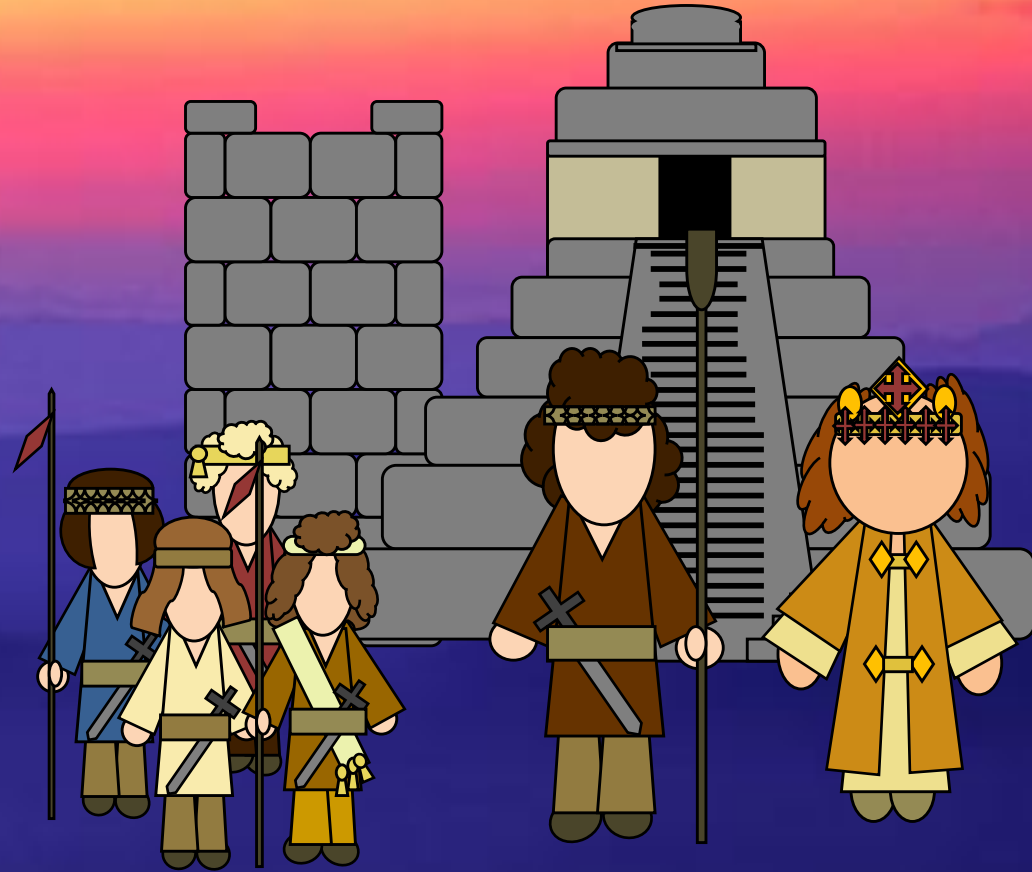




Limhi, the son of Noah, was also taken captive

He was desirous to not have his father destroyed

But he knew of his father's wickedness



Gideon sent men into the wilderness secretly
to find the people and King Noah

They met the people in the wilderness but
King Noah and the priests were not there



The people had sworn that if they return to the Land of Nephi and if their wives and their children were slain that they would seek revenge and also perish with them



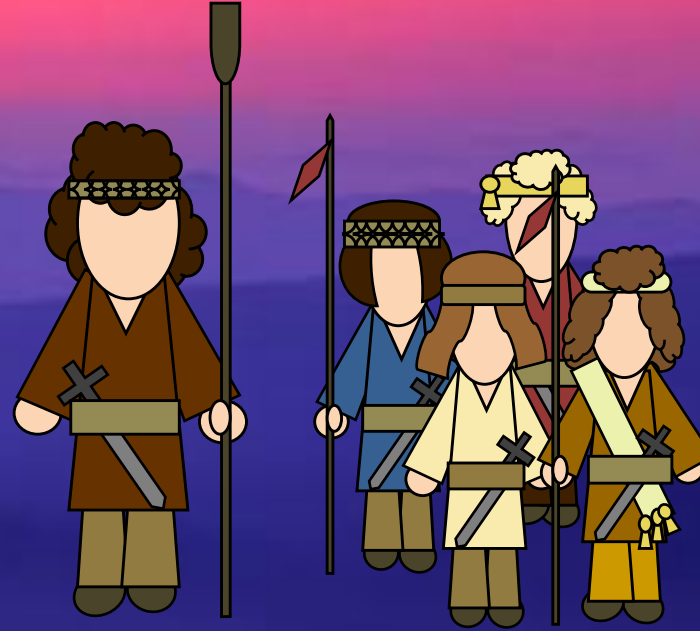
Earlier King Noah had commanded that they should not return and they were angry with him, so they caused that he should suffer by fire

