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Chapter 22

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*Nephi Interprets Isaiah's Words for Laman & Lemuel
Isaiah's Covenant Prophecies Are Both
Temporal (related to real history) AND Spiritual (related to people's souls)*

1 And now

[See the note at the end of the chapter]

it came to pass

that **after** I **Nephi**

after that I [Nephi] had read these things
which [things]

[deleted in 1837] {AG} aa

were **engraven** upon the **plates** of brass

and my **brethren** came unto me
[my **brethren**] **said** unto me

[A] What **meaneth** these things which **ye** (**have read**) ? [See Ezekiel 37:15-20] bb

Behold

Are _____ they [these things which **ye** **have read**]
to be **understood**

cc

(according to things) which are (spiritual)

[B] (which shall **come**) to pass

according to **the spirit**

and NOT [according to] (**the flesh**) ?

2 And I **Nephi** **said** unto them

[P= saith]

Behold

[C] they [these things which I **have read**]

were **made** (**manifest** [^O / deleted in 1837]

unto **the prophet**)

[D] by the **voice** of (**the Spirit**)

[D] **for** by _____ (**the Spirit**)

[C] are ALL things **made** (**known**
unto **the prophets**) [added]

[B] [ALL things] (which shall **come**)

upon the **children of men**
according to (**the flesh**)

[Par. aa – Circular repetition “things”]

[Par. bb – Questions used to make a point]

[Par. cc – Circular repetition “which”]

[1 Nephi 22]

3 [A] **Wherefore** [they]_ the things of which I (have read)
are things
(pertaining to things) both temporal
and (spiritual) [see 1 Ne 15:30-33]

[Note: According to Donald Parry (as I have indicated by the bracketed letters above), these verses can be seen as a **chiastic parallelism**. Note, however, that Parry misses the significant parallelism of the word “made,” which was deleted in 1837. An outline of Parry’s simple elements is as follows:

1 [A] (have read) (according to things) (spiritual)
[B] (which shall come) (the flesh)
2 [C] (manifest unto the prophet)
[D] (the Spirit)
[D] (the Spirit)
[C] (known unto the prophets)
[B] (which shall come) (the flesh)
3 [A] (have read) (pertaining to things) (spiritual) (Parry: 1992: 45-46)

Israel Will Be Scattered

[3] **For** it appears that the house of Israel dd
or **sooner**
later
[A] will be scattered ee
[B] upon ALL *the face of the earth*
[A] **and** [will be scattered] also
[B] among ALL *nations*

4 And behold

there are MANY [of the house of Israel]
who are **already** _____ **lost**
from the knowledge of *those*
who are at Jerusalem
Yea **the MORE part**
of ALL the tribes [of Israel] have been led away {AG}
and **they** _____ [the tribes of Israel] are scattered
to _____ [forward and backward] {AL}
and **fro** upon *the isles of the sea*
and *whither they* _____ [the tribes of Israel] *are* NONE of us knoweth [to what place]
save that we know {AG}

[Par. dd -- Circular repetition “the house of Israel / the tribes of Israel”]

[Par. ee – Simple synonymous parallelism]

5 And **since** [that] **that** **they** _____ [the tribes of Israel] have been **led away**
they _____ [the tribes of Israel] have been **led away** [deleted in 1837]

these **things** have been **prophesied**
 concerning **them**

and also concerning **ALL** **those** [P= they which]
who shall **hereafter** be **scattered**
and be **confounded**

because of [Him] **The Holy One of Israel**
for against **Him** **The Holy One of Israel**
will they _____ [the tribes of Israel] **harden** their hearts

Wherefore

they _____ [the tribes of Israel] shall be **scattered**
 among **ALL** **nations**
and [they] _____ [the tribes of Israel] shall be **hated**
 by _____ **ALL** **men** [P= of]

*The Gentiles Will Help with the Gathering of Israel
 (Prophetic Paraphrase of Isaiah 49:22-23)*

6 **Nevertheless** [P= have been]
after [that] **they** _____ [the tribes of Israel] **shall be** nursed by the **Gentiles** {AG} ff
and [after] **the Lord** has **lifted** _____ up **His hand** upon the **Gentiles**
 [to strengthen and inspire them]

[Note: Isaiah 49:22 reads "to the Gentiles." (E. Craig Bramwell, "Hebrew Idioms in the Small Plates of Nephi," Masters thesis, BYU, 1960, p. 63-64.)]

and [after] **the Lord** has] set them _____ [P= had]
 [the tribes of Israel] up for a standard

and [after] [A] their **children** [the children of Israel] [P= shall be] gg
 [B] **have been** **carried** in **their** arms

and [after] [A] their **daughters** [the daughters of Israel]
 [B] **have been** **carried** upon **their** shoulders

behold these **things** [these **covenant fulfillments**]
 of which are **spoken** are **temporal** [real history]
for thus **are** the **covenants** of **the Lord** [P= is]
 with **our fathers**

