

**THE WORDS OF JACOB**  
2 Nephi 6-10

The words of Jacob, the brother of Nephi, which he spake unto the people of Nephi:[1] 2

Behold, my beloved brethren, I, Jacob,  
having been called of God,  
and ordained after the manner of his holy order,  
and having been consecrated by my brother Nephi,  
unto whom ye look as a king or a protector,  
and on whom ye depend for safety,

behold ye know that I have spoken unto you exceedingly many things. 3 Nevertheless, I speak unto you again;  
for I am desirous for the welfare of your souls.

Yea, mine anxiety is great for you; and ye yourselves know that it ever has been.

For I have exhorted you with all diligence;  
and I have taught you the words of my father;  
and I have spoken unto you concerning all things which are written, from the creation of the  
world. 4

A<sub>1</sub> And now, behold, I would speak unto you concerning things

A<sub>2</sub> which are,[2]

A<sub>3</sub> and which are to come;[3]

B wherefore, I will read you the words of Isaiah. And they are the words which my brother has  
desired that I should speak unto you. And I speak unto you for your sakes, that ye may learn and  
glorify the name of your God. 5

C<sub>1</sub> And now, the words which I shall read are they which Isaiah spake concerning all the house  
of Israel;

C<sub>2</sub> wherefore, they may be likened unto you,

C<sub>3</sub> for ye are of the house of Israel.

C<sub>1</sub> And there are many things which have been spoken by Isaiah

C<sub>2</sub> which may be likened unto you,

C<sub>3</sub> because ye are of the house of Israel. 6

B And now these are the words: Thus saith the Lord God:

Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles,  
and set up my standard to the people;  
and they shall bring thy sons in their arms,  
and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. 7

And kings shall be thy nursing fathers,  
and their queens thy nursing mothers;

they shall bow down to thee with their faces towards the earth,  
and lick up the dust of thy feet;

and thou shalt know that I am the Lord; for they shall not be ashamed  
that wait for me. 8

A<sub>1</sub> And now I, Jacob, would speak somewhat concerning these words.

A<sub>2</sub> For behold, the Lord has shown me that those who were at Jerusalem, from whence we came, have  
been slain and carried away captive. 9

- A<sub>3</sub> a Nevertheless, the Lord has shown unto me that they should return again.
- b And he also has shown unto me that the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, should manifest himself unto them in the flesh; and after he should manifest himself
- c they should scourge him and crucify him, according to the words of the angel who spake it unto me. 10 And after they have hardened their hearts and stiffened their necks against the Holy One of Israel, behold the judgments of the Holy One of Israel shall come upon them.
- d And the day cometh that they shall be smitten and afflicted. 11
- e Wherefore, after they are driven to and fro,
- f for thus saith the angel, many shall be afflicted in the flesh, and shall not be suffered to perish, because of the prayers of the faithful;
- e they shall be scattered,
- d and smitten, and hated;
- c nevertheless, the Lord will be merciful unto them,
- b that when they shall come to the knowledge of their Redeemer,
- a they shall be gathered together again to the lands of their inheritance. 12
- B And blessed are the Gentiles, they of whom the prophet has written;
- C<sub>1</sub> for behold, if it so be that they shall repent and fight not against Zion, and do not unite themselves to that great and abominable church,
- C<sub>2</sub> they shall be saved;
- D for the Lord God will fulfil his covenants which he has made unto his children; and for this cause the prophet has written these things.[4] 13
- C<sub>1</sub> Wherefore, they that fight against Zion and the covenant people of the Lord shall lick up the dust of their feet;
- C<sub>2</sub> and the people of the Lord shall not be ashamed.
- B For the people of the Lord are they who wait for him; for they still wait for the coming of the Messiah. 14
- A And behold, according to the words of the prophet,[5]
- a the Messiah
- b will set himself again the second time to recover them:[6]
- c wherefore, he will manifest himself unto them
- d in power and great glory,
- e unto the destruction
- f of their enemies,

g when that day cometh when they shall believe in him;

h and none will he destroy

g that believe in him. 15

f And they that believe not in him

e shall be destroyed,

d both

by fire, and  
by tempest, and  
by earthquakes, and  
by bloodsheds, and  
by pestilence, and  
by famine.[7]

c And they shall know that the Lord is God, the Holy One of Israel. 16

b For shall the prey  
be taken

from the mighty,  
or the lawful captive delivered? 17

But thus saith the Lord:

Even the captives

of the mighty

shall be taken away,

and the prey of the terrible

shall be delivered;

for the Mighty God

shall deliver

his covenant people.

