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## 1 Nephi Chapter 19

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## Chapter 19

{Original 1830 Chapter V – continued}

### God Commands the Keeping of a Record Nephi Makes the Large Plates

1 And **it came to pass**  
that **the Lord** commanded me

#### Wherefore

[A] I **[Nephi]** did make \_\_\_\_\_ **plates of** ore aa  
that [B] I **[Nephi]** might **engraven** upon them  
[C] the \_\_\_\_\_ **record of my people**

And [A] upon \_\_\_\_\_ the [large] **plates** which I **[Nephi]** made  
[B] I **[Nephi]** did \_\_\_\_\_ **engraven**  
[C1] the \_\_\_\_\_ **record of my father**

and also [A] [upon \_\_\_\_\_ the large **plates**] bb  
[B] **[I Nephi]** did \_\_\_\_\_ **engraven**  
[C2] our \_\_\_\_\_ **journeyings** *in the wilderness*  
and [C3] the **prophecies of my father**

and also [C4] MANY of **mine own prophecies**  
[B] have I **[Nephi]** \_\_\_\_\_ **engraven**  
[A] upon \_\_\_\_\_ them [the large **plates**]

2 And I **[Nephi]** knew NOT  
at that/the time when  
I **[Nephi]** made them [the large **plates**]

that I **[Nephi]** should be **commanded of** [by] **the Lord** 01  
to make these [small] **plates**

#### Wherefore

[C1] the **record of my father**  
and [C5] the **genealogy of his<sup>^</sup>forefathers / fathers** [<sup>^</sup>O / 1830]  
and [C2,3,4] the **MORE part of ALL our proceedings** *in the wilderness*  
are **engraven**  
[A] upon those **first plates** [the large plates] [<sup>^</sup>O / "first" deleted in P]  
of which [plates]  
I **[Nephi]** have **spoken**

[Par. aa -- Extended alternating parallelism]

[Heb. 01 -- The passive use of "of" but meaning "by"]

[Par. bb -- Complex chiastic parallelism]

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[Note: I find the repetitive use of the term "engraven" in the verses above with regard to the covenant record very suggestive of 1 Ne. 21:16, a quotation from Isaiah 49:16 regarding the Lord's covenant with the House of Israel wherein Christ proclaims His own covenant record: "Behold, I have **graven** thee upon the palms of my hands."]

**Wherefore** the things [A,B,C] which transpired  
**before**[that] I [Nephi] made these [small] plates [deleted in 1837]  
are of a truth MORE particularly made mention  
upon the first [or large] plates

3 **And after** [that] I [Nephi] had made these [large] plates  
by way of commandment  
I [Nephi] received a commandment

**that** the ministry  
**and** the prophecies  
the MORE plain  
**and** [the MORE] precious parts of them [covenants and Christ] {AG}

**should be** written upon these [small] plates

**and that** the things  
which were written [upon these small plates]

**should be** kept for the instruction of My people [covenant people]  
**who** should possess **the** [Promised] land [P= which]

**and also**

[**should be** kept] for other wise purposes [covenant related]  
which purposes **are known** unto the Lord

4 **Wherefore** I [Nephi] did make a record  
upon the other [large] plates  
which [record] gives an \_\_\_\_\_ account  
> **or** which [record] gives a GREATer account cc

of the wars  
**and** [of the] contentions  
**and** [of the] destructions  
of My people

**And** this have I [Nephi] done  
**and** [this have I [Nephi] commanded My people

^that / what they [ ^O / changed in 1837]  
should **do**

**after** [that] I [Nephi] was gone [P= that ]{AG}

**and** [this have I [Nephi] commanded]  
**that** these plates

[Par. cc -- Clarification]

should **be** handed down  
 from one **generation to another** [covenant related]  
 >or from one **prophet to another**  
 until further **commandments** \_\_\_\_\_ of **the Lord**

5 And an **account** of **My** making these [small] **plates** [Editorial Promise]  
 shall **be** given **hereafter**  
 and **then** **behold**

I [**Nephi**] proceed [to make \_\_\_\_\_ **My** account on the small **plates**]  
 according to that  
 which I [**Nephi**] have **spoken**

and this I [**Nephi**] do  
 that the MORE **sacred things** may be kept  
 for the knowledge  
 of **My people**