[Par. ff -- Like initiators "and after"]

[Par. gg -- Simple alternating parallelism]

[A] and it [these things these covenant fulfillments] hh
[B] meaneth us in the days to come

and also ALL our brethren
who are of the house of Israel [P= which]

7 [A] And it [these things these covenant fulfillments]
[B] meaneth that the time _____ cometh

that after ALL the house of Israel
have been scattered
and [have been] confounded

that the Lord God will raise up a mighty nation among the Gentiles ii
yea even *upon the face of this land*
and by them [the Gentiles]

8 shall our seed be scattered
And after * our seed is scattered [P= that]

[then] the Lord God will proceed to do
a marvelous work among the Gentiles jj
which [marvelous work among the Gentiles]
shall be of GREAT worth kk
unto our seed

Wherefore it [this marvelous work among the Gentiles]
is likened unto the / their being [^]nursed / nourished [O / ^1840] [^O / P] 01
by the Gentiles

and [is likened unto] being carried in their arms
and [being carried] upon their shoulders

9 And it [this marvelous work]
shall also be of worth unto the Gentiles
and not only [of worth] unto the Gentiles

but [it this marvelous work]
shall also be of worth
unto ALL the house of Israel
unto the making known of the covenants
of the Father of Heaven
unto Abraham saying

[Par. hh -- Simple alternating parallelism]

[Par. ii -- Like endings "the Gentiles"]

[Par. jj -- Circular Repetition "marvelous work"]

[Par. kk -- Circular repetition "shall also be 'of worth'"]

[Heb. 01 -- Simile "likened"]

In [the marvelous work of] thy seed
shall ALL the kindreds of the earth be blessed

*The Lord Will Make Bare His Arm to Fulfill His Covenants
 (Prophetic Paraphrase of Isaiah 52:10 + 30:29)*

10 **And** I [**Nephi**] **would** my brethren
that ye **should KNOW**
that ALL the kindreds of the earth canNOT be blessed

- [A] **unless** **He** [the Lord] shall LL
- [B] make bare His arm
- [C] in the eyes of the nations

11 **Wherefore**

- [A] [**He**] the Lord God will proceed to
- [B] make bare His arm
- [C] in the eyes of ALL the nations
- [D] in bringing about His covenants
- [D] **and** [in bringing about] His gospel
 unto those who are of the house of Israel [P= they which] mm

[Note: Donald Parry (2007:55) sees a *climactic (step) gradation* in verses 9-11. I have modified his outline as follows:

- 9. **A** And it shall also be of worth *unto the Gentiles
- A→B *unto the Gentiles . . . *making known of the covenants
- B→C *[making known of the covenants . . . *Abraham
- C→D *In thy seed . . . *all the kindreds of the earth be blessed
- 10 D→E *all the kindreds of the earth cannot be blessed . . . unless *He shall make bare his arm
- 11 E→F *the Lord God will proceed to make bare his arm . . . *in bringing about His covenants
- F→G *[bringing about His covenants unto *those who are of **the house of Israel**

12 **Wherefore** **He** [the Lord] will bring them [the house of Israel]
again
 out of captivity

- [A] **and** they [the house of Israel] nn
- [B] shall be gathered together oo
to the lands of their [^]first inheritance
[^O/ deleted in P]

- [A] **and** they [the house of Israel]
- [B] shall be brought out of obscurity
and out of darkness

[Par. LL -- Extended alternating parallelism]

[Par. nn -- Repeated alternating parallelism]

[Par. mm -- Circular repetition "the house of Israel"]

[Par. oo -- Circular repetition "shall"]

God Will Preserve the Righteous
And Destroy the Wicked by Fire

15 For **behold** **saith the prophet** [that] [deleted in 1837]
 [“the prophet” = Isaiah and/or Zenos, etc., before Isaiah]
the time cometh speedily
that Satan qq
shall have NO more power over the hearts
 of the children of men

[See the note at the end of the chapter]

for the day soon cometh **that ALL the proud**
 and [ALL] **they who* do wickedly** [P= which]
shall be AS stubble
 and the day cometh **that [ALL] they MUST be** burned
 16 For the time soon cometh **that** the FULNESS of the wrath of **God**
shall be poured out upon ALL the children of men
 for **He[God]** will NOT suffer that **the wicked**
shall **destroy** the righteous

17 **Wherefore**
He[God] will _____ **preserve** the righteous
 by **His power**
 even if it so be that the FULNESS of His wrath {AG}
MUST come
 and the righteous be **preserved**
 even unto the **destruction** of their **enemies** by **Fire**
Wherefore the righteous need not fear
 for thus **saith the prophet**
 they
 [the righteous] **shall** be **saved**
 even if it so be _____ **as** by **Fire** 03

