

II Nephi 28 Chiasm

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- v1 **a** And now, behold, *my brethren*,
 b I have spoken unto you, according *as the Spirit hath constrained me*,
 c wherefore, I know that they **must surely come to pass**.
v2 **I** **c** And the things which shall be **written out of the book**
 b shall be of *great worth* unto the children of men,
 a and especially unto *our seed*, which is *a remnant of the house of Israel*.
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- v3 **a-1** For it shall come to pass in that day that the churches which are built up,
 a-2 and not unto the Lord,
 b-1 when the one shall say unto the other:
 b-2 Behold, I, I am the Lord's;
 b-1 and the others shall say:
 b-2 I, I am the Lord's;
 a-1 and thus shall every one say that hath built up churches,
 a-2 and not unto the Lord--

[ties to chiasm above]

- v4 • And they shall *contend* one with another; **[see a-1,2/a-1',2']**
 • and their priests shall *contend* one with another, **[see b-1,2/b-1',2']**

[ties to the following chiasm]

- and they shall *teach with their learning*, **[see c/c']**
• and deny the Holy Ghost, which giveth utterance. **[see a/a']**

- v5 **a** And they deny the power of God, the Holy One of Israel;
 b and they say unto the people:
 c Hearken unto us, and hear ye our precept;

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- d** for behold *there is no God today*,
 e for the Lord and the Redeemer **hath done his work**,

d and *he hath given his power unto men*;

- v6 **c** Behold, hearken ye unto my precept;
 b if they shall say
 a there is a **miracle** wrought by the hand of the Lord, **believe it not**, for this day he is
 not a God of miracles;

[ties to the above chiasm]

- he hath done his work. **[see focus, e]**

[ties to the following chiasm]

- v7 Yea, and there shall be many which shall say:
 • Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die; **[see A-1]**
 • and it shall be well with us. **[see A-2]**

- v8 And there shall also be many which shall say:
A-1 1. Eat, drink, and be merry; 2. nevertheless, fear God--3. he will justify in committing a little sin; 4. yea, lie a little, 5. take the advantage of one because of his words, 6. dig a pit for thy neighbor; there is no harm in this; and 7. do all these things, for tomorrow we die;
A-2 and if it so be that we are guilty, God will beat us with a few stripes, and at last we shall be *saved in the kingdom of God*.
- v9 **B** Yea, and there shall be many which shall teach after this manner,
C false and vain and *foolish doctrines*,
D and shall be puffed up in their hearts,
E and shall seek deep to hide their counsels from the Lord;
- v10 ***F (a)** and their works shall be ***in the dark***. **(b)** And the blood of the saints shall cry from the ground against them.
- v11 **G-1** Yea, they have all gone out of the way;
G-2 they have become ***corrupted***.
- v12 **H** Because of pride, and because of *false teachers*, and *false doctrine*,
their churches have become *corrupted*,
I and their churches are lifted up;
J because of pride they are puffed up.
K They rob the poor because of their fine sanctuaries;
K they rob the poor because of their fine clothing;
K and they persecute the meek and the poor in heart,
J because in their pride they are puffed up.
- v13 **III**
- v14 **I** They wear stiff necks and high heads;
H yea, and because of pride, and *wickedness*, and *abominations*, and *whoredoms*,
G-1 they have all gone astray
G-2 save it be a few, who are the ***humble followers of Christ***,

[**overlap #1:** (same as A below)]

F (1)** nevertheless, they are led, that in many instances they do ***err (2) because they are taught by the precepts of men.

[**overlap #2:** (same as B below)]

- v15 **E** O the wise, and the learned, and the rich,
D that are puffed up in the pride of their hearts, and
C all those who preach false doctrines,
B and all those who commit whoredoms, and pervert the right way of the Lord
A-1 wo, wo, wo be unto them, saith the Lord God Almighty,
A-2 for they shall be thrust down to hell!

[overlap #1: (28:14)]

A nevertheless, they are led, that in many instances they do err because they are taught by the precepts of men.

IV**[overlap #2: (28:15)]**

B O **1.** the wise, and **2.** the learned, and **3.** the rich, **4.** that are puffed up in the pride of their hearts, and **5.** all those who preach false doctrines, and **6.** all those who commit whoredoms, and **7.** pervert the right way of the Lord, wo, wo, wo be unto them, saith the Lord God Almighty, for they shall be thrust down to hell! [Numbers are for counting, not correlation.]

v16

C-1 Wo unto them that turn aside the just for a thing of naught

C-2 and revile against that which is good, and say that is of no worth!