6 **Nevertheless**

I [**Nephi**] do NOT write ANY **thing** upon \_\_\_\_\_ **plates**  
 SAVE it **be** {AG}  
 that I [**Nephi**] think it **be** **sacred**

And now

**if** I [**Nephi**] do \_\_\_\_\_ **err** [error] {AL}  
**[then]** even did they **err of old**

NOT  
 that I [**Nephi**] would excuse \_\_\_\_\_ **My self**  
 because of other men  
 BUT because of the **weakness** which is in me  
 according to **the flesh**  
 I [**Nephi**] would excuse \_\_\_\_\_ **My self**

[Note: Here Nephi is NOT just judging his work on men's standards, but on the standards of God, for it is Christ that is the real author of the scriptures, and it is Christ that will make up the difference between God and the works of man in a covenant relationship.—see CES Book of Mormon Student Manual: Religion 121-122: 1981:51-52.]

7 For the **things**  
 which some men esteem to **be** of **GREAT worth**  
**both** to the **body**  
**and** [to the] **soul**  
 others **set** \_\_\_\_\_ **at naught**  
 and **trample under their feet**

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Yea even [He] The Very God of Israel do men trample under their feet  
I [Nephi] say “trample under their feet”  
>but I [Nephi] would speak in other words— dd

They [men] \*set Him \_\_\_\_\_ at naught  
and [they men] hearken NOT to the voice of His counsels  
[the counsels of]  
[The Very God of Israel]

[Note: Nephi now quotes various prophets from the plates of brass concerning the Covenant Plan of Salvation--- the coming of the Messiah and the fate of the House of Israel (more specifically for Nephi, the tribe of Joseph -- Ephraim & Manasseh).]

*The God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob (Israel)--Will Come  
People Will Reject The God of Nature and Crucify Him*

8 And behold

He [the Very God of Israel] cometh  
according to the words of the angel

in six hundred years from the time My father left Jerusalem

9

And the world because of their iniquity  
shall judge Him to be a thing of naught

Wherefore

they scourge Him and He suffereth it  
they smite Him and He suffereth it  
yea they spit upon Him and He suffereth it

ee

because of His loving kindness  
and [because of] His long---suffering towards the children of men

10

And [He] the God of Our Fathers  
[our fathers] who were led out of Egypt [P= which]  
[our fathers] who were led] out of bondage  
and also [our fathers] who] were preserved in the wilderness

by Him [the God of Our Fathers] ff  
Yea the God of Abraham  
and [the God] of Isaac  
and the God of Jacob [Israel]  
yieldeth Himself up

[Par. dd -- Clarification]

[Par. ff -- Synonymous titles of Diety]

[Par. ee -- Repeated alternating parallelism]

according to the **words** of **the angel**  
**as** a man  
 in-to the **hands** of **wicked** men  
 to be **lifted up**  
**and** according to the **words** of **Zenoch** [Quotations] gg  
**and** to be **crucified**  
 according to the **words** of **Neum**  
**and** to be **buried in a sepulchre**  
 according to the **words** of **Zenos**  
 which **[words]**he**[Zenos]**  
**spake**  
 concerning the **three days** of **darkness**  
 which **[three days of darkness]**should be a **sign** given of **His death**  
 unto **those** who should inhabit the **isles of the sea**  
**[a sign]** MORE especially given  
 unto **those who** are [P= them which]  
 of **the house of Israel**  
 11 **For thus** **spake** **the prophet** **[Zenos]** [Quotation] 02  
**The Lord God** **surely** shall **visit** ALL [of] **the house of Israel**  
**at that day**  
**[The Lord God** **surely** shall **visit**] SOME [of] **the house of Israel** [ ? ]  
 with **His voice** because of their **righteousness**  
 unto their **GREAT joy**  
**and** [their] **salvation**  
**and** **[The Lord God** **surely** shall **visit**] OTHERS [of] **the house of Israel** [ ? ]  
 with the **thunderings** ii  
**and** [with]the **lightnings** of **His power**  
**by** **tempest** jj  
**[and]** **by** **fire** kk  
**and** **by** **smoke**  
**and** **[by]** **vapor of darkness**  
**and** **by** **the opening of the earth**  
**and** **by** **mountains which shall be carried up**  
 [see Psalm 46:2, 3]

