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## 1 Nephi Chapter 13

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## Chapter 13

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The Great and Abominable Church Holds Captive the Saints of God (The Dark Ages of Apostasy)

1 And it came to pass										
	that	[he] the angel	spake saying Look	unto	<u>me</u>					
	And and	l [ <u>Nephi</u> ] [l <u>Nephi</u> ]	looked beheld and		nations kingdoms					
2	And	[he]the angel What	said t beholde	unto est thou					[O=saith]	
	And	l <u>[Nephi]</u> l <u>[Nephi</u> ]	said behold and		<u>nations</u> <u>kingdoms</u>					
3	And	he[the angel]		unto					[O=saith]	
		These	e are	the	nations (of the	Gentiles]				
			and	[the]	kingdoms	<u></u>				
1 A		•			of the	<u>Gentiles</u>				
4 And	that	<mark>to pass</mark> I [Nephi]	saw							
				ng the	<u>nations</u>					
	of the Gentiles									
				the ^	formation /	foundation of a	GREA	<u>Church</u>	[^O / P ]	
5	And	[he]the angel	said	unto	me					
			<u>Behold</u>	the ^	formation /	<sup>/</sup> foundation of a		church	[^O / P]	
		which [churc				le above ALL o	ther	<u>churches</u>	aa	01
		which [churc		-	th the saint	s of <b>God</b>		[1]		bb
ye	a and	[which churc			reth them eth them do			[2]		
	and and	[which churc				wn a <mark>yoke</mark> of iron		[3] [4]		02
	and	[which churc				own into captivi	tv	[ <del>4</del> ] [5]		UΖ
	uu	in and	··J	~8	c u		- 7	[~]		

[Par. aa – Repetition of the possessive "which"] [Heb. 01 – Use of "above ALL" in comparison] [Par. bb – Working out – the actions of the Devil's Church] [Heb. 02 – A verb and a noun with the same root "yoke"]

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6 And it came to pass
        that
                I [Nephi]
                              beheld
                                    this GREAT and abominable
                                                                                 church
        and
                I [Nephi]
                              saw
                                         the Devil
                                that he [the Devil]
                                    was the ^founder / foundation of it
                                                                                              [^O / 1837]
                                    [this GREAT and abominable
                                                                                 church]
7
        And
                I [Nephi] also saw
                                          *gold
                                                                                                        СС
                                           silver
                                                                                                        dd
                                            silks
                                and
                                 and
                                             scarlet
                                             fine-twined linen
                                and
                                 and
                                              ALL manner of precious clothing
                I [Nephi]
                                              MANY harlots
        and
                              saw
               [he]the angel spake
8
        And
                                        unto me
                              saying
                              Behold the gold
                                                                                                        ee
                                       the silver
                                 and
                                 and
                                        the silks
                                 and
                                        the scarlet
                                         the fine-twined linen
                                 and
                                 and
                                                     precious clothing
                                                    harlots
                                                                are the desires of
                                 and
                                           the
                                    this GREAT and abominable
                                                                                 church
9
                        And also for
                                         the praise of the world
                              do they
                                         destroy
                                                     the saints of God
                                         bring them [the saints of God] down
                        and [do they]
                                                                         into
                                                                                 captivity
10 And it came to pass
        that
                I [Nephi]
                              looked
                              beheld
                                                                                      MANY waters
        and
               [l Nephi]
                                                                                 [the MANY waters]
                                                                 and
                                                                        they
                                             divided the Gentiles
                                                                                                        ff
                                                           from the seed of my brethren
                                                                                                        gg
11 And it came to pass
        that
               [he]the angel said
                                         unto me
                              Behold
                                         the wrath of God
                                                          is upon the seed of thy brethren
                                         [Heb. ** -- Repetition of an article "the"]
[Par. cc – Detailing list]
                                         [Par. ff – Circular repetition "Gentiles"]
[Par. dd – Many "and"s]
[Par. ee – also Extended alternating]
                                         [Par. gg – Circular repetition "seed"]
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### God's Hand Is in the Discovery of the Americas