Prophecy Fulfilled- Mosiah 12:3

But the priests fled into the wilderness

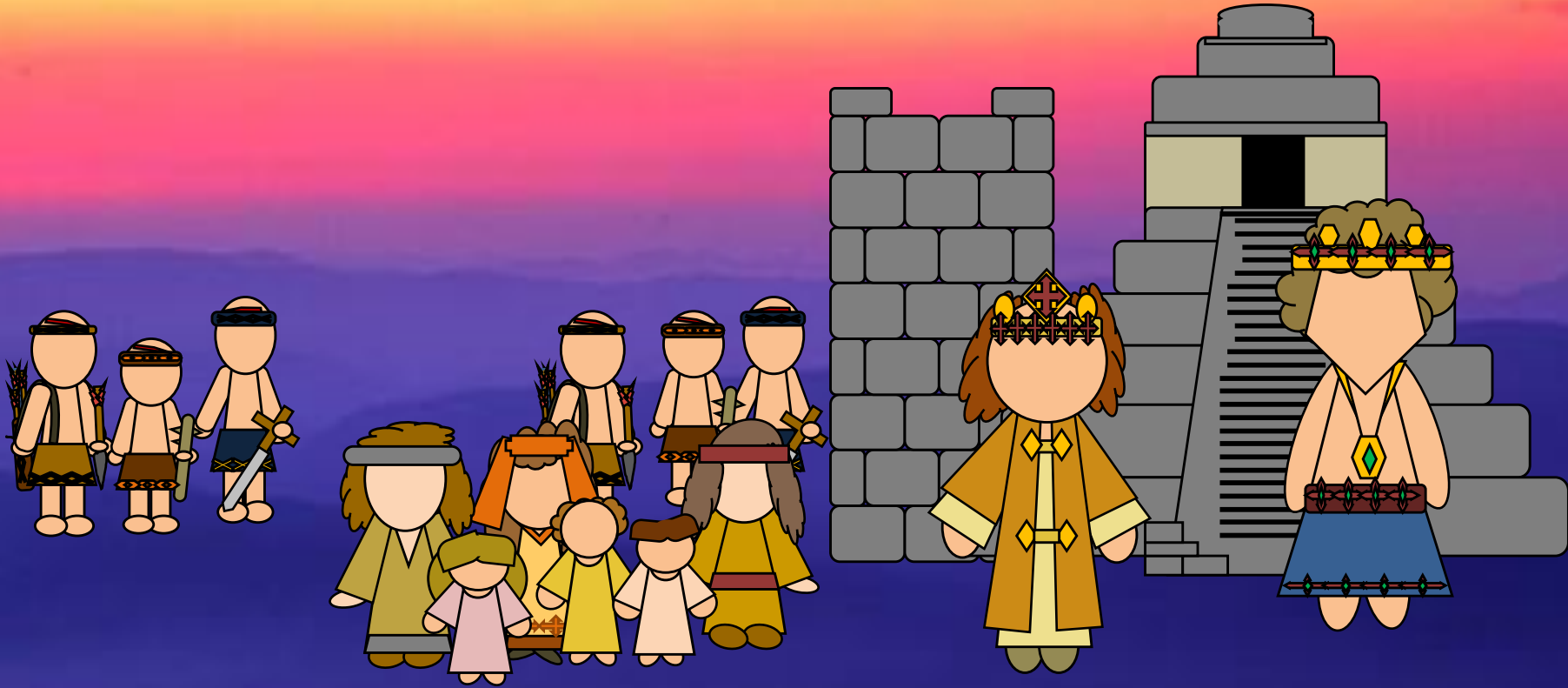


The people told Gideon that they
had slain the king and the priests
had fled further into the wilderness



