

2 Nephi 1-2

Marking Guide



1. At the beginning of 2 Nephi, in the white space just above the chapter heading, write the following:

This book begins with Lehi speaking to his family. He was going to die soon and these are his final words of advice and counsel.

2. In verse 1, underline the phrase: “our father, Lehi, also spake many things unto them,” and then draw an arrow from that phrase up to what you just wrote in the space above.
3. In verses 2 through 3, put a check mark next to each of the things Lehi spoke about.
4. Next to verse 4, write this in the margin:

Most scholars date the destruction of Jerusalem between 586 B.C. and 590 B.C.

5. In verse 5, **highlight** the phrase, “notwithstanding our afflictions, we have obtained a land of promise”.
6. Circle the word “afflictions” and also circle the words “land of promise”. Draw a line from those words out into the margin and then write next them one or some afflictions you have faced, and then your own “lands of promise” you have reached through your afflictions.

7. Put a square all around verses 6-9. Next to that verse write this:

“America’s Destiny”, Elder Marion G. Romney, October 1975 Conference report

8. Go back through verses 6-9 and with a different color than you did on #3, put check marks next to everything you learn about the future of Lehi’s promised land.

9. Get a sticky note and write down the following definitions for words in verse 7.

Definitions in verse 7

Consecrated: To make something sacred

Liberty: The state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one’s way of life.

Captivity: The condition of being imprisoned or confined.

Iniquity: Immoral behavior

10. Next to verse 10 write “**Warning**”.
11. In verse 10, **mark** all of the following words:
 - After
 - Having
 - Knowing
 - Having
 - Having
12. Now go and underline the phrases that come after each of those words you marked.
13. Next to verses 11-12 write: “**Consequences**”
14. In verses 11-12, mark all of the following words:
 - He will
 - He will
 - He will
 - He will
 - There shall
15. Now go in and underline the phrases that come after those words you just marked.
16. When you read verses 13 and 14, you can feel the intensity of Lehi’s words. To put more emphasis on these 2 verse, you can mark them with diagonal lines.
 - You may want to use a ruler or straight edge if you want them nice and straight.
17. Mark each time it says **Awake** or **Arise!** In verses 13 and 14.

18. Circle one of the words "chains" in verse 13 and then draw a line from it into the margin and write this definition:

A confining force

19. Circle the word Redeemed in verse 15. Draw a line from it into the margin and write this:

Paid the specified sum, recovered ownership. 2 Nephi 9:7-9

20. Circle the word anxiety in verse 16. Draw a line from it into the margin and write this:

A state of uneasiness about future uncertainties

21. Mark Lehi's concerns for his sons in verse 17 and 18.

22. Verse 19 is interesting because Lehi, of course, doesn't want those consequences for his sons. However, Lehi also understands that the Lord's will must be done over his personal desires, and that the consequences are "ways [of] righteousness" and therefore must happen.

Next to verse 19 write: *Righteous (and hard) parenting*

23. Verse 20 is GREAT counsel that every parent should do their best to teach their children. Next to that verse write this:

Keep commandments = prosper

Don't keep commandments = cut off

24. Verse 21 is another diagonal lines marking verse! It has some great phrases in it.!

25. Mark the word Arise in verse 21

26. Circle the phrase "and be men" in verse 21. Draw a line from it into the margin and write this:

It takes courage, strength and maturity to do what Lehi is asking.

27. Underline the last part of verse 21 starting with "Be determined" all the way to "Down into captivity"

28. Now draw an arrow from what you just wrote to what you just underlined.

29. Draw another arrow from verse 19 to verse 22.

30. Next to verse 22, write this:

What Lehi does not want for his sons!