12 **And** ALL these **things**  
 MUST  
**surely** **come** **saith** **the prophet** **Zenos**

[Par. gg -- Repeated alternating parallelism]

[Par. ii -- Synonymous theme -- List]

[Par. hh -- Quotations]

[Par. jj -- Repetition of the preposition "by"]

[Heb. 02 -- Quotation from unknown scripture]

[Par. kk -- Many "and"s]

And the rocks of the earth MUST rend  
and because of the groanings  
of the earth

MANY of the kings of the isles of the sea  
shall be wrought upon [covenant language]  
by The Spirit of God

to exclaim The God of Nature suffers

Israel Was Scattered for Turning Away from the Lord

13 And as for those who are \_\_\_\_\_ at Jerusalem [P= they which]  
saith the prophet  
they shall be scourged by ALL people LL  
saith the prophet [^O / deleted in 1837]  
and because they crucify the God of Israel  
[because they] turn their hearts aside [from the God of Israel]  
rejecting [the] signs  
and [rejecting] [the] wonders  
and [rejecting] the power  
and [rejecting] [the] glory of the God of Israel

[Note: All the above terms were part of the crucifixion and atonement of Christ at Jerusalem. There He was scourged. He was crucified. His heart was pierced by a sword. There were signs – darkness, earthquake, the veil of the temple was rent. There were wonders – the dead arose and appeared to many. By the power of God, Christ (the God of Israel) arose from the tomb and was given great glory.]

14 and because they \_\_\_\_\_ \*turn their hearts aside [P= turned]  
[from the Holy One of Israel]  
saith the prophet  
and [because they] \_\_\_\_\_ have despised the Holy One of Israel  
and they shall wander in the flesh  
[they shall] perish  
and [they shall] become a hiss [an expression of scorn]  
and [they shall] be hated among ALL nations  
and [they shall] be hated among ALL nations

[Par. LL -- Working out]

[Note: According to Donald Parry (1992: 39), the preceding verses (13-14) can be arranged in a chiastic framework. The *chiastic* outline is as follows:

- 13 . . .
- [A] they shall be scourged by all people
  - [B] because they \_\_\_\_\_ crucify the God \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel,
  - [C] and [because they] turn their hearts aside,
  - [D] rejecting signs and wonders, and
  - [D] [rejecting] the power and glory of the God of Israel.
- 14
- [C] And because they turn their hearts aside, saith the prophet, and
  - [B] [because they] have despised the Holy One of Israel,
  - [A] they shall wander in the flesh, and perish, and become a hiss and a byword, and be hated among all nations

*Israel Will Be Gathered When They Accept Christ*

15 Nevertheless

when that day cometh saith the prophet  
 that [day when]  
 they NO more turn aside their hearts  
 against the Holy One of Israel

then will He [the Holy One of Israel] remember the covenants  
 which He [the Holy One of Israel] made to their fathers

16 Yea then will He [the Holy One of Israel] remember \_\_\_\_\_ *the isles of the sea* [duality]

yea and ALL the people who are of the house of Israel [P= which]  
 will I [the Lord] gather in  
saith  
the Lord  
according to the words  
 of the prophet Zenos  
 [I the Lord will gather them in] from *the four quarters of the earth*

17 Yea and ALL the earth shall see \_\_\_\_\_ the Salvation of the Lord  
saith the prophet [Zenos]

EVERY nation mm  
 [and] [EVERY] kindred  
 [and] [EVERY] tongue  
 and [EVERY] people shall be **ble**s

[Par. mm -- Working out]



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Like the Prophets of Old Who Were Shown All Things  
Nephi Writes to His People & All the House of Israel  
They Must Know of Us and We of Them

18 And I **Nephi** have written these things unto My people  
that perhaps I **Nephi** might persuade them \_\_\_\_\_ [My people] nn

that they [My people]  
would remember \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Their Redeemer

