

I Nephi 20 (Isaiah 48) Parallel

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<p>A • v1 <u>Hearken</u> [***KJV omits] • and <u>hear</u> this, [KJV reads: "Hear ye this"]</p>	<p>v12 <u>Hearken</u> unto me,</p>
<p>B <u>O</u> house of <u>Jacob</u>,</p>	<p><u>O</u> <u>Jacob</u>,</p>
<p>C a who are called by the name of Israel, b and are come forth <u>out of the waters of Judah</u>, b or <u>out of the waters of baptism</u>, [KJV: omits] c who <u>swear by the name of the Lord</u>, c and <u>make mention of the God of Israel</u>, d <u>yet they swear not in truth</u> [KJV: omits "they swear"] d <u>nor in righteousness</u>. a v2 Nevertheless, they call themselves b <u>of the holy city</u>, d <u>but they do not stay</u> themselves [KJV: omits "but they do not"] c upon <u>the God of Israel</u>,</p>	<p>and Israel my called,</p> <div style="border: 1px dashed gray; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">KEY:</p> <p>! Underlined = word-for-word ! <u>Und. Ital.</u> = synonymous ! <i>Italics</i> = similar ! <u>Double Und.</u> = identical, more rare ! Bold = emphasis ! KJV = King James version, Isaiah 48 (These markings are also utilized for internal correlations)</p> </div>
<p>D a <u>who is</u> b <u>the Lord of Hosts</u>; [***KJV: omits both lines]</p>	<p>a for <u>I am</u> b <u>he</u>; a <u>I am</u> b <u>the first</u>, a and <u>I am</u> also b <u>the last</u>.</p>
<p>E b <u>yea, the Lord of Hosts</u> c <u>is his name</u>.</p>	<p>b v13 <u>Mine hand</u> c <u>hath also laid the foundation of the earth</u>, b and <u>my right hand</u> c <u>hath spanned the heavens</u>. b <u>I call</u> unto them c <u>and they stand up together</u>.</p>
<p>F v3 <u>Behold</u>, [***KJV: omits]</p>	<p>v14 <u>All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear</u>;</p>
<p>G <u>I</u></p>	<p><u>who</u> among them</p>
<p>H <u>have declared</u></p>	<p><u>hath declared</u></p>
<p>I the former <u>things</u> from the beginning;</p>	<p>these <u>things</u> unto them? [KJV: omits "unto them"]</p>
<p>J and they went forth out of <u>my mouth</u>,</p>	<p>The Lord hath loved <u>him</u>;</p>
<p>K <u>and I</u></p>	<p>yea, <u>and he</u> [***KJV: omits]</p>
<p>L <u>showed</u></p>	<p><u>will fulfill his word which he hath declared</u> [***KJV: omits]</p>
<p>M <u>them</u>.</p>	<p>by <u>them</u>; [***KJV: omits]</p>