For thus saith the Lord:

I will contend with them that contendeth with thee--18

And I will feed them that oppress thee,

with their own flesh;

and they shall be drunken

with their own blood as with sweet wine;

a and all flesh shall know that I the Lord am thy Savior and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.[8][9] 7:1[10]

A *Yea, for thus saith the Lord:*

*Have I put thee away, or*

*have I cast thee off forever?*

*For thus saith the Lord:*

Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement?

To whom have I put thee away, or

to which of my creditors have I sold you? Yea,

to whom have I sold you?

Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves,

and for your transgressions is your mother put away.[11] 2

B<sub>1</sub> Wherefore, when I came,

*there was no man;*

when I called, *yea,*

*there was none to answer.[12]*

B<sub>2</sub> O house of Israel,  
 is my hand shortened at all  
 that it cannot redeem, or  
 have I no power  
 to deliver?  
 Behold, at my rebuke  
 I dry up the sea,  
 I make their rivers a wilderness  
*and their fish to stink*  
*because the waters are dried up,*  
*and they die because of thirst.*[13] 3

I clothe  
 the heavens  
 with blackness,  
 and I make  
 sackcloth  
 their  
 covering. 4

The Lord God  
 hath given me the tongue of the learned,  
 that I should know how to speak a word in season *unto thee, O house of*  
*Israel.* [to him that is]

*When ye are weary*  
 he  
 waketh morning by morning.  
 He  
 waketh mine ear to hear as the learned. 5  
 The Lord God  
 hath opened mine ear,  
 and I was not rebellious,  
 neither turned away back. 6

I gave  
 my back to the smiter, and  
 my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair.  
 I hid not  
 my face from shame and spitting. 7  
 For the Lord God will help me, therefore shall I not be confounded.  
 Therefore have I set  
 my face like a flint,  
 and I know that I shall not be ashamed. 8

C<sub>1</sub> *And the Lord is near, and he* [He is near that] justifieth me.

Who will contend with me?  
 Let us stand together.  
 Who is mine adversary?  
 Let him come near me,  
*and I will smite him with the strength of my mouth.* 9

*For* [Behold] the Lord God will help me.

C<sub>2</sub> *And all they who shall condemn me, behold, all they* [who is he that shall condemn me?  
 lo, they all] shall wax old as a garment,

C<sub>3</sub> *and the moth shall eat them up.* 10

D Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant,  
that walketh in darkness and hath no light?[14] 11  
Behold all ye that kindle fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks,  
walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks which ye have kindled.  
This shall ye have of mine hand--ye shall lie down in sorrow. 8:1

E Hearken unto me, ye that follow after righteousness [ye that seek the Lord].

F Look

unto the rock from whence ye are hewn, and  
to the hole of the pit from whence ye are digged. 2

Look

unto Abraham, your father, and  
unto Sarah, she that bare you;  
for I called him alone, and blessed him [and increased  
him]. 3

For the Lord shall  
comfort Zion,  
he will  
comfort all her waste places; and  
he will  
make her wilderness like Eden,  
and her desert like the garden of the Lord.  
Joy and  
gladness  
shall be found therein,  
thanksgiving and  
the voice of melody. 4

E Hearken unto me,  
my people;  
and give ear unto me,  
O my nation;  
for a law shall proceed from me,

D and I will make my judgment to rest for a light *for* [of] the people. 5

C<sub>1</sub> My righteousness is near;  
my salvation is gone forth, and  
mine arm shall judge the people.  
The isles shall wait upon me,  
and on mine arm shall they trust. 6

C<sub>2</sub> Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look upon the earth beneath;  
for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and  
the earth shall wax old like a garment; and they that dwell therein shall die in like  
manner.  
But my salvation shall be forever,  
and my righteousness shall not be abolished. 7

C<sub>3</sub> Hearken unto me,  
ye that know righteousness,  
the people in whose heart *I have written* [is] my law,  
fear ye not the reproach of men,  
neither be ye afraid of their revilings. 8  
For the moth shall eat them up like a garment,  
and the worm shall eat them like wool.  
But my righteousness shall be forever,  
and my salvation from generation to generation. 9