18 **Behold** my brethren
 I [**Nephi**] **say unto you** that these things
MUST shortly come rr
 yea even blood
 and fire
 and vapor of smoke
MUST come

[Par. qq – Repeated alternating parallelism]
 [Heb. 03 – Simile]

[Par. ii - Repeated Alternating – “things / MUST come”]

and it [these things]
MUST needs be upon *the face of this earth*
 and it [these things]
cometh unto men according to the flesh
 if it so be **that** they will **harden** their hearts {AG}
 against The Holy One of Israel

19 For behold

[they] the righteous shall NOT perish ss
 for the time
surely
MUST come
 that ALL they who fight against Zion [P= which]
shall be cut off

*The Lord Will Prepare a Way for the Righteous
 The Lord Will Cut off the Disobedient from among His Covenant People*

20

And the Lord will surely prepare a Way for His people
 unto the fulfilling of the words of Moses
 which [words] he [Moses] spake
saying [Quotation] 04
 [see Deut. 18:15-19; Acts 3:22-23]
A Prophet shall the Lord Your God raise up unto you tt
like unto Me 05
 Him [That Prophet] shall ye hear
 in ALL things whatsoever
 He [That Prophet] shall say unto you

And it shall
come to pass
 that ALL those who will NOT hear [P= they which] {AG}
That Prophet
shall be cut off from among the people

21 And now that

I Nephi declare unto you
This Prophet of Whom Moses spake
 [This Prophet] was _____ The Holy One of Israel

[Par. ss - Repetition – “shall”]

[Heb. 05 – Simile]

[Heb. 04 – Quotation of scripture]

[Par. tt -- Circular repetition “That Prophet”]

Wherefore He _____ [The Holy One of Israel]
shall execute **judgment** in **righteousness**

Worldly Powers and Ways Will Be Destroyed

22 [A] **And** [they] the **righteous** uu
 [B] need NOT **fear**
 [A] **for** * they [the **righteous**]
 [B] are **those**
who * shall NOT be confounded

But it is the **kingdom** _____ **of the Devil** vv
which shall be built up among the children of men---
 [it **NEEDS** to **fear**] [?]

Which **kingdom** _____ **[of the Devil]**
 is established
 among them which are in the flesh—
 [it **SHALL** **be** **confounded**] [?]

23 For **the time** **speedily**
shall come

that [A] ALL **[those]** churches **which** are **built up** ww
 [B] **to get gain**

and [A] ALL **those*** _____ **who*** are **built up** [*P= they which] {AG}
 [B] **to get power over the flesh**

and [A] [ALL]those* _____ **who*** are **built up**
 [B] **to become popular in the eyes of the world**

And [A] [ALL]those* _____ **who*** **seek**
 [B] **the lusts** _____ **of the flesh**

and [A] [ALL those* _____ **who*** **seek**
 [B] **[to do] the things** _____ **of the world**
 [B] **and to do ALL manner of iniquity**

 [Par. uu -- Simple alternating parallelism]
 [Par. vv -- Like endings "of the Devil" / "of the word"]
 [Par. ww -- Repeated alternating parallelism]

yea in fine ALL those who belong to the kingdom of the Devil xx
 are
they who* [P= it is they which]
 need [to] **fear**
 and [need to] **tremble**
 and [need to] **quake**

they are those who MUST be **brought low** **in the dust**
they are those who MUST be **consumed** **as stubble** 06

and this [prophecy] is according to the **words**
 of the **prophet** [Moses] yy

*The Holy One of Israel Will Reign
 (The Millennium)*

24 And the time cometh speedily
 that the **righteous** **MUST be led up** **as** **calves** of the stall

[That is the righteous will be **gathered** in, protected and sheltered by their Master.]

and [He] the Holy One of Israel **MUST reign**
 in **dominion** zz
 and [in] **might** 07
 and [in] **power**
 and [in] **GREAT glory**

25 And He [the Holy One of Israel] gathereth His children aaa
 from *the four quarters of the earth*

and He [the Shepherd] numbereth His sheep
and they [His sheep] **KNOW Him**

and there shall be one fold
and [there shall be] one Shepherd

and He [the Shepherd] shall feed His sheep
and in Him [the Shepherd] they [His sheep] shall find pasture

[Par. xx - Detailing]

[Par. aaa - Like endings – “His sheep, His people”]

[Heb. 06 -- Simile]

[Par. yy – Many “and”s]

[Par. zz – Enumeration – “dominion, might . . .”]