<p>N a <u>I</u> b did show them suddenly. [KJV: omits "show"]</p>	<p>a and <u>he</u> b will do his pleasure on BABYLON, a and <u>his arm</u> b shall come upon the CHALDEANS. [KJV: "be on" instead of "come upon"]</p>
<p>O a v4 And <u>I did it</u> [*KJV: reads "And they came to pass"] because I knew that b thou art obstinate, b and thy neck is an iron sinew, b and thy brow brass; a v5 And <u>I have</u> even</p>	<p>a v15 Also, saith the Lord; I the Lord, yea, <u>I have spoken</u>; [+ KJV: reads "I even I have spoken"] b yea, <u>I have called</u> <u>him</u> to declare, [KJV: omits "to declare"] b <u>I have brought</u> <u>him</u>, b and <u>he</u> shall make <u>his</u> way prosperous. a v16 Come ye near unto me; <u>I have not spoken</u> in secret; [+ KJV: adds "hear ye this; I have not spoken..."]</p>
<p>P <u>from the beginning</u></p>	<p><u>from the beginning</u>.</p>
<p>Q a <u>declared</u> to thee; b <u>before it came to pass</u></p>	<p>b <u>from the time</u> a that it was <u>declared</u> [*KJV: "there am I" instead of "declared"]</p>
<p>R <u>I</u></p>	<p>have <u>I</u> [***KJV: omits]</p>
<p>S <u>showed them</u> thee;</p>	<p><u>spoken</u>; [***KJV: omits]</p>
<p>T a and <u>I</u> b <u>showed them</u> for fear lest thou shouldst say-- [**KJV: omits "and I showed them for fear"] a mine <u>idol</u> b <u>hath done them</u>, a and my <u>graven image</u>, a and my <u>molten image</u> b <u>hath commanded them</u>.</p>	<p>a and the <u>Lord God</u>, a and <u>his Spirit</u>, b <u>hath sent</u> <u>me</u>.</p>
<p>U a-1 v6 <u>Thou</u> hast seen and <u>heard</u> all this; [KJV: "heard, see" in stead of "seen and heard"] a-2 and will ye not <u>declare</u> them? a-3 And that <u>I have</u> showed thee <u>new things</u> a-4 <u>from this time</u>, a-3 even <u>hidden things</u>, b and <u>thou</u> didst not <u>know them</u>. c v7 <u>They are</u> created now, d and not <u>from the beginning</u>,</p>	<p>1 v17 And thus saith <u>the Lord</u>, 2 <u>thy Redeemer</u>, 3 the Holy One of Israel; 4 <u>I have sent</u> <u>him</u>, [**KJV: "am" instead of "have sent him"]</p>
<p>V d even <u>before the day</u> when thou heardest them not c <u>they were declared</u> unto thee,- [**KJV: omits this line] b lest <u>thou</u> shouldst say--Behold I <u>knew them</u>. a-1 v8 Yea, and <u>thou heardest</u> not; a-2 yea, thou <u>knewest</u> not; a-4 yea, <u>from that time</u> a-3 thine <u>ear was not opened</u>;</p>	<p>1 <u>the Lord</u> 2 <u>thy God</u> 3 who teacheth thee to profit, 3 who leadeth thee by the way thou shouldst go, 4 <u>hath done it</u>. [**KJV: omits this line]</p>
<p>W a for I knew <u>that thou</u> b <u>wouldst deal very treacherously</u>, a and <u>that thou</u> b <u>wast</u> called a <u>transgressor</u> from the womb.</p>	<p>a v18 O <u>that thou</u> b <u>hadst hearkened to my commandments--</u></p>

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<p>X a v9 Nevertheless, <u>for my name's sake</u> b <u>will I defer</u> mine anger,</p>	<p>a then had <u>thy peace</u> b been <u>as a river</u>, a and <u>thy righteousness</u> b <u>as the waves of the sea</u>.</p>
<p>Y a and <u>for my praise</u> b <u>will I refrain</u> from thee,</p>	<p>a v19 <u>Thy seed</u> also b had been <u>as the sand</u>; a the <u>offspring of thy bowels</u> b <u>like the gravel</u> thereof;</p>
<p>Z that I <u>cut</u> thee <u>not off</u>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> his name should <u>not</u> have been <u>cut off</u> <u>nor destroyed</u> from before me.
<p>AA v10 For, behold, I have refined thee, [+ KJV: adds "but not with silver"]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v20 Go ye forth of BABYLON, flee ye from the CHALDEANS,
<p>BB [prelude]--> ¹<u>I</u> ²<u>have chosen</u> ³<u>thee</u> in the furnace of affliction. <--[postlude]</p>	<p>with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter to the end of the earth; [KJV: adds "utter it even..."] say ye: ¹<u>The Lord</u> ²<u>hath redeemed</u> ³<u>his servant Jacob</u>.</p>
<p>CC v11 For mine own sake,</p>	<p>v21 And they thirsted not; [see Isa. 55:1; Rev. 22:17; 2 Ne. 26:25,27]</p>
<p>DD yea, for mine own sake</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> he led them through the deserts; [KJV: begins, "when"] he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them; he clave the rock also and the waters gushed out.
<p>EE <u>will I do</u></p>	<p>v22 And notwithstanding <u>he hath done</u> [***KJV: omits]</p>
<p>FF <u>this</u>, [*KJV: "it" in stead of "this"]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>all this</u>, and GREATER also, [***KJV: omits both lines]
<p>GG a for I will not suffer <u>my name</u> [KJV: "how should" in stead of "I will not suffer"] b to be <u>polluted</u>, [KJV: omits "to"] a and I will not give <u>my glory</u> b <u>unto another</u>.</p>	<p>a there is no <u>peace</u>, saith the Lord, b <u>unto the wicked</u>.</p>

NOTES:

- *KJV = Differences that eliminate word-for-word correlations: A, O, Q, U
- **KJV = Omissions in KJV that eliminate internal parallels: A, T (2), U, V (2)
- ***KJV = Omissions in KJV that eliminate main parallels: D (2), F, K, L, M, R, S, EE, FF (2)
- +KJV = Differences in KJV that contribute to the correlations: O (2) and AA.

