1 Nephi Chapter 22

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Chapter 22

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 | [Nephi] had read | these things | [deleted in 1837] | {AG} aa
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[A] What meaneth these things which ye have read? [See Ezekiel 37:15-20] bb

Behold

Are they these things which ye have read (according to things which are spiritual)?

[B] (which shall come) to pass according to the spirit and NOT[according to] (the flesh)?

2 And [Nephi] said unto them [P= saith]

Behold

[C] they these things which I have read were ^made manifest unto the prophet by the voice of (the Spirit)

[D]

[D] for by ^O (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]

Wherefore the things of which I have read are 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)

[C] (known unto the prophets,)
[D] (the Spirit)

[B] (which shall come) the flesh

3 [A] (have read) pertaining to things spiritual

(Parry: 1992: 45-46)

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Israel Will Be Scattered

For it appears that the house of Israel sooner or later will be scattered upon ALL the face of the earth and will be scattered also 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 and they [the tribes of Israel] are scattered to [forward and backward] 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]
that they the tribes of Israel have been led away
5 And since they the tribes of Israel have been led away [deleted in 1837]

these things have been prophesied concerning them

and also concerning ALL those who shall hereafter be scattered and be confounded

because of Him The Holy One of Israel

will they the tribes of Israel harden their hearts

Wherefore

they the tribes of Israel shall be scattered

and [they the tribes of Israel] shall be hated by ALL men

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

6 Nevertheless 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]


and [after] the Lord has set them the tribes of Israel up for a standard

and [after] their children [the children of Israel] [shall be] gg

[8] have been carried in their arms

and [after] their daughters [the daughters of Israel]

[8] 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 with our fathers

[Par. ff -- Like initiators “and after”]
[Par. gg -- Simple alternating parallelism]
[1 Nephi 22]

[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 [Q= which]

[B] meaneth that the time cometh

that after ALL the house of Israel

and have been scattered and have been confounded

that the Lord God will raise up a mighty nation among the Gentiles

yea even upon the face of this land

and by them the Gentiles

shall our seed be scattered

8 And after * our seed is scattered [Q= 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 the Gentiles

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. kk – Circular repetition “shall also be ‘of worth’”]

[Par. ii – Like endings “the Gentiles”] [Heb. 01 – Simile “likened”]

[Par. jj – Circular Repetition “marvelous work”]
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 can NOT be blessed unless He shall make bare His arm in the eyes of the nations

11 Wherefore [He] the Lord God will proceed to make bare His arm in the eyes of ALL the nations in bringing about His covenants unto those who are of the house of Israel [P= they which]

[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

[Par. LL -- Extended alternating parallelism]
[Par. nn -- Repeated alternating parallelism]
[Par. mm -- Circular repetition “the house of Israel”]
The Great and Abominable Church Will Be Destroyed

13 And the blood [offspring] of that GREAT and abominable church which is the whore of ALL the earth shall turn upon / their own heads for they shall war / among themselves

and the sword of / their own hands shall fall upon / their own heads

and they shall be drunken with / their own blood

14 And EVERY nation which shall war against thee O house of Israel shall be turned one against another

and they [EVERY nation] which shall war against thee O house of Israel shall fall into the pit which [pit] they digged to ensnare the people of the Lord

And ALL that fight against Zion shall be destroyed

And that GREAT whore who hath perverted the right ways of the Lord [P= which] yea that GREAT and abominable church shall tumble to the dust

and GREAT shall be the fall of it

[Heb. 02 – Metaphorical names/ Epithets]
[Par. pp – Repeated alternating – “their own”]
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 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**

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**

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18 **Behold** my brethren

[**Nephi**]say unto you that these **things**

MUST shortly come

yea even **blood** and **fire** and **vapor of smoke**

MUST ______ come

[Par. qq – Repeated alternating parallelism]

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

[Heb. 03 – Simile]
19 For behold [they] the righteous shall NOT perish surely for the time MUST come

that ALL they who fight against Zion 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

A Prophet _______ shall the Lord Your God raise up unto you 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 [Nephi] declare unto you that 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 shall execute judgment in righteousness

Worldly Powers and Ways Will Be Destroyed

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

But it is the kingdom of the Devil which shall be built up among the children of men---
it NEEDS to fear

Which kingdom 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 to gain
[B] and [A] ALL those* who* are built up to get power over the flesh
[B] and [A] [ALL] those* who* are built up to become popular in the eyes of the world

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

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[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 are they who need fear and tremble and quake

they are those who MUST be brought low in the dust and this prophecy is according to the words of the prophet [Moses]

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 and might and power and GREAT glory

25 And He gathereth His children from the four quarters of the earth

and He numbereth His sheep and they KNOW Him

and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd

and He shall feed His sheep and in Him shall they 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 has NO power. [he] Satan has NO power over the hearts of the people. [P = hath]

Wherefore he can NOT be loosed for the space of MANY years for he hath NO power over the hearts of the people. for they dwell in righteousness and 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 say unto you that ALL these things MUST come according to the flesh

28 But behold ALL nations, kindreds, tongues, and people shall dwell safely in the Holy One of Israel if it so be that they will repent [Ending]

29 And now I make an end for I durst NOT speak further as yet [at this time] concerning these things. [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”]
30 Wherefore my brethren [ending statement #1]

I would that ye should consider

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

and [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

and [my father] are the only ones testified of [these things]

and also [are the only ones taught them]

[Wherefore [my brethren] [ending statement #3] 09]

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

and 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.

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[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)]