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I [Nephi] looked
12
        And
        and
                [I Nephi] beheld
                                                       a man
                                               among the Gentiles
                                                   *which [Gentiles] ^were / was separated
                                                                                                   [^O / P]
                                                            from the seed of my brethren
                                                                                 by the MANY waters
                                                                                                          hh
[Note* P= which were, implying that which modifies Gentiles, but it was later changed to who was implying the man]
        and [A] I [Nephi] beheld the Spirit of God
                                                                                                           ii
                           that it [the Spirit of God]
                                [B] came down
                                and wrought upon the man
                                     and [C]
                                                he
                                                      [the man]
                                                                     went forth
                                                                              upon the MANY waters
                                                                      even [upon the MANY waters]
                                                             unto the seed of my brethren
                                                                    [F] who were in the promised land
                            God's Hand Is in the Deliverance of Humble Gentiles
                                       They Go Forth out of Captivity
                               They Obtain the Americas for Their Inheritance
13 And it came to pass
        that [A] I [Nephi] beheld the Spirit of God
                           that it [the Spirit of God]
                                [B] [came down]
                               and] wrought upon other Gentiles
                                     and [C] they [the Gentiles] went forth
                                                                              out of captivity
                                                                              upon the MANY waters
14 And it came to pass
                I [Nephi] beheld MANY multitudes [E]
        that
                                                    of the Gentiles
                                                                   [F] [who were] upon the land of promise
[Note: I have structured the above verses in an extended alternating pattern in order to better illustrate the
parallelism. However, the verses might possibly be structured in two parallel climactic (step) forms as follows:
    12 . . .
                I [*Nephi] beheld *the Spirit of God
        A→B
                                                                                                           jj
                that it [*the Spirit of God] came down and wrought upon the *man
        B \rightarrow C
        C \rightarrow D
                and he [*the man] went forth upon the *many waters
        D \rightarrow E
                even [upon the *many waters] unto the *seed of my brethren
                [the *seed of my brethren, who were in *the promised land
[Par. hh – Like endings "many waters"]
                                          [Par. jj – Climactic ]
[Par. ii – Extended alternating*]
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[1 Nephi 13]
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13...
                 I [*Nephi] beheld *the Spirit of God
        A \rightarrow B
        B \rightarrow C
                 that it [the Spirit of God came down and] wrought upon other *Gentiles
        C \rightarrow D
                 and they [the *Gentiles] went forth out of captivity upon the *many waters
   14 And it came to pass that I [Nephi] beheld many multitudes of the Gentiles
                [that had come upon the *many waters unto the seed of my brethren]
        E \rightarrow F
                 [the seed of my brethren who were] upon *the land of promise
        and
                 I [Nephi] beheld the wrath of God
                             that it [the wrath of God] was upon the seed of my brethren
                                                        and they [the seed of my brethren]
                                 were scattered before the Gentiles
                                                        and [they
                                                                        the <u>seed</u> of <u>my brethren</u>]
                                                                                                        [\mathcal{P} = \mathsf{they}]
                                 were smitten [before the Gentiles]
15
        And
                 I [Nephi] beheld the Spirit of the Lord
                             that it [the Spirit of the Lord]
                                               was upon the Gentiles
                                                    they [the Gentiles]
                                       and
                                                                                                        [P = that]
                                                                        did prosper
                                                                                          [covenant language]
                                       and
                                                    [they the Gentiles
                                                                                                         [P = of]
                                                                        did] obtain the land for their inheritance
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[Note: The covenant language associated with "Gentiles" here informs us that the word "Gentile" does not always mean "bad" or "not of the blood of Israel," but sometimes it refers to a cultural mix with covenant people.]

