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1 Nephi Chapter 12

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Chapter 12

{Original 1830 Chapter III – continued}

Nephi's Seed Will Also Suffer from Pride

1 And **it came to pass**

that **[he] the angel said** unto **me**

Look

and **behold** thy **seed**

and also **[behold]** the **seed** of thy brethren

aa

And I **[Nephi]** **looked**

and I **[Nephi]** **beheld**

and I **[Nephi]** **beheld**

yea even

_____ *the land of promise*

_____ *the land of promise*

_____ *the land of promise*

_____ *the land of promise*

_____ *the land of promise*

_____ *the land of promise*

bb

01

2 And **it came to pass**

that I **[Nephi]** **beheld** _____ **multitudes** gathered

to-gether

to battle one against the other

and I **[Nephi]** **beheld** _____ **wars**

and rumors of **wars**

and GREAT slaughters

with the sword

among my people

3 And **it came to pass**

that I **[Nephi]** **beheld** **MANY generations pass away**

after the manner of **wars**

and **[after** the manner of] **contentions**

in *the land*

02 03

and I **[Nephi]** **beheld** **MANY cities**

yea even [so **MANY cities**]

that I **[Nephi]** did NOT number them

4 And **it came to pass**

that I **[Nephi]** **saw** a **mist of darkness** on the face of *the land of promise*

and I **[Nephi]** **saw** lightnings

and I **[Nephi]** **heard** thunderings

and I **[Nephi]** **heard** earthquakes

and I **[Nephi]** **heard** ALL manner of tumultuous noises

cc

dd

[Par. aa – Circular repetition “look” “behold”]

[Par. bb – Like beginnings “I Nephi”]

[Heb. 01 – Two nouns connected by “of” = adjective]

[Heb. 02 – Separated compound prepositions “after” “of”]

[Heb. 03 – Plurals “wars” = amplification]

[Par. cc – Enumeration list]

[Par. dd – Many “and”s]

[1 Nephi 12]

[A] **and** I [Nephi] saw the earth ee
and the rocks

[B] that they rent / that it rent the rocks [^O^ / O*]

[A] **and** I [Nephi] saw mountains ff

[B] [that they were] tumbling into pieces

[A] **and** I [Nephi] saw the plains of the earth

[B] that they were broken up

[A] **and** I [Nephi] saw MANY cities

[B] that they were sunk

[A] **and** I [Nephi] saw MANY [cities]

[B] that they were burned with fire

[A] **and** I [Nephi] saw MANY [cities]

[B] that [they] did tumble to the earth [deleted]
because of the quaking thereof

5 **And it came to pass**

[that] after I [Nephi] saw _____ these things [deleted in 1837]

I [Nephi] saw the vapor of darkness

that it passed from off the face of the earth

and behold I [Nephi] saw the multitudes

which/^who had NOT fallen ["the" and "not" deleted on P]

because of the GREAT

and terrible judgments of the Lord

The Lamb Will Minister to Nephi's Seed in the Americas

6 **And** I [Nephi] saw the Heavens open

and [He] The Lamb of God descending out of heaven

and He [The Lamb of God] came down

and showed* Himself unto them 04

7 **And** I [Nephi] also saw

and bare / bear record [edited in 1837]

that the Holy Ghost fell upon Twelve others

and they [the Twelve others]

were ordained of _____ God

and [were] chosen [of _____ God]

[Par. ee – Repeated alternating parallelism]

[Heb. 04 – Prophetic Perfect tense]

[Par. ff – Circular repetition "saw"]

8 **And** [he] the angel spake unto me
 saying
Behold the **Twelve Disciples** of **The Lamb** 05 gg
 who are **chosen** [of **The Lamb**] hh
 [and who are **ordained** _____ of **The Lamb**]
 to minister unto **thy seed**

[Note: The meaning of the number 12, which is considered a perfect number, is that it symbolizes God's power and authority, as well as serving as a perfect governmental foundation. It can also symbolize completeness or the nation of Israel as a whole. (biblestudy.org)]

9 **And** he [the angel] said unto me [O= saith]
 Thou **rememberest** the **Twelve Apostles** of **The Lamb** [P= eth] ii
Behold they [the **Twelve Apostles**] are they
 who shall **judge** _____ **the Twelve Tribes of Israel**
Wherefore the **Twelve Ministers** of **thy seed**
 shall be **judged** of them
 [the **Twelve Apostles**]
 for ye are of **the House** _____ **of Israel**

10 **And** these **Twelve Ministers** [of **thy seed**] whom [O= which]
 thou **beholdest** shall **judge** **thy seed**
And behold
 they [the **Twelve Apostles**
 and the **Twelve Ministers**] are **righteous forever**
for because of their **faith** in **The Lamb of God**
 their garments are **made white** in **His blood** 06

11 **And** [he] the angel said unto me [P= saith]
Look
And I [**Nephi**] **looked**
and [I **Nephi**] **beheld** **three generations** [did] **pass away** ___ in **righteousness** 07
and their garments were **white**
even like unto **The Lamb of God**
And [he] the angel said unto me
 These [**three generations**] are **made white** in **the blood**
 of **The Lamb**
 because of their **faith** in **Him**
[The Lamb of God]

[Heb. 05 – Symbolism of “twelve”]
 [Par. gg – Circular repetition “twelve”]
 [Par. hh – Circular repetition “saw”]

[Par.ii – Circular repetition “Apostles” “Ministers”]
 [Heb. 06 – Symbolism “garments” “white” “blood”]
 [Heb. 07 – Preposition “in” + action = adverb]