31. Mark the word Awake in verse 23.

32. Underline "armor of righteousness" in verse 23 and next to it write: *D&C 27:15-18*

33. Circle the word Obscurity and then draw a line from it into the margin and write this:

The unknown

34. Read verse 24-29 and mark the counsel Lehi gives them concerning how they view their brother Nephi.

35. Circle the names of the sons he has been speaking to in verse 28.

36. Circle the name of who he will now speak to in verses 30.

37. Mark the counsel that stands out to you in verses 30 – 32.

2 Nephi 2

1. In verse 1, circle the name of the son that Lehi will speak to now.

2. After verse 1, write: *"our actions effect each other"*

3. In verse 2, circle the word "consecrate" then draw a line from that word to the margin and write: *make sacred*

- Also in verse 2, circle the word “gain” then draw a line from that word to the margin and write: *increase*
- Notice how different Lehi’s tone is with Jacob than it was with his other son. In verse 3, Mark the phrase, “Wherefore I know that thou art redeemed”, then draw a line to the margin and write this:

Your salvation is secure through both your righteousness and the merits of Christ

- In verse 3, circle the word “fulness” then draw a line from that word to the margin and write: *a time when things will be completed*
- In verse 4, mark the phrase: “for the Spirit is the same, yesterday, today, and forever.” Then draw a line to the margin and write:

To know how the Spirit operates in one dispensation is to know how He operates in every dispensation.

- In verse 4, mark the phrase “salvation is free”. Then grab a sticky note and write the following on it:



“Salvation is free”

2 Nephi 2:4

- *Salvation means to be saved from both physical and spiritual death.*
- *This gift is available to all who kept their “first estate”, or chose Heavenly Father’s plan and came to earth*
- *Everyone on earth will be saved from **physical death** through the Atonement of Jesus Christ, which means that we will all be resurrected.*
- *We can also be saved from **spiritual death** if we keep the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.*
- *This is freely available to everyone*

- In verse 5, mark the phrase: “And by the law no flesh is justified, or by the law men are cut off.”

Grab another sticky note and write the following on it:

Verse 5

By the law = the system of eternal rules and order

No flesh is justified = If you are “justified” by the law that means that you have done no wrong and the law protects you. In this sense, we have all broken the law and therefore are not under its protection.

By the law men are cut off = Because we have broken an eternal law, we cannot return to God’s presence.

- Draw an arrow from the phrase you marked in verse 5 to verse 6.

- Mark the phrase “to answer the ends of the law” in verse 7. Then off to the side write:

Christ delivered us from the consequences of the Fall. He redeemed us from 2 Nephi 9:7-9

- In verse 7, put a square around the phrase

“unto all those who have a broken heart and a contrite spirit; and unto none else can the ends of the law be answered.”

And then off to the side write: *How I can qualify to be saved from spiritual death.*

- Next to verse 8, write “MY JOB!” And then mark anything in that verse that stands out to you.

- In verse 9, circle the word “firstfruits” then draw a line from that word to the margin and write: *Offering*

- Also In verse 9, circle the word “intercession” then draw a line from that word to the margin and write: *The action of intervening on behalf of another.*

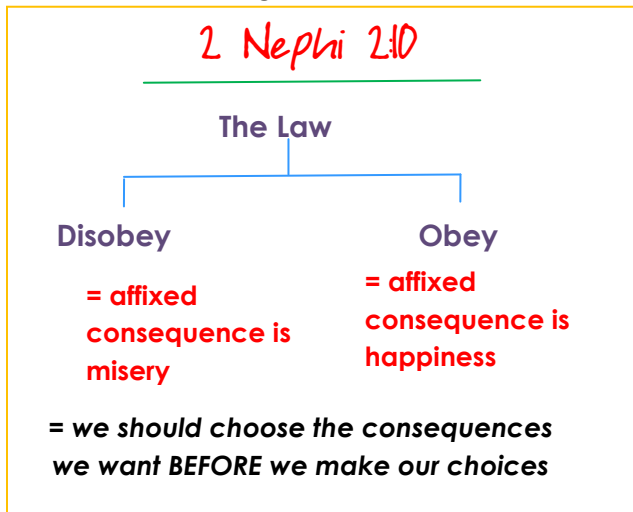
- In verse 10, circle both of the words, “truth” and “holiness” and draw lines from both words

into the margin and write: He is the perfect judge.

17. In verse 10, **mark** every time it says the word "affixed".

18. In the margin write this: *Affixed = attached, secured*

19. Grab another sticky note and draw this diagram on it concerning verse 10.



20. In verse 11, circle the word "opposition" and then draw a line from that word to the margin and write: *Conflicting, opposite each other*

21. In verse 11, **mark** the phrase; "for it must needs be, that there is an opposition in all things." Then draw a line from that to the margin and write: *"This testing is the source of our strength" (Pres Boyd K. Packer, Ensign, may 2004, 80)*

22. Either get a new sticky note, or you can fold up the note you just wrote on and write this on the underside:

"Opposition provides choices, and choices bring consequences – good or bad... God loves us; the devil hates us. God wants us to have a fullness of joy as He has. The devil wants us to be miserable as he is. God gives us commandments to bless us. The devil would have us break these commandments to curse us." President Ezra Taft Benson, Ensign, May 1988, 6)

23. In verse 11, **circle** the following words and then draw lines from them into the margin and write their definitions.