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and I [Nephi] beheld

that they [the Gentiles]

were white 03

and [were] exceedingly fair [1981] 04

and [were exceedingly] beautiful

like unto My people

before [that] they [My people] were slain {AG}
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[Note: "The color white is the presence of all the light in the visible spectrum. When it enters our eyes, it stimulates all of our cone cells that God made light sensitive. Snow and clouds appear white because almost all of the light from the sun is reflected by water (either frozen or liquid), with only a small amount of the visible spectrum absorbed. This color, in the Bible and in today's society, is typically associated with purity, things that are good, innocence, honesty, and cleanliness" (biblestudy.org)]

<sup>[</sup>Heb. 03 - Symbolism "white"]

<sup>[</sup>Heb. 04 – Use of the word "exceedingly"]

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16 And it came to pass
  [A] that
               I Nephi beheld
                                                                                                 kk **
                        that
                                       the Gentiles who had gone forth out of captivity
                                                       did humble themselves before the Lord
   therefore
                               the power of the Lord
                                                                                          [P=and]
                     was with them
                                       [the Gentiles who had gone forth out of captivity]
17 [B] And
               I [Nephi] beheld
                        that their mother GENTILES were gathered together
                                                                                      [O, \mathcal{P}= was ] {AG}
                                                                                upon the waters
                                                                        and
                                                                                upon the land also
                                                           [gathered together]
                                                                                         to battle
                          against them [the Gentiles who had gone forth out of captivity]
18 [B] And
               I [Nephi] beheld
                               the power of God
                      was with
                                them [the Gentiles who had gone forth out of captivity]
             and also
                        that the wrath of God
                                                           gathered together
                      was upon ALL those that were
                                                                                           [P = them]
                        against them [the Gentiles who had gone forth out of captivity] to battle
               I Nephi beheld
19[A] And
                        that
                                        the Gentiles that had gone[forth]out of captivity
                                                                                          [P = which]
                      were delivered
                             by the power of God
                                                       out of the hands
                                                                             of ALL other nations
                          The Gentiles Shall Have a Covenant Record (the Bible)
                         Yet Plain and Precious Covenant Truths of The Lamb of
                            God Will Have Been Taken Away from the Bible
20 And it came to pass
       that
               I Nephi beheld
                          that
                                they the Gentiles] did
                                                           prosper in the land
                                                                                  [covenant language]
               I [Nephi] beheld
       and
                                     a book
                                                                                                    LL
                           and it [the book] was carried forth among them
                                       [the Gentiles who had gone forth out of captivity]
[Par. kk – Circular repetition "captivity"]
[Par. ** -- Chiastic parallelism]
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[Par. LL – Circular repetition "book"]

