

# II Nephi 26 \*Chiasms

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## II Nephi 26:1-9 Chiasm

- v1-3 **A.** (1) And after Christ shall have risen from the dead he shall show himself unto you, my children, and my beloved brethren; (2) and the words which he shall speak unto you shall be the law which ye shall do. (3) For behold, I say unto you that I have beheld that many generations shall pass away, and there shall be great wars and contentions among my people. (4) And after the Messiah shall come there shall be signs given unto my people of his birth, and also of his death and resurrection; (5) and great and terrible shall that day be unto the wicked, for they shall perish; (6) and they perish because they cast out the prophets, and the saints, and stone them, and slay them; (7) wherefore the cry of the blood of the saints shall ascend up to God from the ground against them. [Compare D&C 87:6,7; Isa. 28:22; 3 Ne. 9:5-11.]
- v4 **B** **Wherefore, all those who are proud, and that do wickedly,**  
(1) the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, (2) for they shall be as stubble.  
[Compare Mal. 4:1; D&C 133:64.]
- v5 **C** **And they that kill the prophets, and the saints,**  
the depths of the earth shall swallow them up, saith the Lord of Hosts; and mountains shall cover them, and whirlwinds shall carry them away, [Compare 2 Ne. 27:2-b]
- v5 **D** and buildings shall fall upon them and crush them to pieces  
**D** and grind them to powder. [\*\*Compare Matt. 21:42,44; JST-Matt. 21:54,56; Isa. 28:13,16.\*\*]
- v6 **C** And they shall be visited with thunderings, and lightnings, and earthquakes, and all manner of destructions [Compare 2 Ne. 27:2-a.]
- v6 **B** **for the fire of the anger of the Lord shall be kindled against them,** [Compare 2 Ne. 27:2-c.]  
(2) and they shall be as stubble, (1) and the day that cometh shall consume them, saith the Lord of Hosts.
- v7 **[Omission]** O the pain, and the anguish of my soul for the loss of the slain of my people! For I, Nephi, have seen it, and it will nigh consumeth me before the presence of the Lord; but I must cry unto my God: **Thy ways are just**. [See 2 Ne. 26:10-13.]
- v8-9 **A** (6) But behold, the righteous that hearken unto the words of the prophets, and destroy them not, (2) but look forward unto Christ with steadfastness (4) for the signs which are given, (7) notwithstanding all persecution--behold, (5) they are they which shall not perish. (1) But the Son of righteousness shall appear unto them; (3) and he shall heal them, and they shall have peace with him, until three generations shall have passed away, and many of the fourth generation shall have passed away in righteousness.

## II Nephi 26:10-12 Chiasm [Revised May 20, 1995.]

v1-9 A [(= 2 Ne. 26:1-9 Chiasm) Briefly: Convincing of the Lamanites/Gentiles that Jesus is the Christ.]

v10 B-1 And when these things have passed away

B-2 a speedy destruction cometh unto my people;

B-3 for, notwithstanding the pains of my soul, [Compare 2 Nephi 26:7.]

B-4 *I have seen it*; wherefore, ***I know*** that it shall come to pass;

C and they ***sell themselves for naught***;

D-1 for, for the reward of their ***pride***

D-2 and their ***foolishness*** [See D&C 35:7.]

D-3 they shall reap destruction;

D-1 for because they ***yield unto the devil*** [See 2 Ne. 28:14,21-25; Hel. 6:38-40; Morm. 8:34-36.]

D-2 and ***choose works of darkness rather than light***, [Compare 2 Ne. 28:32; Mormon 6:17.]

D-3 therefore they must go down to hell. [See D&C 76:29-32; 50:8; 3 Ne. 14:22,23.]

v11 C For the *Spirit of the Lord will not always strive with man*.

B-1 And when the Spirit ceaseth to strive with man

B-2 then cometh speedy destruction,

B-3 and this grieveth my soul.

v12 B-4 And *as I spake*

A concerning the convincing of the Jews, that Jesus is the very Christ,

A it must needs be that the Gentiles be convinced also that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God;

[= Focal point of 2 Nephi 26:10-18 Chiasm]