- B<sub>1</sub> Awake,  
awake!  
Put on strength, O arm of the Lord;  
awake  
as in the ancient days [in the generations of old].
- B<sub>2</sub> Art thou not he  
that hath cut Rahab, and  
wounded the dragon? 10  
Art thou not *he*  
*who* [it which] hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep;  
that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? 11
- A a Therefore, the redeemed of the Lord shall return,  
and come with singing unto Zion;  
b and everlasting joy  
c *and holiness*  
d shall be upon their heads;  
d and they shall obtain  
c gladness[15]  
b and joy;  
a sorrow and mourning shall flee away.[16] 12
- A<sub>1</sub> I am he; yea,  
I am he  
A<sub>2</sub> that comforteth you.[17]
- B *Behold*, who art thou, that thou shouldst be afraid of man,  
who shall die,  
and of the son of man,  
who shall be made *like unto* [as] grass? 13
- C And forgettest the Lord thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the  
foundations of the earth,  
B and hast feared continually every day,  
because of the fury of the oppressor,  
as if he were ready to destroy?  
And where is the fury of the oppressor? 14  
The captive exile hasteneth, that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his  
bread should fail. 15
- A<sub>1</sub> But I am  
the Lord thy God [that divided the sea],  
whose waves roared;  
the Lord of Hosts  
is *my* [his] name.[18] 16
- A<sub>2</sub> And I have put my words in thy mouth,  
and have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand,  
that I may plant the heavens and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion: *Behold*,  
thou art my people. 17

- A Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem,  
 B which hast drunk at the hand of the Lord  
 C the cup of his fury--  
 D thou hast drunken the dregs  
 E of the cup of trembling wrung out--[19]18  
 F *And [There is] none to guide her*  
     among all the sons [*whom*]  
     she hath brought forth;  
 neither [*is there any*] that taketh her by the hand,  
     of all the sons [*that*]  
     she hath brought up.[20][21] 19  
 G These two *sons [things]* are come unto thee,  
     who shall be sorry for thee--  
     thy desolation and destruction,  
     and the famine and the sword--  
     and by whom shall I comfort thee?[22] 20  
 G Thy sons have fainted, *save these two*;  
     they lie at the head of all the streets; as a wild bull in a net, they  
     are full of the fury of the Lord, the rebuke of thy God.[23] 21  
 F Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, and not with wine: 22  
 Thus saith thy Lord, the Lord and thy God pleadeth the cause of his  
 people;[24]  
 E behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling,  
 D the dregs  
 C of the cup of my fury;  
 B thou shalt no more drink it again. 23 But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; who  
 have said to thy soul:  
     Bow down,  
     that we may go over--  
 and thou hast laid thy body  
     as the ground and as the street to them that went over. 24  
 A Awake, awake,  
 put on thy strength,  
     O Zion;  
 put on thy beautiful garments,  
     O Jerusalem, the holy city;  
     for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. 25  
 Shake thyself from the dust;  
 arise, sit down,  
     O Jerusalem;  
 loose thyself from the bands of thy neck,  
     O captive daughter of Zion.[25] 9:1  
 A And now, my beloved brethren,  
 B I have read these things

- C that ye might know concerning the covenants of the Lord that he has covenanted with all the house of Israel--2 That he has spoken unto the Jews, by the mouth of his holy prophets, even from the beginning down, from generation to generation, until the time comes that they shall be restored to the true church and fold of God; when they shall be gathered home to the lands of their inheritance, and shall be established in all their lands of promise. 3
- A Behold, my beloved brethren,
- B I speak unto you these things
- C that ye may rejoice, and lift up your heads forever, because of the blessings which the Lord God shall bestow upon your children. 4
- A For I know that ye have searched much, many of you, to know of things to come; wherefore I know that ye know that our flesh must waste away and die; nevertheless, in our bodies we shall see God.[26] 5
- B Yea, I know that ye know that in the body he shall show himself unto those at Jerusalem, from whence we came; for it is expedient that it should be among them;
- C for it behooveth the great Creator that he suffereth himself  
to become subject unto  
man in the flesh,  
and die for all men,  
that all men  
might become subject unto  
him. 6
- D For as death hath passed upon all men, to fulfil the merciful plan of the great Creator, there must needs be  
a power of resurrection,  
and the resurrection  
must needs come unto man  
by reason of the fall;
- E and the fall came by reason of transgression;
- F and because man became fallen they were cut off from the presence of the Lord. 7
- G Wherefore, it must needs be an infinite atonement--  
save it should be an infinite atonement  
this corruption could not put on incorruption.  
Wherefore, the first judgment which came upon man must needs  
have remained to an endless duration.
- H And if so, this flesh must have laid down to rot and to crumble to its mother earth, to rise no more. 8
- I O the wisdom of God, his mercy and grace!
- H For behold, if the flesh should rise no more
- G our spirits must become subject to that angel who fell from before the presence of the Eternal God, and became the devil, to rise no more.[27] 9



F And our spirits must have become like unto him,  
 and we become devils, angels to a devil,  
 to be shut out from the presence of our God, and  
 to remain with the father of lies,  
 in misery,  
 like unto himself;

