

Murmurings of Laman and Lemuel

Key Scripture 1 Nephi 2:11–12

Explanation Laman and Lemuel murmured incessantly against Lehi, Nephi, and the Lord. One major theme of their complaints was that Nephi, their younger brother, was domineering; another was that the requirements of the Lord, such as living in the wilderness and obtaining the brass plates, were too difficult. This chart catalogs those complaints and others.

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Target of Complaint	Reference	Reason for Complaint
Lehi	1 Nephi 2:11–12	commandment to leave Jerusalem
	1 Nephi 3:5, 28	commandment to return for plates of brass
	1 Nephi 17:20–21, 49	hardship
Nephi	1 Nephi 16:3	Nephi explains Lehi's vision and condemns wickedness
	1 Nephi 16:18, 20	Nephi breaks bow
	1 Nephi 17:17–18	Nephi builds a ship
	2 Nephi 1:26	Nephi rebukes them
	2 Nephi 1:25; 5:3–4	Nephi rules over them
Lord	1 Nephi 3:31	difficulty in obtaining the plates of brass
	1 Nephi 4:4	difficulty in obtaining the plates of brass