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21
        And
               [he] the angel said unto me
                                                                                             [P = saith]
                          Knowest thou the meaning
                                  of the book?
                                                                                                      05
22
                I [Nephi] said unto him
        And
                                                                        [P = saith "unto him" added in P]
                I [Nephi] know NOT
23
                he [the angel] said
        And
                                       [unto me]
                                                                                             [P = saith]
                         Behold it [the book] proceedeth out of the mouth of a Jew
                I Nephi beheld it [the book]
        And
        and
                he [the angel] said unto me
                                                                                             [P = which]
                 [A \rightarrow B] The book that thou beholdest is a record
                                                                     of the
                                                                                       Jews
                                                                                                  mm nn
                        [B > C] which [record] contains the covenants of the Lord
                                             [C→D] which [covenants]He[the Lord] hath made
                                                                                 unto the house of Israel
                            and it [the book]
                                         also containeth MANY
                                                   of the prophecies
                                                   of the holy prophets
                             and it [the book] is ____
                                                    a record
                                        like unto the
                                                          engravings which are upon the plates of brass
                    SAVE [except] there are NOT so MANY [engravings
                                                                         as are on the plates of brass
                                nevertheless
                                                they [the engravings in the record of the Jews]
                                                                                                     [ ? ]
                                              contain the covenants of the Lord
                                                          covenants]He[the Lord] hath made
                                                 which
                                                                                 unto the house of Israel
   Wherefore
                                                they [the engravings in the record of the Jews]
                                       are of
                                                GREAT worth
                                   unto the Gentiles
24
               [he] the angel of the Lord
        And
                              said
                                        unto me
                Thou [Nephi] hast beheld
                                                 proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew
                            that the book
                    and
                           when it [the book]
                                                 proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew
                                  it [the book] contained the ^fullness / plainness
                                                                                         [^O / P, 1830]
                                                   of the gospel of the Land / Lord / ^Lamb [of God]
                                                                                    [O / P / conjecture]
[Heb. 05 – Question to make a point]
                                        [Par. mm - Climactic (Step up) parallelism]
[Heb. 06 – Separated compound prepositions]
                                        [Par. nn – Circular repetition "covenant" "record" "engravings"]
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of Whom the Twelve Apostles bear record
                                        [the Twelve Apostles] bear record
                          and they
                                                               according to the truth
                                                                        which [truth] is
                                                                               in The Lamb of God
25 Wherefore
                                         these things go forth
                                                                           from the Jews in purity
                                  unto the Gentiles
                                                               according to the truth
                                                                        which [truth] is
                                                                                           in God
26
                And after [that] they
                                        [these things] go forth
                                                                                            [deleted]
                        by the hand of the <u>Twelve Apostles</u>
                                                                              of The Lamb
                                                                           from the Jews
                                  unto the Gentiles
        Behold
                     after this
                                                                                     [deleted in 1837]
                Thou [Nephi] seest
                                       the 'formation / foundation of
                                                                                          [^{O}/P]
                                                      ^that / a GREAT and abominable church
                                                                                  which [church] is
                                                            ^the / [ ] MOST abominable
                                                                    ^of / above ALL other churches
                         for behold they have taken away from the gospel
   [A]
                                                                                                   00
                                                                               of The Lamb
                               MANY
                                               parts
     [B]
                                      plain
                     which are
                                              [things]
       [C]
                               MOST precious[things]
                       and
        [C]
           And also
                               MANY covenants
      [B]
                                                                              of The Lord
                                       have they
                                                          taken away
   ]A]
27
                       And
                               ALL this have they
                                                           done
                               that
                                       they might
                                                                           the right ways
                                                           pervert
                                                                               of The Lord
                               that
                                       they might
                                                           blind the eyes
                                       they might]
                                                           harden the hearts of the children of men
                       and
                               [that
28 Wherefore [or as I said before – see v. 26]
               Thou [Nephi] seest
                that after
                                   the book hath
                                                      gone forth
                                               through the hands
                                                           of the GREAT and abominable church
                               MANY plain [things]
      that
                there are
                               MOST precious things
                      and
                                                           taken away from the book
                                                                                         [deleted in \mathcal{P}]
                                                                 which is __the book
                                                                               of The Lamb of God
[Par. oo - Chiastic Parallelism]
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29
              And after* these plain
                                                                                  [*P=that]
                           [MOST] precious things were taken away
                   and
                              It [the book] goeth forth
                   unto ALL the nations of the Gentiles
                             it [the book] goeth forth
              and after
                   unto ALL the nations of the Gentiles
                                                 yea even across the MANY waters
                                                              which [MANY waters]
              thou [Nephi] hast seen with the Gentiles
                                  which have gone forth out of captivity
      [And]
              thou [Nephi]
                             seest—
                                                                           [deleted 1837] {AG}
              because of the MANY plain
                            [MOST] precious things
                                    which have been taken out
                              of the book
                                    which [things]
                     were plain unto the understanding of the children of men
                    according to the <u>plainness</u> which is in ______ <u>The Lamb</u> of <u>God</u>
      [and] [thou [Nephi]
                             seest]
              because of _____ these things
                                                                           [deleted 1837] {AG}
                                    which are taken away
                                                           out of the gospel
                                                                       of The Lamb ---
                       an exceedingly GREAT MANY do stumble
                                                                                      [1981]
                  yea insomuch that Satan hath GREAT power over them
                             Plain and Precious Truths to Be Restored
                              of the Covenant Gospel of The Lamb
30 Nevertheless
              thou [Nephi] beholdest that the Gentiles
                                  who have gone forth out of captivity
                                                                                 [P = which]
                             and [who] have been lifted up by the power of God
                                           above ALL other
                                                             nations
                                           upon the face of the land
                                           which [land] is choice [covenant language]
                                           above ALL other
                                                             lands
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[Heb. \*\* -- Use of "above ALL" in comparisons]