E yea, to that being who  
 beguiled our first parents, who  
 transformeth himself nigh unto an angel of light, and  
 stirreth up the children of men  
 unto secret combinations of murder  
 and all manner of secret works of darkness. 10

D a O how great the goodness of our God,[28]

b who prepareth a way for our escape from the grasp of this awful monster; yea,  
 that monster,  
 death and  
 hell,  
 which I call the death of the body,  
 and also the death of the spirit. 11

c And because of the way of deliverance of our God, the Holy One of  
 Israel,

d this death,  
 of which I have spoken,  
 which is the temporal,  
 shall deliver up its dead;  
 which death is the grave. 12

And this death  
 of which I have spoken,  
 which is the spiritual death,  
 shall deliver up its dead;  
 which spiritual death is hell; wherefore,

c death and  
 hell  
 must deliver up their dead, and  
 hell  
 must deliver up its captive spirits, and  
 the grave  
 must deliver up its captive bodies,

b and the bodies and the spirits of men will be restored one to the other; and it  
 is by the power of the resurrection of

a the Holy One of Israel. 13

O how great the plan of our God!

a For on the other hand, the paradise of God  
 must deliver up the spirits of the righteous, and

a the grave  
 deliver up the body of the righteous; and

- b the spirit and the body is restored to itself again, and all men become incorruptible, and immortal, and
- b they are living souls,  
 having a perfect  
 knowledge  
     like unto us in the flesh,  
     save it be that our  
     knowledge  
 shall be perfect. 14
- c Wherefore, we  
     shall have a perfect knowledge of all  
     our guilt, and  
     our uncleanness, and  
     our nakedness;
- c and the righteous  
     shall have a perfect knowledge of  
     their enjoyment, and  
     their righteousness,  
         being clothed with purity, yea,  
         even with the robe of righteousness. 15
- C And it shall come to pass that when all men shall have passed from this first death unto life, insomuch as they have become immortal,  
 they must appear before the judgment-seat of the Holy One of Israel;  
 and then cometh the judgment,  
 and then must they be judged  
 according to the holy judgment of God. 16  
 And assuredly, as the Lord liveth,  
 for the Lord God hath spoken it,  
 and it is his eternal word, which cannot pass away,  
     that they who are righteous  
     shall be righteous still,  
 and they who are filthy  
     shall be filthy still; wherefore,[29]  
 they who are filthy are the devil and his angels;  
     and they shall go away into everlasting fire, prepared for them;  
     and their torment is as a lake of fire and brimstone, whose flame ascendeth up forever and ever and has no end. 17

O the greatness and the justice of our God! For he executeth all his words, and they have gone forth out of his mouth, and his law must be fulfilled. 18

But, behold, the righteous,  
 the saints of the Holy One of Israel,  
 they who have believed in the Holy One of Israel,  
 they who have endured the crosses of the world, and despised the shame of it,  
 they shall inherit the kingdom of God, which was prepared for them from the foundation of the world, and their joy shall be full forever. 19

O the greatness of the mercy of our God, the Holy One of Israel! For he delivereth his saints from that awful monster  
 the devil, and  
 death, and  
 hell, and  
 that lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment. 20

O how great the holiness of our God!

For he knoweth  
all things,  
and there is not anything  
save he knows it.[30] 21

B And he cometh into the world  
that he may save  
all men if they will hearken unto his voice;  
for behold, he suffereth the pains of  
all men, yea,  
the pains of  
every living creature, both  
men,  
women, and  
children,  
who belong to the family of Adam. 22

A And he suffereth this that the resurrection might pass upon all men, that all might stand before him at the great and judgment day. 23

A And he commandeth all men

B that they must repent,

C and be baptized in his name,

D having perfect faith in the Holy One of Israel,

E or they cannot be saved in the kingdom of God. 24

B And if they will not repent

D and believe in his name,

C and be baptized in his name,

F and endure to the end,

E they must be damned;

A for the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, has spoken it.[31] 25

a Wherefore, he has given a law;

a and where there is no law given

b there is no punishment; and

b where there is no punishment

c there is no condemnation; and

c where there is no condemnation

d the mercies of the Holy One of Israel have claim upon them,  
because of the atonement; for

d they are delivered by the power of him. 26

For the atonement satisfieth the demands of his justice upon all those who have not  
the law given to them,

e that they are delivered

from that awful monster, death and hell, and the devil, and the lake of  
fire and brimstone, which is endless torment;

e and they are restored

to that God who gave them breath, which is the Holy One of Israel. 27

f But wo unto him that has the law given, yea, that has all the commandments of God, like unto us, and that transgresseth them, and that wasteth the days of his probation, for awful is his state! 28

O that cunning plan of the evil one!