The men had told them what had happened
to the people in the land of Nephi

And they rejoiced to hear that their loved
ones were not slain



The King of the Lamanites made an oath to not slay them

The people made Limhi to be their king and he made an oath to the king of the Lamanites to pay tribute to him $\frac{1}{2}$ of all they possessed

Limhi began to establish peace among his people

The king of the Lamanites set guards around the people so they would not escape

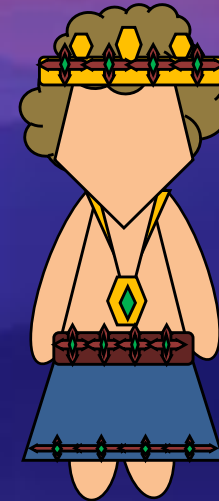
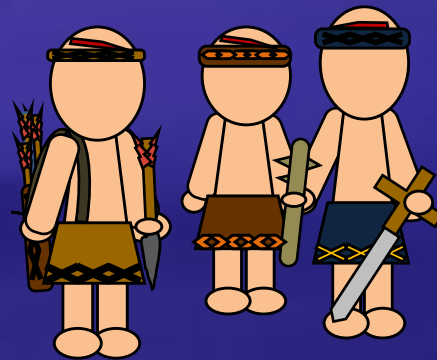
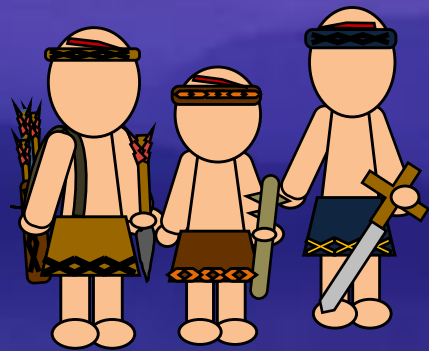
For 2 years they had peace

In a place called
Shemion the daughters
of the Lamanites
danced and sang

The priests of King
Noah who had fled
further into the
wilderness came upon
the daughters

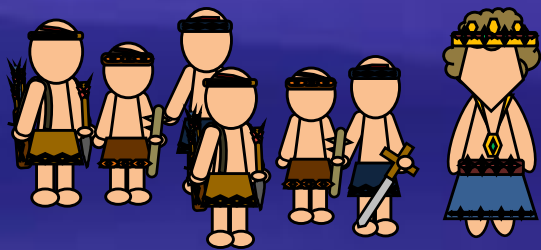
They took the
daughters and went
into the wilderness,
there were 24 of them