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[1 Nephi 13]
                                                                           [P = that]
                                               which is the
                                                                    land which the Lord
                                                                                             God
                                               hath
                                                        covenanted with thy father
                                               that his [covenant] seed should have
                                                                                                    pp
                                                                         [from the Lord
                                                                                             God
                                                            for the land of their inheritance
   Wherefore
               thou [Nephi] seest
                                       that [He] The Lord God will NOT suffer
                                                                                      [deleted in 1837]
                                 that
                                            the Gentiles will NOTutterly destroy [double negative]
                                         the mixture of thy seed
                                              which [mixture of thy seed]
                                                    are among the seed of thy brethren
                                                                                             [\mathcal{P}=is]
31
                                 NEITHER will He [The Lord God] suffer
                                 that
                                            the Gentiles shall
                                                                           destroy
                                                               the seed of thy brethren
32
                                 NEITHER will [He] The Lord God suffer
                                 that
                                            the Gentiles
                                                               shall
                                                                      forever remain
                                                       in that state of awful
                                                                                woundedness / [O]
                                                               awful state of
                                                                                blindness / [1837]
                                                               state of awful
                                                                                wickedness [^conjecture]
       which thou [Nephi] beholdest
                                [that] they [the Gentiles] are in
                                                                                     [deleted in 1837]
                        because of the plain
                            and MOST precious parts of _____ the gospel
                                                                           of The Lamb
                                         which [parts]
                                                                                           [P = hath]
                                                 have been kept back by that abominable church
                                                                             whose formation
               thou [Nephi]hast seen
33 Wherefore saith The Lamb of God
               I [the Lord] will be merciful
                                      unto the Gentiles
                         unto the visiting of the remnant
                                                             of the house of Israel
                                                                                   in GREAT judgment
[In other words, the Lord will not hold the Gentiles completely accountable for the judgments or punishments that
come upon the covenant house of Israel through them because the Lord was directing those punishments.]
34 And it came to pass
       that
               the angel of the Lord spake unto me
                                     saying
[Par. pp - Repetition "seed"]
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Behold
               saith The Lamb of God
     after[that] I [the Lord] have visited the remnant
                                                         of the house of Israel
                                                                                       [del. 1837]
                                                           [of the house of Israel]
                                     and this remnant
    of whom I [the Lord]
                                      speak is_____
                                                           the seed of thy father
                                                                                        [P = which]
   Wherefore
     after[that] I [the Lord] have visited them
                                                           [the seed of thy father] in ____ judgment
and [after that] I the Lord have] smitten them
                                                           [the seed of thy father]
                           by the hand of the Gentiles
and after
                                      the Gentiles do <u>stumble</u> exceedingly
                because of the MOST plain
                        and [MOST] precious parts of _____ the gospel of [deleted in \mathcal{P}]
                                                                             The Lamb
                                       which [parts]
                                              have been kept back
                                                                                        [P = hath]
                                                                 by that abominable church
                                                                 which [abominable church]
                                                                 is the mother of harlots
               saith The Lamb
  Wherefore
                                                                                   [deleted in 1837]
               I [the Lord] will be merciful
                                      unto the Gentiles
                                      in that day
              ^saith The Lamb / [ ]
                                                                         [^O / phrase deleted in 1837]
               insomuch that
               I [the Lord] will
                                bring forth
                                 unto them[the Gentiles] in Mine own power
                                               MUCH of My
                                                                    gospel
                                                              which [gospel]
                             shall be plain
                             and
                                     precious
               saith The Lamb
35 For behold
               saith The Lamb
               I [the Lord] will manifest
                                                          Myself
                                                      unto thy seed
                                                that they [thy seed]
                          shall write MANY things
       which I [the Lord] shall minister ____ unto them
                    which
                             shall be plain
                              and
                                    precious
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[Heb + Par. qq - Repetition of a Word Pair "plain/precious"]