A O the vainness, and the frailties, and the foolishness of men!

B When they are learned they think they are wise,

C and they hearken not unto the counsel of God,

D for they set it aside, supposing they know of themselves,

A wherefore, their wisdom is foolishness and it profiteth them not. And they shall perish. 29

B But to be learned is good

C if they hearken unto the counsels of God. 30

AA But wo unto the rich, who are rich as to the things of the world.

For because they are rich

they despise the poor, and

they persecute the meek, and

their hearts are upon their treasures;

wherefore, their treasure is their God. And behold, their treasure shall perish with them also. 31

And wo unto the deaf that will not hear;

for they shall perish. 32

Wo unto the blind that will not see;

for they shall perish also. 33

Wo unto the uncircumcised of heart,

for a knowledge of their iniquities shall smite them at the last day. 34

Wo unto the liar,

for he shall be thrust down to hell. 35

Wo unto the murderer who deliberately killeth,

for he shall die. 36

Wo unto them who commit whoredoms,

for they shall be thrust down to hell. 37 Yea,

wo unto those that worship idols,

for the devil of all devils delighteth in them. 38 And, in fine,

wo unto all those who die in their sins;

for they shall return to God, and behold his face, and remain in their sins. 39

BB O, my beloved brethren,

remember

the awfulness

in transgressing against

that Holy God, and also

the awfulness

of yielding to the enticings of

that cunning one.

Remember,  
 to be carnally-minded  
 is death, and  
 to be spiritually-minded  
 is life eternal. 40

CC O, my beloved brethren,  
 give ear to my words.  
 Remember the greatness of the Holy One of Israel.  
 Do not say that I have spoken hard things against you;  
 for if ye do, ye will revile against the truth;  
 for I have spoken the words  
 of your Maker.  
 I know that the words  
 of truth  
 are hard against all uncleanness; but the righteous fear them not, for they love the truth and  
 are not shaken. 41

DD O then, my beloved brethren, come unto the Lord, the Holy One.

A Remember that his paths are righteous. Behold, the way for man is narrow, but it lieth in a straight course  
 before him,

B and the keeper of the gate is

C the Holy One of Israel;

D and he employeth no servant there;

E and there is none other way save it be by the gate;

D for he cannot be deceived,

C for the Lord God is his name. 42

B a<sub>1</sub> And whoso knocketh, to him will he open;

a<sub>2</sub> and the wise, and the learned, and they that are rich,

b who are puffed up

c because of their learning, and their wisdom,

d and their riches--

e yea, they are they whom he despiseth; and save they shall

d cast these things away, and

c consider themselves fools before God, and

b come down in the depths of humility,

a<sub>1</sub> he will not open unto them. 43

A(a<sub>2</sub>) But the things of the wise and the prudent shall be hid from them forever--yea, that happiness which  
 is prepared for the saints.[32] 44

CC O, my beloved brethren, remember my words.

A Behold, I take off my garments, and I shake them before you;

B I pray the God of my salvation

C that he view me with his all-searching eye;

D wherefore, ye shall know at the last day,

C when all men shall be judged of their works,

B that the God of Israel

A did witness

that I shook your iniquities from my soul,  
and that I stand with brightness before him,  
and am rid of your blood. 45

BB O, my beloved brethren,

A<sub>1</sub> turn away from your sins;

A<sub>2</sub> shake off the chains of him that would bind you fast;

A<sub>3</sub> come unto that God who is the rock of your salvation. 46

B Prepare your souls for that glorious day when justice shall be administered unto the righteous, even the day of judgment,[33]

C that ye may not shrink with awful fear;

C that ye may not remember your awful guilt in perfectness, and be constrained to exclaim:

B Holy, holy are thy judgments, O Lord God Almighty--

A<sub>1</sub> but I know my guilt; I transgressed thy law, and my transgressions are mine;

A<sub>2</sub> and the devil hath obtained me,

A<sub>3</sub> that I am a prey to his awful misery. 47

AA A But behold, my brethren, is it expedient that I should awake you to an awful reality of these things?

B<sub>1</sub> Would I harrow up your souls if your minds were pure?