D-1 For the day shall come that the Lord God will speedily visit the inhabitants of the earth;

D-2 and in that day that they are fully ripe in iniquity they shall perish.

v17

E-1 But behold, if the inhabitants of the earth

E-2 shall repent of their wickedness and abominations they shall not be destroyed, saith the Lord of Hosts.

v18

F-1 But behold, that great and abominable church,

F-1 the whore of all the earth,

F-2 must tumble to the earth,

G and **great**

V

G must be the **fall** thereof. [See focal element, D, of 2 Nephi 26:1-9 chiasm.]

v19

F-1 For the kingdom of the devil

F-2 must shake,

E-1 and they which belong to it

E-2 must needs be stirred up unto repentance,

D-1 or the devil will grasp them with his everlasting chains,

D-2 and they be stirred up to anger, and perish;

v20

C-1 For behold, at that day shall he rage in the hearts of the children of men,

C-2 and stir them up to anger against that which is good.

[From A₂A₃B in III below (e,f,g of A and A'; and a/a' of B)]

v21-23

B ...and thus **1.** the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell.... (28:21) And thus **2.** he whispereth in their ears, until he grasps them with his awful chains, **3.** from whence there is no deliverance.... (28:22) Yea, **4.** they are grasped with death, **5.** and hell..**6.** even a lake of fire and brimstone, **7.** which is endless torment. (28:23) [Numbers are for counting, not correlation]

IV**[From Chiasm II below (B-2 and B-2')]**

v26,31

A Yea, wo be unto him that hearkeneth unto the precepts of men.... (28:26) Cursed is he that putteth his trust in man, or maketh flesh his arm, or shall hearken unto the precepts of men.... (28:31)

v21 a And others will he pacify,
 b and *lull them away into carnal security,*
 c that they will say:
 A d All is well in Zion; yea, **Zion prospereth, all is well--**
 e and thus *the devil cheateth their souls,*
 f and **leadeth them away carefully**
 g *down to hell.*

v22 a And behold, others he flattereth away,
 b and *telleth them there is no hell,*
 c and he saith unto them:
 A d **I am no devil, for there is none--**
 e and thus *he whispereth in their ears,*
 f *until he grasps them with his awful chains,*
 g from whence there is *no deliverance.*

III

v23 a Yea, they are grasped with *death,*
 a *and hell;*
 b and *death, and hell, and the devil,*
 c and all that have been **seized** therewith
 B d must **stand before the throne of God,**
 d and be **judged according to their works,**
 c from whence **they must go**
 b into *the place prepared for them,*
 a even a *lake of fire and brimstone,*
 a which is *endless torment.*

[overlap #3: (28:24,25)]

v24 A Therefore, **wo be unto him** that is **at ease in Zion!**

v25 A **Wo be unto him** that crieth: **All is well!**

II Nephi 28:32

- **Wo be unto the Gentiles,**
- a saith the Lord God of Hosts!
 - b-1 For notwithstanding I shall lengthen out mine arm unto them
 - b-2 from day to day,
 - c they will **deny me;**
 - d nevertheless, *I will be merciful* unto them,
 - e saith the Lord God,
 - d *if they will repent*
 - c and **come unto me;**
 - b-1 for mine arm is lengthened out
 - b-2 *all the day long*
 - a saith the Lord God of Hosts.

[overlap #3: (28:24,25)]

- v24 A • Therefore, wo be unto him that is **at ease in Zion!**
v25 • Wo be unto him that **crieth: All is well!**
- v26 B-1 Yea, wo be unto him
B-2 that hearkeneth unto the precepts of men,
B-3 and **denieth** the power of God, and the gift of the Holy Ghost!
- v27 C-a Yea, wo be unto him that saith: We have received, and we need no more!
v28 C-b And in fine, wo unto all those who tremble,
C-c and are **angry because of the truth of God!**
C-d For behold, he that is **built upon the rock**
C-d **receiveth it with gladness;**
C-c and he that is built upon a **sandy foundation**
C-b trembleth lest he shall fall.
- v29 II C-a Wo be unto him that shall say: We have received the word of God, and
we need no more of the word of God,
C-a for we have enough!
- v30 C-b For behold, thus saith the Lord God: I will give unto the children of
men
C-c **line upon line,**
C-c **precept upon precept,**
C-c **here a little and there a little;**
C-d and blessed are those who **hearken unto my precepts,**
C-d and **lend an ear unto my counsel,**
C-c for they shall **learn wisdom;**
C-b for **unto him that receiveth** I will give more;
C-a and from them that shall say, We have enough, *from them shall be taken away*
even that which they have.
- v31 B-1 Cursed is he
B-2 that putteth his trust in man, or maketh flesh his arm, or shall hearken unto
the precepts of men,
B-3 save their precepts shall be **given** by the power of the Holy Ghost.
- v32 A a Wo be unto the Gentiles, saith the Lord God of Hosts!
b For notwithstanding I shall *lengthen out* **mine arm** *unto them*
b *from day to day,*
a **they will deny me;**

a-1 nevertheless, *I will be merciful* unto them,

a-2 saith the Lord God,

b *if they will repent*

b and **come unto me;**

a-1 for *mine arm is lengthened out all the day long,*

a-2 saith the Lord God of Hosts.