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after*[they] thy seed
                                    and
                                                                                       [*P= that]
                                                     be destroyed
                                           shall
                                           shall
                                                                      dwindle in unbelief
                                    and
                                    and also [after] [they] the seed of thy brethren
                                                      dwindle in unbelief
                                           shall
                              Behold
                                        these things
                                           shall
                                                     be hid up
                                                       come forth
                                      unto the Gentiles
                                              by the
                                                        gift
                                                 and
                                                        power of
                                                                               The Lamb
36
                                And in them [things]
                                           shall
                                                     be written
                                                                  My gospel
                                                                                [covenant language]
               saith The Lamb
               and My Rock
                    My Salvation
                                                                                       [P = which]
37
               And
                       blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth My Zion at that day
               for
                      they shall have the gift
                                      the power of the Holy Ghost
                               and
               and
                       if
                              they endure unto the end
                              [then] they shall
                                                                    at the last day
                                                     be lifted up
                              and
                                     [they] shall
                                                     be saved in
                                                                  the everlasting kingdom
                                                                            of The Lamb
          yea/ and
                       whoso
                                  <u>shall</u>
                                                        publish
                                                                  peace
                                                                            [Quote – paraphrase Isaiah 52:7]
                                  shall
          that/yea
                       [whoso]
                                                        publish]
                                                                  tidings of GREAT joy
                                                           how
                                                                  beautiful upon the mountains
                                           shall they be
[Note: The temples of the Lord (where covenants are made and renewed) are located upon symbolic mountains.]
38 And it came to pass
              I [Nephi] beheld the remnant of the seed of my brethren
       that
                and also
                                                                            of The Lamb of God
                            the book
                         which [book] had proceeded forth from the mouth of the Jew
                                                                                [see v. 23-24; 14:23]
       And
               I [Nephi] beheld
                                                                                  [deleted in 1837]
                          it [the book] came forth
                that
                                      from the Gentiles
                                          unto the remnant of the seed of my brethren
[Par. rr - Repetition "shall"]
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39 And after
                           it [the book] had
                                                  come forth
                                        [from the Gentiles]
                                       unto them [the <u>remnant</u> of <u>the seed</u> of <u>my brethren</u>]
                I [Nephi] beheld
                           other books which
                                                 came forth
                                                 by the power of The Lamb
                                        from the Gentiles
                                       unto them [the remnant of the seed of my brethren]
                                         unto the convincing
                                           of the Gentiles
                                              and the remnant of the seed of my brethren
                                                                                 [ P / "to" deleted in ^1837]
                 and also to / ^[ ]
                                        [unto the convincing
                                                                of] the Jews who were scattered
                                                                         upon ALL the face of the earth
                that the *records
                                         of the prophets
                                                                                                       SS
                                        of the twelve apostles of The Lamb
                                 and
                                                              are True
40
        And
                [he] the angel spake
                                       unto me
                               saying
                These last records
      which
                thou [Nephi]hast seen among the Gentiles
                                    shall *establish [confirm] the Truth
                                                                                                      {AL}
               of the first[records]
                           which are
                                        of the twelve apostles of The Lamb
                                                                                              [\mathcal{P}=is]
               [These last records] shall
                                            make KNOWN
        and
                                 the
                                       plain
                                 and
                                       precious things
                                       which [things] have been taken away from them
        and
               [These last <u>records</u>] <u>shall</u>
                                            make KNOWN
                                                         to
                                                              ALL kindreds
                                                              ALL] tongues
                                                        [to
                                                 and
                                                        [to
                                                              ALL] people
                                                                         [See the note at the end of the chapter]
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[Par. ss - Repetition "records"]