B<sub>2</sub> Would I be plain unto you according to the plainness of the truth if ye were freed from sin? 48

B<sub>1</sub> Behold, if ye were holy I would speak unto you of holiness;

B<sub>2</sub> but as ye are not holy, and ye look upon me as a teacher,

A it must needs be expedient that I teach you the consequences of sin. 49

Behold, my soul  
abhorreth sin,  
and my heart

delighteth in righteousness;[34]  
and I will praise the holy name of my God.[35] 50

A *Come, my brethren*, [Ho] every one that thirsteth,[36]

- B come ye to the waters;
- C and he that hath no money,  
come buy and eat;  
yea, come buy wine and milk  
without money and without price. 51
- D Wherefore, do *not* [ye] spend  
money  
for that which is *of no worth*, [not bread?]  
*nor* [and] your labor  
for that which *cannot satisfy*. [satisfieth not?]
- A Hearken diligently unto me, *and remember the words which I have spoken*;
- B *and come unto the Holy One of Israel*,
- C *and feast upon that which perisheth not, neither can be corrupted* [and eat ye that which is good], and let your soul delight [itself] in fatness. 52
- D Behold, my beloved brethren,  
remember the words of your God;  
pray unto him continually by day, and  
give thanks unto his holy name by night.  
Let your hearts rejoice.[37] 53
- A<sub>1</sub> And behold how great the covenants of the Lord, and how great his condescensions unto the children of men;
- A<sub>2</sub> and because of his greatness, and his grace and mercy, he has promised unto us that our seed shall not utterly be destroyed, according to the flesh, but that he would preserve them;
- B and in future generations they shall become a righteous branch unto the house of Israel. 54
- C And now, my brethren, I would speak unto you more; but on the morrow I will declare unto you the remainder of my words. Amen. 10:1[38]
- C And now I, Jacob, speak unto you again, my beloved brethren,[39]
- B concerning this righteous branch of which I have spoken. 2
- A<sub>1</sub> For behold, the promises which we have obtained are promises unto us according to the flesh;
- A<sub>2</sub> wherefore, as it has been shown unto me that many of our children shall perish in the flesh because of unbelief, nevertheless, God will be merciful unto many; and our children shall be restored,
- B that they may come to that which will give them the true knowledge of their Redeemer. 3
- C<sub>1</sub> a Wherefore, as I said unto you, it must needs be expedient that Christ--for in the last night the angel spake unto me that this should be his name--
- b should come among the Jews, among those who are the more wicked part of the world;
- c and they shall crucify him--
- a for thus it behooveth our God,
- b and there is none other nation on earth
- c that would crucify their God. 4

- C<sub>2</sub> For should the mighty miracles be wrought among other nations they would repent, and know that he be their God. 5
- C<sub>1</sub> But because of priestcrafts and iniquities, they at Jerusalem will stiffen their necks against him, that he be crucified. 6
- C<sub>2</sub> Wherefore, because of their iniquities, destructions, famines, pestilences, and bloodshed shall come upon them; and they who shall not be destroyed shall be scattered among all nations. 7
- B But behold, thus saith the Lord God: When the day cometh that they shall believe in me, that I am Christ,
- A<sub>1</sub> then have I covenanted with their fathers
- A<sub>2</sub> that they shall be restored in the flesh, upon the earth, unto the lands of their inheritance.[40] 8
- A<sub>1</sub> And it shall come to pass that they shall be gathered in from their long dispersion, from the isles of the sea, and from the four parts of the earth;  
and the nations of the Gentiles shall be great in the eyes of me, saith God, in carrying them forth to the lands of their inheritance. 9  
Yea, the kings of the Gentiles shall be nursing fathers unto them,  
and their queens shall become nursing mothers;  
wherefore, the promises of the Lord are great unto the Gentiles, for he hath spoken it, and who can dispute? 10
- A<sub>2</sub> But behold, this land, said God,  
shall be a land of thine inheritance,  
and the Gentiles shall be blessed upon the land. 11  
And this land  
shall be a land of liberty  
unto the Gentiles,[41]
- a and there shall be no kings upon the land, who shall raise up unto the Gentiles. 12
- b And I will fortify this land against all other nations. 13
- b And he that fighteth against Zion  
shall perish, saith God. 14  
For he that raiseth up a king against me  
shall perish,
- a for I, the Lord, the king of heaven, will be their king, and I will be a light unto them forever,  
that hear my words.[42] 15
- B Wherefore, for this cause, that my covenants may be fulfilled which I have made unto the children of men, that I will do unto them while they are in the flesh,
- C<sub>1</sub> I must needs destroy
- C<sub>2</sub> the secret works  
of darkness, and  
of murders, and  
of abominations. 16
- C<sub>3</sub> Wherefore, he that fighteth against Zion,  
both Jew and Gentile,  
both bond and free,  
both male and female,



C<sub>1</sub> shall perish;

C<sub>2</sub> for they are they who are the whore of all the earth;

C<sub>3</sub> for they who are not for me are against me, saith our God. 17

B For I will fulfil my promises which I have made unto the children of men, that I will do unto them while they are in the flesh--18

A<sub>1</sub> Wherefore, my beloved brethren, thus saith our God:

