

## Encounter With Laban

<b>3 Reasons To Kill Laban</b>		
<b>1</b>	Commandment of God	“God said, ‘Thou shalt not kill;’ at another time He said, ‘Thou shalt utterly destroy.’ This is the principle on which the government of heaven is conducted—by revelation adapted to the circumstances in which the children of the kingdom are placed. Whatever God requires is right, no matter what it is, although we may not see the reason thereof till long after the events transpire. If we seek first the kingdom of God, all good things will be added.” (Joseph Smith, <i>TPJS</i> , pg. 256)
<b>2</b>	Law of Retaliation (D&C 98:23-32)	After four offences against any person... the Lord delivers the individual into their hands for destruction. 1- He sought to take the life of Laman (1 Nephi 3:13) 2- He sought to take the life of Nephi (1 Nephi 4:11) 3- He had not hearkened unto the Lord (1 Nephi 4:11) 4- He had taken away their property (1 Nephi 4:11)
<b>3</b>	The Law of Witnesses (Deut 19:15-20)	If found as a ‘false witness’, one shall then do unto him as he had thought to have done unto his brother.

<b>Parallels of Laban Encounter</b>		
<b>The Story of Nephi</b> (1 Nephi 4)	<b>The Story of David</b> (1 Samuel 17-18)	<b>The Story of Us</b> (Armor of God-DC 27)
1. Righteous 2. Led by the Spirit 3. Slay a mighty man (Laban) 4. With an unusual sword 5. Symbol of authority/ Reign as King	1. Righteous 2. Led by the Spirit 3. Slay mighty man (Goliath) 4. With an unusual sword 5. Symbol of authority/ Reign as King	1. Righteous (Breastplate) 2. Led by the Spirit (Sword) 3. Slay mighty man (Satan) 4. With an unusual sword (The Word) 5. Symbol of authority/ Reign as King

<b>The Universal Lures of Life</b>			
“Self-mastery, as Christ gave the lesson on the Mount of Temptation. He passed through every experience which you or I will pass through, temptation of the appetite, illustrative of the physical appetites and passions; temptation of pride—cast yourself down—a challenge; and the temptation of wealth, power.” (David O. McKay, <i>Steppingstones to an Abundant Life</i> , pg. 166)			
REFERENCE	APPETITES	PRIDE/VANITY	POWER/RICHES
<b>Temptations of Christ</b> (Matthew 4)	Rock to Bread (vs 2-4)	Cast from Temple (vs 5-7)	Kingdoms of the World (vs 8-10)
<b>Lures of Laban</b> (1 Nephi 3-4)	Third Attempt Drunkard	First Attempt Not Release Brass Plates	Second Attempt Lust Over Riches