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that
              [He] The Lamb of God
                                               is
                                                                  The Eternal Father /
                                                                                            [P / ^1837]
                                                                (<u>^The</u> Son of the Eternal Father)
                                                                  The Savior of the World
                                                           and
       and
               that ALL men MUST come
                                        unto Him
               or
                     they can NOT
                                        be saved
41
               they [ALL men] MUST come
       And
                          according to
                                           the words
                          which shall be established
                                               by the mouth of
                                                                  The Lamb
                                                                                                   tt
                                 And
                                           the words
                                                                  The Lamb
                                  shall be made known
                    in the records of
                                                               thy seed
               as well as
                    in the <u>records</u> of <u>the Twelve Apostles</u> of
                                                                  The Lamb
  Wherefore
                       they both
                                                                                        [both added]
                  [the first records – the Bible]
       [and]
                 [the last records – the Book of Mormon]
                                                              [duality]
                                  shall be established*
                                                             in
                                                                   One
                                                                                       [confirmed] {AL}
                                                    For
                                                         there is One God
                                                              and One Shepherd Over ALL the Earth
42 And the time cometh
               He [The Lamb] shall manifest Himself unto ALL Nations
       that
                                                                                                   uu
                                                both unto the Jews
                                                                           [first]
                                            and also unto the Gentiles
                                                                          [last]
   and after* He [The Lamb] has manifested Himself unto the Jews
                                                                                  [*P= that
                                                                                              hath
                                            and also unto the Gentiles
               He [The Lamb]shall manifest Himself unto the Gentiles
       then
                                            and also unto the Jews
                                              and the <u>last</u> [the Gentiles]
                                                                shall
                                                                         be first
                                              and the first [the Jews]
                                                                shall
                                                                        be last
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[Par. tt – Repetition "The Lamb"]
[Par. uu – Wording out "All Nations"]

[Note: The above verses have been arranged below in chiastic parallelism similar to that proposed by Greg Wright (1976: 7) and Donald Parry (1992:23-24). I have changed the structure to highlight more items of importance:

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[A] unto the convincing of (the Gentiles) and the remnant of the seed of my brethren
    [B] and also the (Jews)
        [C] who were scattered upon (all the face of the earth)
             [D] that the <u>records</u> of the prophets and of (the twelve apostles of The Lamb)
                 [E] are (true)
40
        And
                  the angel spake unto me saying
                 [E] These last records which thou hast seen among the Gentiles
                    shall *establish {confirm} the(truth)
             [D] of the first [records] which are
                                                     of (the twelve apostles of The Lamb)
                      [F] and shall (make known) the plain and precious things
                                                                   which [things]have been taken away from them
                      [F] and shall (make known) to all
                                                             kindreds
                                                             tongues
                                                    and
                                                             people that
                            [G] The Lamb of God is The Son of the Eternal Father)
                                               and The Savior of the World
                              [H] and that (all men MUST come) unto Him or they CANNOT be saved
41
                              [H] And (they MUST come) according to the words which shall be established
                         [G] by the mouth of (The Lamb)
                      [F] and the words of The Lamb
                                        shall be (made known) in the records of thy seed
              [D] as well as in the records of (the twelve apostles of The Lamb)
wherefore [C] they both
                                        shall be established
                                                         One
                                         for there is
                                                         One God
                                                  and
                                                         One Shepherd Over (ALL the Earth)
42
       And the time cometh
        that
                         He [the Lamb] shall manifest Himself
                                                                       unto ALL nations
     [B] both unto the (Jews)
 [A] and also
                 unto the (Gentiles)
                                       [end of Chiasmus]
       And after
                         He [The Lamb] has manifested Himself
                                                                                                [first]
                                                                        unto the Jews
                                                    and also
                                                                        unto the Gentiles
                                                                                                [last]
                         He [The Lamb] shall manifest Himself
            then
                                                                        unto the Gentiles
                                                    and also
                                                                        unto the Jews
                                                    and
                                                                              the last
                                                                                                [the Gentiles]
                                                             shall be first
                                                             the
                                                                     first
                                                                                                [the Jews]
                                                    and
                                                                          shall be last
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#### [Interpretation #1]

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[
         and
                                     the last
                                                        [the Jews according to the previous 2 couplets in verse 42]
                  shall be first
                                              [according to the previous 2 couplets in verse 42]
         and
                  the
                           first
                                              [the Jews according to the previous 2 couplets in verse 42]
                                shall be last
                                                        [according to the previous 2 couplets in verse 42]
[ >or in other words
                                                                                             [clarification]
         and
                                     the last
                                                        [the Jews in the latter days]
                  shall be first
                                              [from the time of Adam to the time of Christ]
                           first
                                              [the Jews during the time from Adam to Christ]
         and
                  the
                                 shall be last
                                                        [in the latter-days]
[linterpretation #2]
[
         and
                                     the last
                                                        [the Gentiles in the previous first couplet in verse 42]
                  shall be first
                                               [in the previous second couplet in verse 42]
         and
                  the
                           first
                                              [the Jews in the previous first couplet in verse 42]
                                shall be last
                                                        [in the previous second couplet in verse 42]
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shall be **last** [in the latter-days]