I will afflict thy seed

by the hand of the Gentiles;

nevertheless, I will soften the hearts of the Gentiles,

that they shall be like unto a father to them;

wherefore, the Gentiles shall be blessed

and numbered among the house of Israel. 19

A<sub>2</sub> Wherefore, I will consecrate this land unto thy seed, and them who shall be numbered among thy seed, forever,

for the land of their inheritance;

for it is a choice land,

saith God unto me,

above all other lands,

wherefore I will have all men that dwell thereon

that they shall worship me, saith God. 20

A And now, my beloved brethren, seeing that our merciful God has given us so great knowledge concerning these things,

B let us remember him, and lay aside our sins,

C and not hang down our heads,

D for we are not cast off;

E nevertheless, we have been driven out of the land of our inheritance;

F but we have been led to a better land, for the Lord has made the sea our path, and we are upon an isle of the sea. 21

G But great are the promises of the Lord unto them who are upon the isles of the sea; wherefore as it says isles, there must needs be more than this, and they are inhabited also by our brethren. 22

F For behold, the Lord God has led away from time to time from the house of Israel, according to his will and pleasure.

E And now behold, the Lord remembereth all them who have been broken off,

D wherefore he remembereth us also. 23

C Therefore, cheer up your hearts,

B and remember that ye are free to act for yourselves--to choose the way of everlasting death or the way of eternal life. 24

A Wherefore, my beloved brethren,  
reconcile yourselves to the will of God,  
and not to the will of the devil and the flesh;  
and remember, after ye are reconciled unto God,  
that it is only in and through the grace of God  
that ye are saved.[43] 25

Wherefore, may God raise you  
from death  
by the power of the resurrection, and also  
from everlasting death  
by the power of the atonement,  
that ye may be received into the eternal kingdom of God,  
that ye may praise him through grace divine. Amen.

### Notes

1. Chapter 5 in the 1830 edition.
2. Things which are = the destruction and captivity of the Jews (second A<sub>2</sub>).
3. Things which are to come = the return to Jerusalem, the coming and crucifixion of the Messiah, the dispersion and final gathering of the Jews (second A<sub>3</sub>).
4. This focal point of the (highly imbalanced) chevron that extends from verse 9 through 18 emphasizes the importance of the covenants.
5. This A is a reflection of the previous A<sub>3</sub>. It extends all the way to the end of the chapter.
6. This recovery is elaborated upon in the second b, which extends from verse 16 through most of 18.
7. The six sources of destruction in this d are the power stated in the first. Also, Bullinger says six implies imperfection, man without God, evil.
8. 6:4-18 form a set of interconnected structures. Note how the A's evolve, linked through the A in verse 14. Note also how the B's evolve.
9. Verse 18 is also an emphasized double echelon of the form ababc.
10. Isaiah 50. Again, Book of Mormon additions are in italics, and deletions from the KJB are in brackets.
11. The KJB is quite different.

Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away?  
 or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you?  
 Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves,  
 and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

12. The Bible version of this sentence is radically different. The Book of Mormon version is more consistent with the second B<sub>1</sub>, 8:9a. The KJB says
 

Wherefore, when I came,  
 was there no man?  
 when I called,  
 was there none to answer?
13. The KJB says "...I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst.
14. The KJB adds "let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God." The present version is a rhetorical question, the answer of which is "no one." The emphasized double echelon contrasts the obedient and the self-illuminating.
15. The holiness/gladness parallelism doesn't appear in the KJB.
16. 2 Nephi 8:11. DWP pointed the way; he has bcddcb as ABBA.
17. The KJB says "I, even I, am he that comforteth you."

18. Note that “my” keeps the sentence in first person. Another example where the structure is better in the Book of Mormon than the KJB.
19. The KJB has “the cup of trembling, *and* wrung *them* out.”
20. The KJB words in brackets are all italicized, indicating there is no Hebrew word for them.
21. 2 Nephi 8:18. DWP found the third levels.
22. The KJB is radically different in meaning.

These two *things* are come unto thee;  
 who shall be sorry for thee?  
 desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword:  
 by whom shall I comfort thee?

The NIV forces the four things into two.

These double calamities have come upon you--  
 who can comfort you?--  
 ruin and destruction, famine and sword--  
 who can console you?