Compound: Two separate elements

Corruption: Decay, as in death

Incorruption: An undecayable state, as in the resurrection

Sense: Conscious awareness or rationality

Insensibility: Incapable of being aware

= We would just exist!

24. Now that you understand the previous verse, **mark** the things that stand out to you in verse 12.

25. Grab another sticky note and write the following concerning verse 13.

*If there was no
opposition (verse 13)*

No Sin → No Righteousness → No Happiness →
No Punishment or Misery → No God → No
Earth → No Creation

26. Now go back through verse 13, and onto verse 14 and **mark** what stands out to you.

27. In verse 15 **mark** the following phrases:

- To bring about his eternal purposes
- It must needs be that there was an opposition
- Forbidden fruit
- Tree of life

28. **Circle** the word "sweet" and draw a line connecting it to "Tree of Life", and then **circle** the word "bitter" and connect it to "Forbidden fruit".

29. Draw a line from "Forbidden Fruit" in verse 15 and write:

“Tree of knowledge and all things pertaining to having a mortal experience”

30. Now draw a line from “Tree of Life” and write:

“Eternal Life”

31. In verse 16, **mark** the phrase “act for himself”.

32. At the end of verse 16 write: *Both were desirable*

33. Here is a quote by President Joseph Fielding Smith that you may want to write on a sticky note:

“...the Lord said to Adam that if he wished to remain as he was in the garden, then he was not to eat the fruit, but if he desired to eat it and partake of death he was at liberty to do so.”
(President Joseph Fielding Smith, *Answers to Gospel Questions*, 4:81)

34. At the end of verse 17, write this cross-reference: *D&C 76: 25-30*

35. One of Satan’s greatest tricks is to mix lies with some truth so we are more easily deceived. At the end of verse 18, **mark** the phrases: “ye shall not die” and also “ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil.”

36. Next to the phrase “ye shall not die” write: *Lie*.

37. Next to the phrase “...knowing good and evil” write: *Truth*.


38. At the end of verse 20, write: *“The Creation and the Fall are about the FAMILY.”*

39. In verse 21, **circle** the word “probation” then draw a line from that word to the margin and write: *A period of time for testing and trial*

40. **Mark** the phrase “Transgression” at the end of verse 21. Then on a sticky note, write this explanation by Elder Dallin H. Oaks to help you understand the difference between SIN and TRANSGRESSION:

“Some acts, like murder, are crimes because they are inherently wrong. Other acts, like operating without a license, are crimes only because they are legally prohibited. Under these distinctions, the act that produced the Fall was not a sin – inherently wrong – but a transgression – wrong because it was formally prohibited. (Elder Dallin H. Oaks, *Ensign*, November 1993, 73)

41. Next to verses 22 and 23, write: *If they would have stayed in the Garden*

42. Go through those verses and put check marks next to each consequence that would have been affixed if they would have stayed in the garden. 

43. Next to verse 25, write: *The Fall → Our Happiness*

44. Next to verse 26 write: *= The Plan All Along*

45. **Circle** and write the definitions in the margin, or on a sticky note, of the following words in verse 27

- **Expedient:** Needful or serves a purpose
- **Liberty:** Being free from restriction or control
- **Eternal Life:** God’s Life
- **Mediator:** One who goes between two parties and reconciles differences
- **Captivity:** A state of being imprisoned, confined or enslaved

46. In verse 28, **mark** the phrase: “choose eternal life.”

47. In verse 29, **mark** the phrase: “and not choose eternal death”

48. On a sticky note, write this quote:

“Daily, constantly, we choose by our desires, our thoughts, and our actions whether we want to be blessed or cursed, happy or miserable.”
(President Ezra Taft Benson, *Ensign*, May 1988, 6)

49. Read through verses 28-30 and **mark** the things that stand out to you.