[Note: In 1 Nephi 13:40 it makes mention of some "last records" which will "make known the plain and precious things which have been taken away." We do not know what scriptures and beliefs the wicked house of Israel may have taken with them as they were taken captive into Assyria and Babylon, but there is evidence to support the idea that efforts were made at various times to exclude or remove references to Christ and His gospel from their scriptural canon. Hugh Nibley writes:

One of the first, and certainly the greatest, of Christian Apologists was Justin Martyr. In his famous dialogue with the Jew Trypha, he charges "the teachers and the leaders of the Jews with having deliberately defaced and, where possible, removed from the scripture every trace of the true Messianic Gospel which the Jews themselves had once taught." (Nibley, <u>An Approach to the Book of Mormon</u>, p. 312)

Justin Martyr had accused the Jewish doctors of "removing passages which they found distasteful" from the scriptures. Martyr declared: "You know very well that your teachers whenever they detect anything in our scriptures that might refer to Christ, diligently efface it." (Dial. 120)

(Joy M. Osborn, The Book of Mormon -- The Stick of Joseph, p. 222)]

[Note: Richardson, Richardson and Bentley write that while the Book of Mormon testifies to the authenticity of the Bible, it does not claim that the Bible is without error. It specifically states that there were many "plain and precious things" that were "taken away" from its pages through the evil works of men. (See 1 Nephi 13:20-32; 19:10-12; 20:1-3; 2 Nephi 3:5-22; Alma 33:3, 13, 15; 34:7; 46:23-27; Helaman 8:19-20; 15:11; 3 Nephi 10:14-17; 12:13, 17-19, 22, 29-30; 14:1.)

Critics often ask for specific examples of any "plain and precious things" found in the Book of Mormon that are not also found in the Bible. Below is just a very brief list of such "omissions" that have been restored:

The Lord prepares a way for us to keep all of His commandments (1 Nephi 3:7)

How mysteries are made known unto man (1 Nephi 10:19; Mosiah 2:9; Alma 12:10; 26:22)

The process for receiving revelation and inspiration (1 Nephi 17:45; Enos 1:10)

The gentiles to assist the house of Israel (1 Nephi 22:8-11; 2 Nephi 10:18)

The law of consecration (2 Nephi 2:2)

The reason God allows evil and opposition to continue in the world and the importance of moral agency (2 Nephi 2:2, 10:16)

The purpose of Adam's fall & man's existence (2 Nephi 2:22-25)

The lost prophecy of the latter-day Joseph (2 Nephi 3:6-16)

God's word is not limited to the Bible (2 Nephi 29:3-13)

The lost teachings of Zenos (Jacob 5:1-77)

A description of the natural man, and how to overcome (Mosiah 3:19; Alma 5:6-45)

How to retain the remission of sins (Mosiah 4:11-16)

The true process of being born again (Mosiah 5:2-9; Alma 5:6-45)

The office and calling of a seer (Mosiah 8:13-17)

The manner in which faith is developed and maintained (Alma 32:26-34)

The relationship between justice and mercy (Alma 34:15-16)

The state of the soul between death and the resurrection (Alma 40:11-14)

Christians and Christianity flourished before the time of Christ (Alma 46:13-16)

The symbolisms of the remnant of Joseph's coat (Alma 46:23)

The perpetual cycle of the human experience: obedience-->blessings-->prosperity-->pride-->sin--

punishment-->humility-->repentance-->obedience . . . (Helaman 12:1-3)

The "other sheep" spoken of in John 10:16 are identified (3 Nephi 15:16-24)

The powers of translated beings (3 Nephi 28:36-40)

Baptism is only for those who are accountable (Moroni 8:5-23)

The manner in which all truth may be verified (Moroni 10:4-5)

(Allen H. Richardson, David E. Richardson and Anthony E. Bentley, <u>1000 Evidences for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Part Two-A Voice from the Dust: 500 Evidences in Support of the Book of Mormon</u>, p. 16-17)]