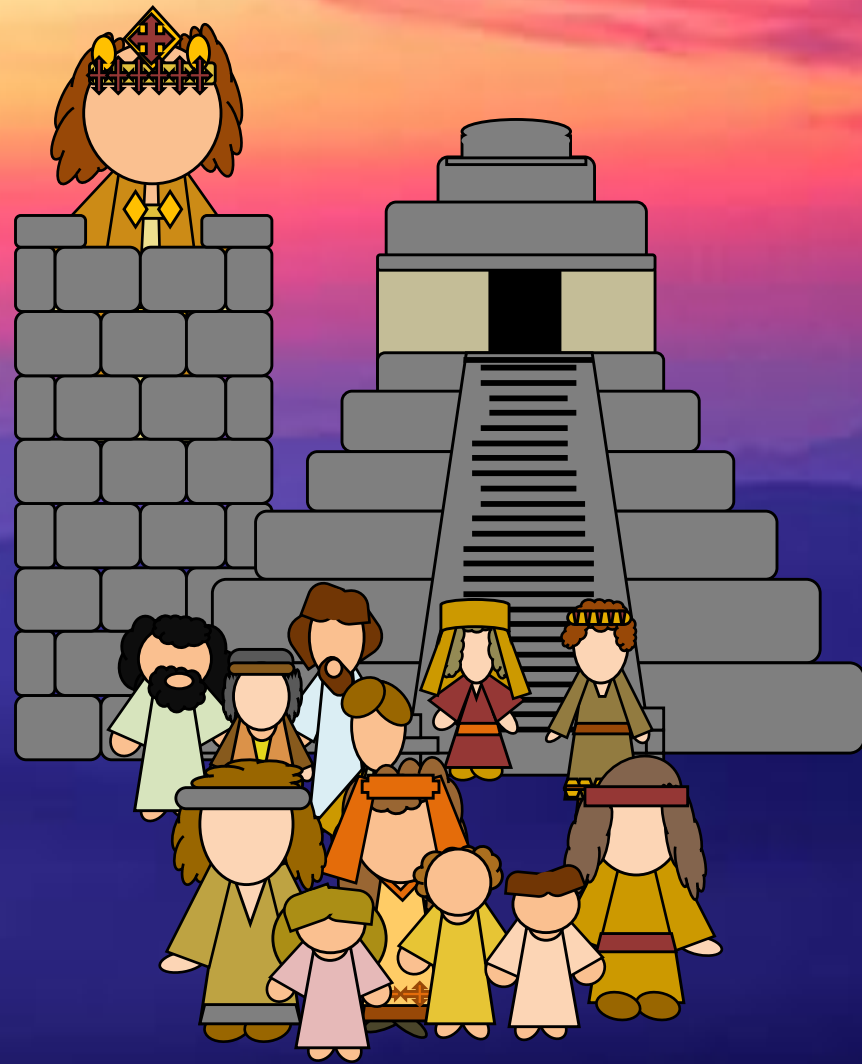


When the Lamanites found out about their daughters they were angry with Limhi...they thought it was his people who had carried the daughters away

The king and his people went into the land of Nephi to destroy the people of Limhi



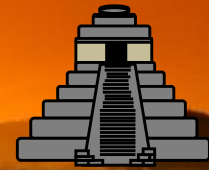
Limhi discovered them
while in the tower



He also discovered that they
were preparing for war.

He gathered his people...

And departed to the fields
and forest and laid wait

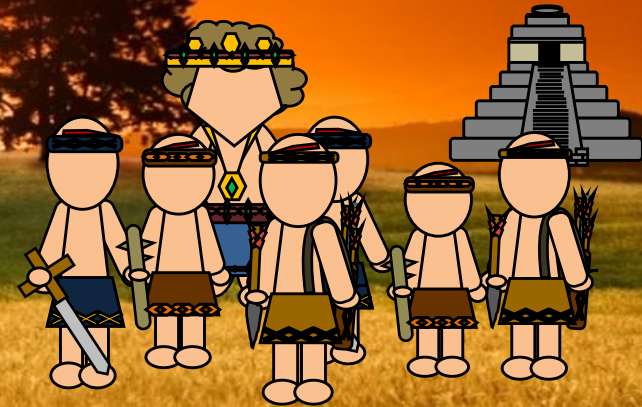


The Lamanites came upon
them, began to slay them
for they fought like lions

The battle was “sore” and the people of
Limhi fought for the wives and children—
like dragons and drove them back

The Lamanites thought
their king was dead and
they fled

The people brought the king
of the Lamanites to Limhi
and bound him



The king told Limhi he had broken the oath he had made because of the missing daughters

Gideon, the king's captain, persuaded Limhi to not search for the priest's of Noah

He reminded Limhi of Abinadi's prophecy

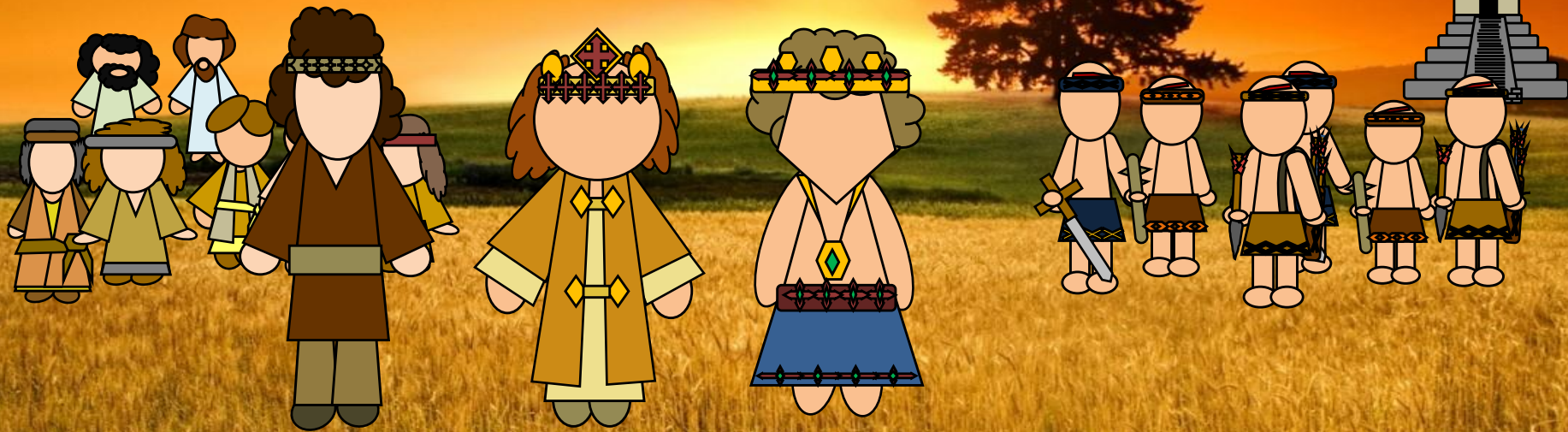
Gideon said it was better for them to be in bondage than to be slain

