1 Nephi Chapter 9 (9:2-9:6)

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Chapter 9

{Original 1830 Chapter II – continued}

[Note: Verse 1 of Chapter 9 seems to summarize what has been said in Chapter 8. For this reason I have moved it there.]

[Comment]

Nephi Testifies of His People with Two Sets of Records
Both History and Ministry Are Part of the Lord’s Way

2 And now as I [Nephi] have spoken concerning these [small] plates

behold they [these small plates] are NOT the [large] plates

upon which [large plates]

I [Nephi] make a full account of the history of my people

for ______ the [large] plates upon which [large plates]

I [Nephi] make a full account of my people

I [Nephi] have given the name of Nephi

Wherefore they [the large plates] are called the [large plates] ______ of Nephi after mine own name

and these [small] plates also are called the [small] plates ______ of Nephi

3 Nevertheless I [Nephi] have received a _____ commandment of the Lord

that I [Nephi] should make these [small] plates ______ for the special purpose

that there should be an Account engraven of the ministry of my people

[Par. aa – Like beginnings “I Nephi”]
[Heb. 01 – Repetition of a preposition “of”]
[Par. bb – Circular repetition “plates”]
[Par. cc – Like endings “my people”]
4 [and that] upon the other [large] plates should be _______ engraven an Account of the reign of the kings and [of] the wars and contentions of my people

Wherefore [statement #1] these [small] plates are for _______ the MORE part of the ministry of my people [AG]

and the other [large] plates are for _______ the MORE part of the reign of [the] kings and [of] the wars and contentions of my people

5 Wherefore [statement #2] [He] the Lord HATH COMMANCED _______ me [Nephi] to make these [small] plates for _______ a wise purpose in Him which purpose I [Nephi] know NOT

6 But [He] the Lord KNOWETH ALL things from the beginning

Wherefore [statement #3] He [the Lord] PREPARETH a way to accomplish ALL His works among the children of men

for behold He [the Lord] HATH ALL power unto the fulfilling of ALL His words [among the children of men]

And thus it is Amen

{Original 1830 Chapter Break—end of Chapter II}

[Heb. 02 – Singular “reign” linked to a plural “kings”]
[Note: The above verses (3—5) can be arranged in a compound complex extended alternating form. That is, there is a complex series of extended alternating lines (marked with small letters) that describe the purposes for two ("compound") sets of plates (the small plates (C) and the large plates (C')). Again, all this (with small letters) is placed inside another "compound" series of extended alternating lines (marked in CAPITAL LETTERS) about a commandment from the Lord with a special or wise purpose. What follows below is my attempt to demonstrate this "complex form within a form."]

3 Nevertheless
   [A] I [Nephi] have received a commandment of the Lord
   [B] that I should make
   [C] these [small] plates
   [D] for the special purpose
   that [a] there should be an account engraven
      [b] of the ministry
      [e] of my people

4 [and that]
   [C'] upon the other [large] plates
      [a] [there] should be engraven an account
      [c] of the reign of the kings
         and [d] [of] the wars and contentions
         [e] of my people

   wherefore
   [C] these [small] plates are for the more part
      [b] of the ministry
      [e] [of my people]

   [C'] and the other [large] plates are for the more part
      [c] of the reign of the kings
         and [d] [of] the wars and contentions
         [e] of my people

5 Wherefore
   [A] the Lord hath commanded me [Nephi]
   [B] to make
   [C] these [small] plates
      [D] for a wise purpose in Him