

I Nephi 17:35-42 Chiasm

The sub-labelling in B is different to indicate that the sup-parallels are internal, within each respective B.

- v30 A-1 And notwithstanding they being *led*,
A-1 the Lord their God, their Redeemer, *going before them*,
A-1 *leading them* by day
A-1 and *giving light* unto them by night,
A-2 and *doing all things for them which were expedient* for man to receive,
A-3 they hardened their hearts
A-3 and blinded their minds,
A-4a and reviled against Moses
A-4b and against the true and living God.
- v31 A-5 And it came to pass that according to his word *he did destroy them*;
A-5 and according to his word *he did lead them*;
A-5 and according to his word *he did do all things for them*;
A-5 and there was not any thing done save it were by his word.
- v32 A-5 And after they had crossed the river Jordan *he did make them mighty*
A-5 unto the *driving out* of the children of the land,
A-5 yea, unto the *scattering* them to destruction.
- v33 B a And now, do ye suppose
b that the children of this land, who were in the land of promise, who were driven out by our fathers,
c do ye suppose that they were righteous?
d Behold, I say unto you, Nay.
- v34 a Do ye suppose
b that our fathers
• would have been more choice than they [See 2 Ne. 26:25-28.]
c if they [those driven out] had been righteous?
d I say unto you, Nay.
- v35 C-1 v35 Behold, the Lord *esteemeth* all flesh in one;
C-2 *he that is righteous* is *favored* of God.
C-3 But behold, this people had rejected every word of God,
C-4 and *they were ripe* in iniquity;
C-5 and the *fulness of the wrath* of God was upon them;
C-6a and the Lord did *curse* the land against them,
C-6b and *bless* it unto our fathers;
C-6a yea, he did *curse* it against them
C-7 unto their *destruction*,
C-6b and he did *bless* it unto our fathers
C-7 unto their *obtaining power* over it.

v36 **D** Behold, the Lord hath created the earth
 E that it should be *inhabited*;
 F and he hath *created* his children that they should possess it.

v37 **G-1** And he
 G-2 raiseth up
 G-3 a righteous nation
 G-4 and destroyeth
 G-5 the nations of the wicked.

v38 **G-1** And he
 G-2 leadeth away
 G-3 the righteous into precious *lands*,
 G-5 and the wicked
 G-4 he destroyeth,
 F and *curseth the land* unto them *for their sakes*. [See Gen. 3:17 "...*cursed is the ground for thy sake*...."]

v39 **E** He *ruleth high in* the heavens, for it is his *throne*,
 D and this earth is his footstool. [Compare Num. 14:21.]

v40 **C-1** And he *loveth* those who will have him to be their God.
 C-2 Behold, he *loved our fathers*,
 C-6 and he *covenanted* with them, yea, even Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob;
 C-6 and he remembered the *covenants* which he had made;
 C-7 wherefore, he did *bring them out of the land of Egypt*.

v41 **C-5** And he *did straiten them in the wilderness with his rod*;
 C-3 for they hardened their hearts, **EVEN AS YE HAVE**;
 C-4 and *the Lord straitened them* because of their iniquity....

v41b **B i** He sent
 ii *fiery flying serpents* among them;
 iii and after they
 iv were *bitten*
 i he prepared
 ii a way
 iii that they
 iv might be *healed*;

A-1 and the labor which they had to perform was to *LOOK*;
A-2 • and because of the *simpleness* of the way, • or the *easiness* of it, there were many who perished.

v42 **A-3** And they did harden their hearts from time to time,
 A-4a and they did revile against Moses,
 A-4b and also against God;
 A-5 nevertheless, ye know that *they were led forth by his matchless power* into the land of promise.