OBSERVATIONS:

- The first half of the chapter parallels the second half, with internal symmetry abounding. See D and E; F through M; O; U and V; X and Y; Z and AA; BB; as well as the similar patterns in D, E, N, T, W, X, Y, and GG.
- Elements U and V contain three sets of four, with the third point (a-3, c, and 3) being emphasized through its repetition. Note that the third element of the chiasm, c, is omitted in the Isaiah text. The bottom line statement of the parallel in U (point 4 on the right) is virtually identical to the three focal point statements (b) of the chiasm in O.
- A pronoun for an individual other than the Lord occurs seven times: J, O (4), T, and U. All these are in the right-hand column. The first occurrence is correlated with the mouth of the Lord (J).

OBSERVATIONS (CONT.):

- Compared to the other parallel sets, the conspicuous asymmetry of C draws attention to it.
- There are 33 parallel sets: A through GG. The numerical significance of 33 is yet to be determined, but two separate methods both yield 50 parallel elements; and 50 (25 X 2; or 5 X 5 X 2) has been seen several times now in parallel structures (including the triple parallel between the three successive chapters: 1 Nephi 20-22).
- Some parallel sets have more than one parallel point within them, but cannot be subdivided into separate sets. For some it is because the order of paralleling points is chiasmic: C (2), O (2), Q (2) (yielding three additional parallels for the total, one each from C, O and Q). For most it is because there are duplicate parallel points that belong in the set: D (2), E (2), N (2), T (2), W (2), X (2), Y (2), and GG (2) (yielding eight additional parallels). In the case of BB, the three paralleling points (yielding two additional parallels for the total) cannot be separated because of the necessity of their grouping for the unique "prelude"/"postlude" arrangement. While the words in the "prelude" do not correlate with the words in the "postlude," these nevertheless form an additional paralleling point inasmuch as they are common in making up a prelude/postlude set. From U and V each come an additional parallel point. In U, a-1 and a-2 correspond to 1 through 3; and a-3 through d correspond to 4. In V, d through b correspond to 4, and a-1 through a-3 (second) correspond to 1-3. Even though in U, the set could be subdivided into two successive sets, this is not done because of the symmetrical arrangement of U and V as a set; and V cannot be subdivided because the correlations are in chiasmic, not sequential order. Finally, the "O" and the "Jacob" in B could technically be considered separate parallel points, but their association in a phrase is too tight to isolate them into separate sets. This brings the number of additional paralleling points to 17, which added to 33 yields a grand total of **50** paralleling *points*.
- Several parallel sets contain duplicate parallel points. Some of these are single statements in one column that occur two or more times in the opposite column: A (2), Z (2), AA (2), DD (3), FF (2) (yielding six additional -- though duplicate -- parallel sets). The remainder of these are a and b statements in one column that have two or three sets of duplicate parallel a/b statements in the opposite column: D (3), E (3), N (2), T (3), W (2), X (2), Y (2), and GG (2) (yielding 11 more parallel sets). This brings the total of duplicate sets to 17, which added to 33 yields a grand total of **50** paralleling *sets*.
- The King James Version (KJV) of Isaiah 48 leaves out nine parallel sets, decreasing the original total to 24. It omits three parallel points: D, U, and V. When the remaining parallel points are added to 24, the first grand total mentioned above is reduced from 50 to 38 (a 24% reduction).
- The KJV omits six duplicate parallel sets: A, D(3), T, and CC. (The elements of D would probably be combined with E in a KJV structuring.) When those that remain are added to 24, the second grand total mentioned above is reduced from 50 to 35 (a 30% reduction).

CONCLUSIONS/INTERPRETATIONS:

This is left up to you and the Spirit of the Lord.

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