## II Nephi 26:10-18 Chiasm [Revised May 20, 1995.]

- v10 A And when these things have passed away  
B a speedy destruction cometh unto my people;  
C-1 for, notwithstanding the *pains of my soul*, [See Enos 1:13,14.]  
C-2 *I have seen it*; [See Enos 1:19; 2 Ne. 3:5.]  
C-3 wherefore, *I know that it shall come to pass*; [See Enos 1:15-18; 2 Ne. 3:16; 29:2; 3 Ne. 5:14.]  
D and they sell themselves for naught, [See Isa. 52:3-6; 55:1,2.]  
E-1 for, for the reward of their *pride* and their *foolishness*  
E-2 they shall reap destruction;  
E-3 for because they yield unto the devil and choose works of darkness rather than light, therefore they must go down to hell.
- v11 F-1 For the Spirit of the Lord will not always strive with man.  
F-2 And when the Spirit *ceaseth to strive with man*  
F-3 **then** cometh speedy destruction, and this grieveth my soul.
- v12 G-1 And as I spake concerning the convincing of the JEWS,  
G-2 that Jesus is the very Christ,  
G-1 it must needs be that the GENTILES be convinced also  
G-2 that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God; [See D&C 133:66,67; 2 Ne. 28:32; JST-Matt. 21:51-56; Rom. 11:26,27,30-33.]
- v13 F-1 And that *he manifesteth himself unto all those who believe in him, by the power of the Holy Ghost*; yea, unto every nation, kindred, tongue, and people,  
F-2 working mighty miracles, signs, and wonders, among the children of men according to their faith. [See Moro. 7:35-38.]
- v14 F-3 But behold, I prophesy unto you concerning the last days;  
F-3 concerning the days when the Lord God shall bring these things forth unto the children of men. [See B-1/B-1']
- v15 E-1 After my seed and the seed of my brethren shall have dwindled in unbelief,  
E-2 and shall have been smitten by the Gentiles;  
E-2 yea, after the Lord shall have camped against them round about,  
E-2 and shall have laid siege against them with a mount,  
E-2 and raised forts against them;  
E-3 and after they shall have been brought down low in the dust,  
D even that they are not,  
C-1 yet the words of righteous shall be written; [See 2 Ne. 3:12.]  
C-1 and the prayer of faithful shall be heard,  
C-1 and all those who have dwindled in unbelief shall not be forgotten.
- v16 C-2 For those who shall be destroyed shall speak unto them out of the ground, [See 2 Ne. 3:18,19.]  
C-2 and their speech shall be low out of the dust,  
C-2 and their voice shall be as one that hath a familiar spirit;  
C-3 for the Lord God will give unto HIM power, [See 2 Ne. 3:5,11,13,14,20,21; Ezk. 20:33-37.]  
C-3 that *he* may whisper concerning them, even as it were out of the ground;  
C-3 and their speech shall whisper out of the dust.
- v17 C-1 For thus saith the Lord God: They shall write the things which shall be done among them, [See Ether 3:27; 4:1,4.]  
C-2 and they shall be written and sealed up in a book, [See 2 Ne. 27:10; Ether 5:1; 4:5-8.]  
C-3 and those who have dwindled in unbelief shall not have them, for they seek to destroy the things of God. [See 2 Ne. 28:32,29,30; 27:8; D&C 133:66,67; 2 Ne. 6:12,13; 29:3; Ether 12:35-37.]
- v18 B Wherefore, as those who have been destroyed have been destroyed speedily;  
A and the multitude of their terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away--  
A yea, thus saith the Lord God: It shall be at an instant, suddenly--  
[Parallel/chiastic structure when tied to Isa. 29:5.]

## II Nephi 26:13-20 Chiasm [Revised May 20, 1995]

- v13 A And that he *manifesteth himself* unto all those who believe in him,  
B by the *power of the Holy Ghost*;  
C-1 yea, unto *every nation, kindred, tongue, and people*,  
C-2 working mighty miracles, signs, and wonders, among the children of men according to their faith.
- v14 D-1 But behold, I prophecy unto you concerning *THE LAST DAYS*;  
D-2 concerning the days when *the Lord God shall bring these things forth* unto the children of men.
- v15 E-1 After *my seed and the seed of my brethren*  
E-2 shall have dwindled in unbelief,  
E-3 and shall have been smitten by the Gentiles;  
F yea, after the Lord God shall have camped against them round about,  
F and shall have laid siege against them with a mount,  
F and raised forts against them;  
G and after they shall have *been brought down low in the dust*, even that they are not, [See "brought low in the dust" 1 Ne. 22:23; also Ether 2:8; 8:23; 3 Ne. 20:20.]  
H-1 yet the words of the righteous shall be written,  
H-2 and the *prayers of the faithful shall be heard*, [See Enos 1:16-18; 2 Ne. 29:2.]  
H-3 and all *those who have dwindled in unbelief shall not be forgotten*.
- v16 I-1 For those who shall be destroyed shall speak unto them  
I-2 out of the ground,  
I-3 and their speech  
I-4 shall be low out of the dust,  
J-1 and *their voice*  
J-2 shall be as one that hath *a familiar spirit*;  
J-1 for **the Lord God will give unto him** [See Alma 5:44.]  
J-2 **power**, [See 2 Ne. 29:11; Morm. 8:16; Moro. 10:27-29.]  
I-1 that he may whisper concerning them,  
I-2 even as it were out of the ground;  
I-3 and their speech  
I-4 shall whisper out of the dust.
- v17 H-1 For thus saith the Lord God: They shall write the things which shall be done among them, [See 3 Ne. 5:14-17.]  
H-2 and they *shall be written*  
H-3 and *sealed up in a book*,  
G and *those who have dwindled in unbelief shall not have them, for they seek to destroy the things of God*. [See 2 Ne. 6:12-15; Ether 12:35.]
- v18 F Wherefore, as those who have been *destroyed* have been destroyed speedily;  
F and the multitude of their terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away--  
F yea, thus saith the Lord God: It shall be *at an instant, suddenly*--
- v19 E-1 And it shall come to pass, that those  
E-2 who have dwindled in unbelief  
E-3 shall be smitten by the hand of the Gentiles.
- v20 D-1 And *THE GENTILES* are *lifted up in the pride of their eyes*, [See 3 Ne. 16:10.]  
D-2 and have *stumbled*, because of the *greatness of their stumbling block*,  
[See 2 Ne. 28:29,30; 3 Ne. 26:9,10; Morm. 8:12; D&C 84:55-57; Isa. 66:3b,4.]  
C-1 that they have built up *many churches*; [See Rev. 17:15.]  
C-2 nevertheless, *they put down* the power and miracles of God, [See 2 Ne. 28:5; Morm. 8:26.]  
B and preach up unto themselves *their own wisdom* and *their own learning*, [See 2 Nephi 28:26,31.]  
A that they may *get gain* and *grind upon the face of the poor*.  
[See Matt. 25:34-46; Alma 34:28,29 = Isa. 10:2,3; Ezk. 22:7,18,29,25; 34:2,10; Jer. 23:1,2,11,19 = D&C 112:24-26.]