

- A for behold, the Spirit hath not said unto me that this should be the case. Now as to this thing I do not know; but this much I do know, that the Lord God hath power to do all things which are according to his word. 9 But behold, the Spirit hath said this much unto me, saying: Cry unto this people, saying--
 Repent ye,
 and prepare the way of the Lord,
 and walk in his paths, which are straight;
 for behold, the kingdom of heaven is at hand,
 and the Son of God cometh upon the face of the earth. 10
 And behold, he shall be born of Mary, at Jerusalem which is the land of our forefathers,
 she being a virgin,
 a precious and chosen vessel,
 who shall be overshadowed
 and conceive by the power of the Holy Ghost,
 and bring forth a son, yea,
 even the Son of God.[4] 11
- DD A₁ And he shall go forth, suffering pains and afflictions and temptations of every kind;
- A₂ and this that the word might be fulfilled which saith he will take upon him the **pains** and the **sicknesses** of his people. 12
- A₃ And he will take upon him **death**, that he may loose the bands of death which bind his people;
- B and he will take upon him their **infirmities**,
- C that his bowels may be filled with mercy,
- D according to the flesh,
- E that he may know[5]
- D according to the flesh
- C how to succor his people
- B according to their infirmities. 13
- A₁ Now the Spirit knoweth all things; nevertheless the Son of God suffereth according to the flesh
- A₂ that he might take upon him the **sins of his people**, that he might blot out their transgressions
- A₃ according to the power of his deliverance:[6][7]
- CC A and now behold, this is the testimony which is in me. 14
- B₁ Now I say unto you that ye must repent,
- B₂ and be born again;
- B₃ for the Spirit saith if ye are not born again ye cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven;
- C therefore come and be baptized unto repentance, that ye may be washed from your sins,
- D that ye may have faith on the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world,
- D who is mighty to save
- C and to cleanse from all unrighteousness. 15

- B₁ Yea, I say unto you come and fear not,
 and lay aside every sin,
 which easily doth beset you,
 which doth bind you down to destruction,
 yea, come and go forth,
 and show unto your God that ye are willing to repent of your sins
- B₂ and enter into a covenant with him to keep his commandments, and witness it unto him this day
 by going into the waters of baptism. 16
- B₃ And whosoever doeth this, and keepeth the commandments of God from thenceforth,
 the same will remember that I say unto him,
 yea, he will remember that I have said unto him,
 he shall have eternal life.[8]

A according to the testimony of the Holy Spirit, which testifieth in me. 17

A And now my beloved brethren, do you believe these things?

B Behold, I say unto you, yea, I know that ye believe them;

C and the way that I know that ye believe them is by the manifestation of the Spirit which is in
 me.

B And now because your faith is strong concerning that, yea, concerning the things which I have
 spoken, great is my joy. 18

BB₁ A For as I said unto you from the beginning, that I had much desire that ye were not in the state of dilemma
 like your brethren,

BB₂ even so I have found that my desires have been gratified.[9] 19

BB₃ B For I perceive that
 ye are in the paths of righteousness;
 I perceive that
 ye are in the path which leads to the kingdom of God; yea,
 I perceive that
 ye are making his paths straight. 20
 I perceive that
 it has been made known unto you, by the testimony of his word, that he cannot walk in crooked
 paths;

C neither doth he vary from that which he hath said;
 neither hath he a shadow of turning

D from the right to the left, or

D from that which is right to that which is wrong;

C therefore, his course is one eternal round. 21

B And he
 doth not dwell in
 unholy temples;
 neither can filthiness or anything which is unclean
 be received into the kingdom of
 God;

BB₄ A therefore I say unto you the time shall come, yea, and it shall be at the last day, that he who is filthy shall
 remain in his filthiness. 22

A And now my beloved brethren, I have said these things unto you

B that I might awaken you to a sense of your duty to God,
 that ye may walk blameless before him,
 that ye may walk after the holy order of God, after which ye have been received. 23
 And now I would that ye should be
 humble, and be
 submissive and
 gentle;
 easy to be entreated;
 full of patience and long-suffering;
 being temperate in all things;
 being diligent in keeping the commandments of God at all times;[10]
 asking for whatsoever things ye stand in need, both spiritual and temporal;
 always returning thanks unto God for whatsoever things ye do receive. 24

And see that ye have
 faith,
 hope, and
 charity,
 and then ye will always abound in good works. 25

C And may the Lord bless you,
 and keep your garments spotless,
 that ye may at last be brought to sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the
 holy prophets who have been ever since the world began,
 having your garments spotless
 even as their garments are spotless,
 in the kingdom of heaven

D to go no more out. 26

AA A And now my beloved brethren, I have spoken these words unto you

B according to the Spirit which testifieth in me; and my soul doth exceedingly rejoice, because of the
 exceeding diligence and heed which ye have given unto my word. 27

C And now, may the peace of God rest
 upon you, and
 upon your houses and lands, and
 upon your flocks and herds, and all that you possess, your women and your children,
 according to your faith and good works,

D from this time forth and forever.

And thus I have spoken. Amen.

Notes

1. Chapter 5 in the 1830 edition.
2. Alma 7:1. DWP.
3. Alma 7:5. DWP.
4. This paired echelon leads to its point of emphasis, verses 11-13.
5. A key point in the atonement, that he may know what it is to be mortal.
6. Five things Jesus Christ took upon himself. 5 = mercy, grace.
7. Verses 11-13 are the focal point of the whole chapter. This is perhaps the broadest statement of the atonement in all scripture, and my all-time favorite passage of scripture. I remember it as the name of a convenience store, Al's 7-Eleven.
8. The second B series elaborates upon the first.
9. The second BB_1 and BB_2 summarize the first, while the second BB_3 and BB_4 expand upon the first.
10. A list of 7 items. 7 = spiritual perfection.