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12 And I **Nephi** also **saw** MANY
of the **fourth generation** [P= which did pass]
who passed away _____ in **righteousness**

*Nephi's Seed Is Overcome by the Seed of His Brethren
through Pride and Sin*

13 And **it came to pass**
that I [**Nephi**] **saw** the **multitudes** of **the earth** **gathered together**

14 And [**he**] **the angel** **said** unto **me**
Behold _____ **thy seed**
and also [**Behold**] _____ **the seed** of **thy brethren**

15 And **it came to pass**
that I [**Nephi**] **looked**
and I [**Nephi**] **beheld** the people of **my seed** **gathered together**
in **multitudes**
against **the seed** of **my brethren**

and they [the people] were **gathered together** to battle

16 And [**he**] **the angel** **spake** unto **me**
saying

Behold **the fountain** of **filthy water**
which **thy father** **saw**
yea even **the river** of which
he[thy father] **spake**

And the **depths** [of **the river**] thereof
are the **depths** of **Hell**

17 And the **mists** _____ of **darkness**
are the **temptations** of **the Devil**

_____ **which** **blind_eth** the eyes
and [**which**] **hardeneth** the hearts of **the children of men**
and [**which**] **lead__eth** them away into broad roads

that they [**may**] **perish** [deleted]
and [they] **are lost**

18 And the **large and spacious building**
 which thy **father saw**
 is [the] **vain imaginations**
 and the **pride** _____ of **the children of men**

And a **GREAT and a terrible gulf** divideth them _____ [the children of men]

yea even

the **^sword / word** [^O / P]

of the **justice**

of **The Eternal God**

and **^Jesus Christ / the Messiah** [^O / 1837]

Which [Who] is The Lamb of God

of **Whom the Holy Ghost Beareth Record**

From the Beginning of the World Until This Time

and **From This Time Henceforth and Forever**

[Note: In this retelling of his visitation by an angel, Nephi will repeat the same or similar phrase (“the angel said/spake unto me”) an amazing **forty-four** times (1 Nephi 11: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 31, 32, 35, 36; 1 Ne. 12: 1, 8, 9, 11, 11, 14, 16, 19, 22; 1 Ne. 13: 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 11, 8, 11, 21, 23, 23, 24, 34, 40). The angel will also quote “The Lamb of God” (Chapter 13: 33-37). The continued repetition of this phrase (“the angel **said/spake** unto me”) represents one of the longest series of repetitions in the Book of Mormon.

According to Royal Skousen, the fact that Nephi is directly quoting the words of the angel makes it clear that the name in the Original Manuscript (“**Jesus Christ**”) “is precisely what the angel in 1 Nephi 12:18 gives as the name of The Lamb of God.” “This passage contains the first occurrence of the name Jesus Christ in the Book of Mormon text (excluding the Title Page).” Thus the later editorial change to “the Messiah” creates difficulty. “The original use of Jesus Christ in 1 Nephi 12:18 is crucial to understanding the later reference in 2 Nephi 25:19. In 2 Nephi 10:3, Nephi’s brother Jacob indicated that an angel had told him that the name of the Savior would be Christ (“Jesus” isn’t mentioned). The name “Jesus Christ” might have been edited out because prior to this point, “Messiah” was the name the text had used to refer to Christ. (Royal Skousen, Analysis of Textual Variants of the Book of Mormon, part 1, p. 258-259.)]

19 And **while** **[he] the angel spake these words [unto me]** jj

I **[Nephi]** **beheld**

and [I **Nephi]** **saw** that the **seed** of **my brethren** kk
 did **contend against my seed**

[And] according to the **word** of **the angel**

and because of the **pride** of **my seed**

and [because of]the **temptations** of **the Devil**

I **[Nephi]** **beheld** that the **seed** of **my brethren**

did **overpower**

the people of **my seed**

[Par. jj – Repetition “the angel spake”]

[Par. kk – Circular repetition “seed” “of my brethren”]

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20 And **it came to pass**

that I [Nephi] beheld
and [I Nephi] saw the people of the seed of my brethren
that they had overcome
[the people of] my seed

and they [the seed of my brethren] went forth
in multitudes upon the face of the land

21 And I [Nephi] saw them [the seed of my brethren]
gathered together
in multitudes

and I [Nephi] saw wars
and rumors of wars
among them [the seed of my brethren]

and in wars
and rumors of wars
I [Nephi] saw MANY generations [of the seed of my brethren] pass away

22 And [he] the angel said unto me
Behold these [the seed of my brethren]
shall dwindle in unbelief

23 And **it came to pass**

that I [Nephi] beheld
[that] after they [the seed of my brethren] [deleted in 1837]
[1] had dwindled in unbelief LL

they [the seed of my brethren]

[2] became a dark

[3] and [a] loathsome

[4] and a filthy people

[5] full of _____ idleness

[6] and [full of] ALL manner of abominations

[Note: In my structured text, the word "seed" (or "seeds") appears 81 times in the entire 22 chapters of the book of 1 Nephi. Of this total, 44 appear in just two chapters (12 and 13). The remaining 20 chapters account for only 37.

According to Marcus Ladd (*And He Spake Unto Me: Structural Revelations and Prophetic Pattern in 1 Nephi, 2012,13*), who has structured the entire book of 1 Nephi in a large chiasmic parallelism, these chapters (12 & 13) are at the apex, or presumably the most important part of that chiasm.]

[Par. LL – Working out - the character traits of the future Lamanites]