[Heb. 07 -- repetition of a preposition “in”]

26 **And** because of the righteousness
of His people
[he] **Satan** has NO power [P= hath]

Wherefore

he [Satan] can NOT be loosed **for the space of MANY years**
for he [Satan] hath NO power over the **hearts** of the people
for they [the people]
dwelt in righteousness
and [**He**] the Holy One of Israel reigneth
[in righteousness]

*Nephi Verifies the Covenant Plan of Salvation Is For All
If You Will Just Repent, Obey the Commandments,
and Endure to the End, You Will Be Saved*

27 **And now**

behold I **Nephi** **say** unto you
that ALL these things
MUST come according to _____ the flesh

28 **But behold**

<u>ALL</u>	_____	<u>nations</u>	bbb
[<u>ALL</u>]	_____	<u>kindreds</u>	
[<u>ALL</u>]	_____	<u>tongues</u>	
and [<u>ALL</u>]	_____	<u>people</u>	

shall dwelt safely
in the Holy One of Israel

if **it so be**
that they will **repent**

[Ending]

29 **And now**

I **Nephi** **make an end** 08
for I [**Nephi**] durst NOT **speak** further
as yet [at this time]
concerning these things ccc

[But see especially 2 Nephi 31-33]

[Par.bbb – Distribution - “nations, kindreds . . .”]
[Heb. 08 -- Use of “make an end”]
[Par. ccc -- Circular repetition – “these things”]

[1 Nephi 22]

30 **Wherefore** my brethren [ending statement #1]

that I [Nephi] would
ye _____ should consider

that _____ the things which have been written
on the plates of brass are true

and _____ they [these things which have been written] testify

that a man **MUST** be obedient to the commandments of God

31 **Wherefore** [my brethren] [ending statement #2]

ye need NOT suppose

that [A] I [Nephi]
and [that] my father _____ are the only ones
[B] that have testified of
[these things]

[A] and also [are the only ones
[B] that have] taught them

Wherefore [my brethren] [ending statement #3]

09

if ye shall be obedient to the commandments [of God]
and [if] ye shall endure to the end

[then] ye shall be saved at the last day

And thus it is
Amen

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{Original 1830 Chapter Break -- end of Chapter VII & the end of "The First Book of Nephi"}

[Heb. 09 – “Wherefore repeated 3 times = the highest warning]

[Note: According to Robert Parsons, if we examine Nephi's commentary in 1 Nephi 22, we can see that he drew at least ten of his thirteen points from Isaiah 49 (1 Nephi 21). These thirteen points are listed below, showing Nephi's source in chapter 21, followed by his comment location in chapter 22.

<u>Point</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>/ Comment</u>
1. The scattering of Israel	1 Nephi 21:1	/ 1 Nephi 22:4-5
2. The nursing of Israel by the Gentiles	1 Nephi 21:22-23	/ 1 Nephi 22:6
3. The raising up of a mighty nation	1 Nephi 21:22	/ 1 Nephi 22:7
4. The scattering of the Lamanites	1 Nephi 21:14,17,19,25	/ 1 Nephi 22:7-8
5. The restoring of the gospel	1 Nephi 21:22	/ 1 Nephi 22:8
6. The fulfilling of the covenants made to the house of Israel	1 Nephi 21:14-16, 18-21	/ 1 Nephi 22:11
7. The spiritual and temporal gathering of Israel	1 Nephi 21:12-13	/ 1 Nephi 22:12
8. The destruction of the great and abominable church	(No reference in 1 Nephi 21; see 1 Nephi 22:13)	
9. The destruction of all who fight against Zion	1 Nephi 21:17, 25-26	/ 1 Nephi 22:14
10. The destruction of the wicked	1 Nephi 21:26	/ 1 Nephi 22:15-16*
11. The preservation of the righteous	1 Nephi 21:12-13, 25-26	/ 1 Nephi 22:17,19,22
12. The destruction of churches which belong to the kingdom of the devil	(No reference in 1 Nephi 21; see 1 Nephi 22:23)	
13. The establishment of the Millennium	(No reference in 1 Nephi 21; see 1 Nephi 22:24-26)	

(Robert E. Parsons, "The Prophecies of the Prophets," in The Book of Mormon: First Nephi, The Doctrinal Foundation, p. 278-279)]

[Note* According to Monte Nyman, in 1 Nephi 22:15-17 we find evidence of a section of scripture found on the Plates of Brass but not in the King James Version of the Bible. Nyman notes: "As Nephi commented on Isaiah 49 in 1 Nephi 22:15-17, he quoted or paraphrased three verses from 'the prophet,' obviously Isaiah. We do not have these verses in the present Bible text, but they fit very well into the context of Isaiah 49 and 50. We can illustrate this by placing (1 Nephi 22:15-17) between the last verse of chapter 49 and the first verse of chapter 50." (Monte Nyman, Great Are the Words of Isaiah, p. 191)]