23. The two G’s are consistent with the two witnesses spoken of in Revelation 11:3-12. And “sons” in verse 19 is consistent with “sons” in 18 and 20.
24. The first F says there is no one to guide her, but the second assures Israel that the Lord will plead her cause.
25. Jacob adds Isaiah 52:1-2 to complete the chevron. This may be evidence that Joseph Smith did not use the KJB as his source.
26. We now enter a highly imbalanced chevron with significant substructure. It extends from verse 4 through verse 22; both verses deal with the resurrection. The focal point, I, is a clear point of emphasis. The first A-H outline the fall and atonement, while the second discusses these in detail.
27. In other words, if “this corruption could not put on incorruption” we would be subject to the devil.
28. I have underlined the five statements of the greatness of our God. Bullinger says 5 signifies mercy and grace.
29. 2 Nephi 9:16. The previous four lines according to DWP.
30. 2 Nephi 9:20. DWP.
31. Verses 23 and 24 form an unusual random parallel structure with the emphasis at F.
32. 2 Nephi 9:42-43. DWP.
33. 2 Nephi 9:44-46. Donald W. Parry has the following:

O, my beloved brethren, remember my words. Behold, I take off my garments, and I shake them before you; I pray the God of my salvation that he view me with his all-searching eye;

- A wherefore, ye shall know at the last day,
- B when all men shall be judged of their works,
- C that the God of Israel
- D did witness that I shook your iniquities from my soul,
- E and that I stand with brightness before him,
- E and am rid of your blood. 45
- D O, my beloved brethren, turn away from your sins;  
shake off the chains of him that would bind you fast;
- C come unto that God who is the rock of your salvation. 46
- B Prepare your souls for that glorious day  
when justice shall be administered unto the righteous,
- A even the day of judgment,

34. 2 Nephi 9:49. DWP.
35. Parry and others typically do not indicate the point of emphasis that often accompanies a double echelon.
36. Verses 50-51 are similar to Isaiah 55:1-2, with the changes as noted.
37. By converting the questions of Isaiah 55:2a to statements, Jacob forms a double echelon, with both D elements being admonitions. The Bible version lacks this structure.
38. Chapter 7 on the 1830 edition.
39. Jacob ends the first branch of the chevron one day and gives the second the next day.
40. The three A<sub>1</sub>'s in 2 Nephi 9:53-10:7 have to do with the covenant with the fathers, while the A<sub>2</sub>'s describe the restoration of the children following their acceptance of the covenant.
41. 2 Nephi 10:10-11. DWP.
42. This a element is also the point of emphasis of the double echelon in 13-14.
43. The chevron in 20-24 can be read as a spiral (AABBCCDDEEFFG). There a few rough spots that could be smoothed out if one wanted to take this to polished text, but it reads pretty well as is. The G is a clear point of emphasis.

What kind of skill does it take to write like this? Joseph Smith was a 23 year old farm boy when he dictated this text as Oliver Cowdery wrote. This is way beyond his native talent, and is a witness that he received the translation by revelation.

**ISAIAH 2-14**  
2 Nephi 11-24

And now, Jacob spake many more things to my people at that time; nevertheless only these things have I caused to be written, for the things which I have written sufficeth me.[1] 2

- I<sub>1</sub> A And now I, Nephi, write more of the words of Isaiah,
- I<sub>2</sub> B for my soul delighteth in his words.
- I<sub>3</sub> a For I will liken his words unto my people,
- II b C<sub>1</sub> and I will send them forth unto all my children,
- c C<sub>2</sub> for he verily saw my Redeemer,  
even as I have seen him. 3  
And my brother, Jacob, also has seen him  
as I have seen him;
- C<sub>1</sub> wherefore, I will send their words forth unto my children
- d C<sub>2</sub> to prove unto them that my words are true.  
Wherefore, by the words of three, God hath said,  
I will establish my word.  
Nevertheless, God sendeth more witnesses,  
and he proveth all his words.[2] 4
- e a B Behold, my soul delighteth in  
proving unto my people the truth of the coming of Christ;
- f for, for this end hath the law of Moses been given;
- g and all things which have been given of God from the beginning of the world, unto man,  
are the typifying of him. 5
- III f b And also my soul delighteth in  
the covenants of the Lord which he hath made to our fathers;
- III b yea, my soul delighteth in his  
grace, and in his  
justice, and  
power, and  
mercy  
in the great and eternal plan of deliverance from death. 6
- II e a And my soul delighteth in[3]  
proving unto my people that save Christ should come all men must perish. 7
- d For if there be no Christ  
there be no God;  
and if there be no God  
we are not, for there could have been no creation.  
But there is a God,  
and he is Christ,
- c and he cometh in the fulness of his own time. 8
- I<sub>1</sub> b A And now I write some of the words of Isaiah,  
I<sub>2</sub> that whoso of my people shall see these words may lift up their hearts and rejoice for all men.
- I<sub>3</sub> a Now these are the words, and ye may liken them unto you and unto all men.[4] 12:1

The word that Isaiah, the son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: 2