Limhi knew nothing of this and wanted to search for the priests



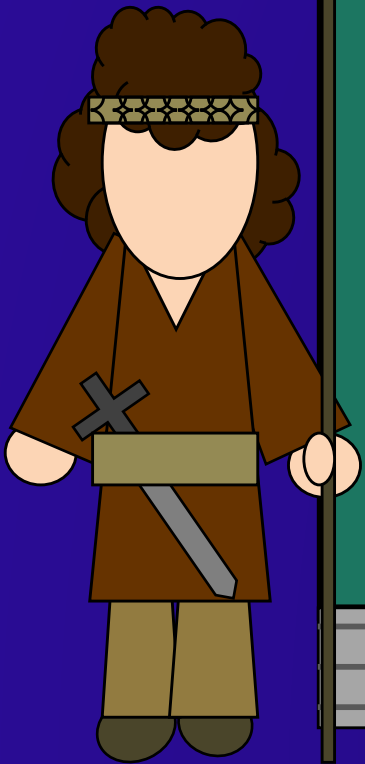
Limhi and his people went
back to the Lamanites
without weapons

The Lamanites had
compassion on them and
returned to their own land



Gideon Reminds Us of Abinadi's Words

**Ignoring or rejecting the words
of the Lord's servants brings
suffering and sorrow**



“We ... have our spiritual hurricane guardians, those whose calling it is to watch and warn, helping us avoid spiritual damage, destruction, and even death. Our watchmen on the tower are known to us as apostles and prophets. They are our spiritual eyes in the sky, and they know, through inspiration and insight and pure intelligence, the course these storms may take.



They continue to raise their voices in warning to tell us of the tragic consequences of willful and wanton violations of the Lord's commandments. To intentionally ignore their warnings is to court misery, sorrow, and ruin. To follow them is to follow the chosen servants of the Lord into spiritual pastures of peace and plenty."

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What are some things prophets and apostles teach in our day that will help us avoid suffering and sorrow?

What do they teach that will help bring us peace and happiness and help us return to God's presence?



"Our spiritual safety lies in turning to the clear voice of our living prophet. If we listen to his voice and obey his counsel, we will be able to live as Christ would have us live and endure to the end so that one day we, along with our families, will return back into the presence of our Heavenly Father and our Savior Jesus Christ"

Robert D. Hales



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List in order Mosiah 19-20

_____ Gideon seeks to kill King Noah.

_____ The Nephite women and children plead with the Lamanites not to slay them.

_____ King Noah suffers death by fire.

_____ A Lamanite army comes into the borders of Shemlon.

_____ The priests of Noah kidnap 24 Lamanite daughters.

_____ The Lamanite king pleads with his army to spare the people of Limhi.

_____ Noah and some of his men flee from the Lamanites, leaving their wives and children behind.

_____ Limhi orders his people not to slay the Lamanite king.

_____ There is peace between the Nephites and Lamanites for two years.

_____ Limhi promises that his people will pay one half of their possessions to the Lamanites.

_____ The Nephites repel a Lamanite attack and capture the Lamanite king.

Answers: 1, 4, 5, 2, 8, 11, 3, 10, 7, 6, 9.