19 **Wherefore**

I **Nephi** speak unto ALL the house of Israel  
if it so be that they [the house of Israel] {AG}  
should obtain these things

20 For behold

I **Nephi** have workings in the spirit  
which [workings in the spirit] doth weary me  
even that ALL my joints are weak [P= they which]  
for those who are at Jerusalem

For had not the Lord been merciful to show [P= shew]  
unto me  
concerning them [at Jerusalem]  
even as He [the Lord] had [been merciful to show] them  
at Jerusalem  
unto the] prophets of old  
I [Nephi] should have perished also [phrase inserted in 1837]

21 For /And He [the Lord] surely \_\_\_\_\_ did show unto the prophets of old  
[O, P/ 1837] ALL things concerning them  
and also He [the Lord] \_\_\_\_\_ did show unto MANY  
[ALL things] concerning us

**Wherefore**

it MUST needs be {AG}  
that we KNOW [the things] concerning them  
for they [the things] concerning them]  
are written upon the plates of brass

{Original 1830 Chapter Break—end of Chapter V}

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Par. nn -- Circular repetition "things"]

{Original 1830 Chapter VI—comprising Ch. 19:22-24; Ch. 20, 21}

[Note: A case can be made here, according to the continued circular repetition of “things,” that verse 22 should also be part of the Original 1830 Chapter V.]

22 Now **it came to pass**

that I **Nephi**  
did **teach** my brethren these **things**

And **it came to pass**

that I **Nephi**  
did **read** MANY **things** to them  
which **things**  
were **engraven** upon the **plates of brass**

that they might **KNOW** concerning the **doings** of **the Lord**  
in **other lands**  
among [other] **people of old**

*Nephi Likens Isaiah's Words to His People  
Likens the Scriptures unto Yourselves  
That Ye May Learn and Have Hope*

23 And I **Nephi**  
did **read** MANY **things** unto them [my brethren]  
which **things**  
were **written** in the **books** of **Moses**

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But that I **Nephi**  
might MORE fully **persuade** them  
to **believe** in **the Lord Their Redeemer**

**Wherefore**

[deleted in 1837]

I **Nephi**  
did **read** unto them **that**  
**which** was **written** by **the prophet Isaiah**

for I **Nephi**  
did **liken** ALL **scriptures** unto us  
**that** it [ALL **scriptures**] might be for **our profit**  
**and** **our** learning

[Heb. \*\* -- Plurals ?]

24 **Wherefore**

I [**Nephi**] **spake** unto them [my brethren]  
**saying**

Hear ye the **words** of the prophet [**Isaiah**]  
ye **who** are a remnant \_\_\_\_\_ of the house of Israel [ $\mathcal{P} = \text{which}$ ]  
a branch [of the house of Israel]  
**who** have been broken off

Hear ye the **words** of the prophet [**Isaiah**]  
which [**words**] **were written** unto ALL the house of Israel [ $\mathcal{P} = \text{was}$ ] {AG}

**and** **liken** them\* [ $\mathcal{P} = \text{it}$ ]  
[the **words** of \_\_\_\_\_ **Isaiah**]  
unto **yourselves**

**that** ye may \_\_\_\_\_ have **hope**  
**as well as** your brethren [might have **hope**]  
from whom  
ye have been broken off

**for** after this manner [of **hope**]  
**has** the prophet [**Isaiah**]  
**written** [ $\mathcal{P} = \text{hath}$ ]

[Note: According to John Welch, Nephi's prophetic view foresaw the future in four distinct stages, and each time he quoted a section from Isaiah it was because it contained words relevant to one of those stages. . . . The last four chapters of 1 Nephi (1 Nephi 19—22) deal with the future of Nephi's people in their new land of promise. Their topics follow in order the same four stages found in 1 Nephi 11—14. These four stages of the Nephite prophetic view are:

1. Christ's coming;
2. his rejection and the scattering of the Jews;
3. the day of the Gentiles; and
4. the restoration of Israel and the ultimate victory of good over evil.

(John W. Welch, "Getting through Isaiah with the Help of the Nephite Prophetic View," in Isaiah in the Book of Mormon, p. 24-26)]