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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.]

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*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** aa
bb

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** cc

for _____ the [large] **plates**
upon which [large] **plates**
I [**Nephi**] **make a full account** **of** **my people** 01

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”]

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4 [and that] upon the other[large] **plates**
[there] **should be** _____ engraven
an **Account**
and **of the reign of the kings** 02
[of] the wars and contentions
of my people

Wherefore [statement #1]
these [small] **plates** **Are**
for the MORE part **of the ministry** {AG}
[of my people]

and the other[large] **plates** **Are** [O= the]
for the MORE part **of the reign of [the] kings** {AG}
and **[of] the wars and contentions**
of my people

5 **Wherefore** [statement #2]
[He] the Lord HATH **COMMANDED** _____ 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**
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{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**