

# Alma 26 Chiasm B

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- v16 A Therefore, let us *glory*,  
A yea, we will *glory* in the Lord;  
A yea, we will *rejoice*, for our joy is full;  
A yea, we will *praise our God* forever.  
A Behold, who can *glory* too much in the Lord?  
B Yea, who can say too much of his great power, and of his mercy, and of his long-suffering towards *the children of men*? Behold, I say unto you, I cannot say the smallest part which I feel.
- v17 B Who could have supposed that our God would have been so merciful as to have snatched us from our awful, sinful, and polluted state?
- v18 C Behold, we went forth even in wrath, with mighty threatenings to destroy his church.
- v19 D Oh then, why did he not consign us to an awful destruction,  
D yea, why did he not let the sword of his justice fall upon us, and doom us to eternal despair?
- v20 E-1 Oh, my soul, almost as it were, *fleeth at the thought*.  
E-2 Behold, he did not exercise his justice upon us,  
E-2 but in his *great mercy* hath brought us over that everlasting gulf of death and misery,  
E-2 even to the salvation of our souls.
- v21 F-1 And now behold, my brethren, what natural man is there that knoweth these things?  
F-2 I say unto you, there is none that knoweth these things, save it be the *penitent*.
- v22 F(3) Yea, he that repenteth and exerciseth faith, and bringeth forth good works, and prayeth continually without ceasing--  
F(4) unto such it is given to know the *mysteries of God*; yea, unto such it shall be given to reveal things which never have been revealed;  
G-1 yea, and it shall be given unto such to bring thousands of souls to repentance, even as it has been given unto us to bring these our brethren to repentance.
- v23 G-2 Now do ye remember, my brethren, that we said unto our brethren in the land of Zarahemla, we go up to the land of Nephi, to preach unto our brethren, the Lamanites, and they *laughed us to scorn*?
- v24 G-3 For they said unto us: Do ye suppose that ye can bring the Lamanites to the knowledge of the truth?  
G-4 Do ye suppose that ye can convince the Lamanites of the incorrectness of the traditions of their fathers, as *stiffnecked* a people as they are;  
G-5 whose hearts *delight in the shedding of blood*;  
G-6 whose days have been spent in the *grossest iniquity*;

## KEY

### WORD/PHRASE SET MATCHES:

- ! Double Und. = identical, rare
- ! Underlined = word-for-word
- ! Und. Ital. = synonymous
- ! *Italics* = similar
- ! **Bold / CAPS** = emphasis
- ! [brackets] = editorial additions

**G-7** whose ways have been the ways of a transgressor from the beginning?

**G** Now my brethren, ye remember that this was their language.

v25

**H-1** And moreover they did say: *Let us take up arms against them*, [Compare Alma 31:5]

**H-2** that we *destroy them* and their iniquity out of the land,

**H-3** lest they *overrun* us and *destroy* us.

v26

**H-4** But behold, my beloved brethren, we came into the wilderness *not with the intent to destroy* our brethren,

**H-5** but with the intent that perhaps we might save some few of their souls.

v27

**I(1)** Now when *our hearts were depressed*,

**I(2)** and we were *about to turn back*,

**I(3)** behold, *the Lord comforted us*,

**J-1** and said: *Go amongst thy brethren, the Lamanites,*

**J-2** and *bear with patience thine afflictions*,

**J-3** and I WILL GIVE UNTO YOU **SUCCESS**.

v28

**J-1** And now behold, *we have come*, and been forth amongst them;

**J-2** and *we have been patient in our sufferings*,

**J-3** and *we have suffered every privation*;

**I(2)** yea, *we have traveled from house to house*,

**I(1)** relying upon the *mercies of the world--*

**I(3)** not upon the mercies of the world alone but upon the *mercies of God*.

v29

**H-1** And we have entered into their houses and taught them,

**H-1** and we have taught them in their streets;

**H-1** yea, and we have taught them upon their hills;

**H-1** and we have also entered into their temples and their synagogues and taught them;

**H-2** and we have been cast out, and *mocked*, and *spit upon*, and *smote upon our cheeks*; and we have been *stoned*, and taken and *bound with strong cords*, and *cast into prison*; [Messianic]

**H-3** and through the power and wisdom of God *we have been delivered* again.

v30

**H-4** And we have *suffered all manner of afflictions*,

**H-5** and all this, that perhaps we might be the means of saving some soul;

**H-5** and we supposed that our joy would be full if perhaps we could be the means of saving some.

- v31 **G-1** Now behold, we can look forth and see the *fruits* of our labors; and are they few? I say unto you, Nay, they are *many*;
- G-2** yea, and we can witness of their *sincerity*,
- G-3** because of their *love* towards their brethren
- G-4** and also *towards us*.
- v32 **G-5** For behold, they had *rather sacrifice their lives than even to take the life of their enemy*;
- G-5** and they have *buried their weapons of war deep in the earth*, because of their love towards their brethren.
- v33-34 **G-6** And now behold I say unto you, has there been so *great love* in all the land? Behold, I say unto you, Nay, there has not, even among the Nephites. For behold, they would take up arms against their brethren; they would not suffer themselves to be slain.
- G-7** But behold how many of these have laid down their lives; and we know that *they have gone to their God*, because of their *love* and of their *hatred to sin*.
- v35 **F-1** Now have we not reason to rejoice? Yea, I say unto you, there never were men that had so great reason to rejoice as we, since the world began;
- F-2** yea, and my joy is carried away, even unto *boasting in my God*;
- F(4)** for he has all power, *all wisdom*, and *all understanding*; he comprehendeth *all things*, [See D&C 11:14 = focal point]
- F(3)** and he is a merciful Being, even unto *salvation*, to those who will repent and believe on his name.
- v36 **E-1** Now if this is *boasting*, even so will I boast;
- E-2** for this is my *life* and my *light*,
- E-2** my joy and my salvation,
- E-2** and my *redemption* from everlasting wo.
- D** Yea, blessed is the name of my God, who *has been mindful of this people*, who are a branch of the **tree of Israel**,
- C** and has been *lost from its body in a strange land*;
- C** yea, I say, blessed be the name of my God, who has been mindful of us, *wanderers in a strange land*.
- v37 **B** Now my brethren, we see that God is mindful of *every people*, whatsoever land they may be in; yea, he numbereth his people, and his bowels of mercy are over all the earth.
- A** Now this is my joy, and my *great thanksgiving*;
- A** yea, and I will give thanks unto my God forever.
- Amen.