

I Nephi 2:15-24 = Exodus 3:1-20 Parallel

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(Commission: Lehi's vision and Moses' visitation)

1 Nephi 2:15-24

Exodus 3:1-20

- A** v15 And my father dwelt in a tent.
- B** v16 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, being exceedingly young, nevertheless being large in stature,
- C** and also *having great desires to know of the mysteries of God*, wherefore, *I did cry unto the Lord*; [Compare 1 Ne. 18:3: "And I, Nephi, did go into the mount oft, and I did pray oft unto the Lord; wherefore the Lord showed unto me great things."]
- D** and behold *HE DID VISIT ME*,
- E** and did *soften my heart*
- F** that I did believe all the words which had been spoken by my father;
- G**
- wherefore, *I*
 - *did not rebel* against him like unto my brothers.
 - v17 And I spake unto Sam, making known unto him the things which the Lord had manifested unto me by his Holy Spirit. And it came to pass that he
 - *believed in my words*.
 - v18 But, behold, Laman and Lemuel
 - *would not hearken unto my words*;
- v1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian:
- and he led the flock to the backside of the desert,
- and *came to the mountain of God*, even to Horeb.
- v2 And *the angel of the LORD appeared unto him* in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.
- v3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.
- v4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.
- v5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for *the place whereon thou standest is holy ground*.
- v6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.
- And Moses
 - *hid* his face; for he was *afraid to look upon God*.

○ and being grieved because of the hardness of their hearts I cried unto the Lord for them.

III v19 And it came to pass that the Lord *spake unto me, saying:*

II *Blessed* art thou, Nephi, because of thy faith,

J for thou *hast sought me diligently,*

K with lowliness of heart.

L v20 And *Inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments,*
[D&C 93:1: "...Every soul who...keepeth my commandments..."]

M ye shall *prosper,*

N and shall be led

○ to a land of promise;

P yea, even a land *which I have prepared* for you;

Q yea, a land which is *choice above all other lands.*

R a v21 And *inasmuch as*
b thy brethren¹
c shall rebel
d against thee,
e *they* shall be *cut off from the presence of the Lord.*

S v22 And *inasmuch as* thou shalt keep my commandments, *thou shalt be made a RULER and a TEACHER over thy brethren.*

T a v23 For behold, *in that day that*
b they¹
c shall rebel
d against me,
e I will *curse* them even with a *sore curse,*

[omission] [Moses frequently petitioned the Lord on behalf of his people. See Numb. 14:19; Deut. 9:24-28.]

v7 And the LORD said,

I have surely seen the *affliction* of my people which are in Egypt,

and have heard their cry *by reason of their taskmasters;*

for I know their sorrows;

v8 And *I am come*
[D&C 93:1 "...shall see my face and know that I am...."]

to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians,

and to bring them up out of that land

unto a good land

and a *large,*

unto a land *flowing with milk and honey;*

unto the place of
• the Canaanites,
• and the Hittites,
• and the Amorites,
• and the Perizzites,
• and the Hivites,
• and the Jebusites.

[Compare Exo. 23:23: "For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will **cut them off.**"]

> v9 - v17a
[E - E' of EXODUS 3 CHIASM]

v17b ...unto the land of
• the Canaanites,
• and the Hittites,
• and the Amorites,
• and the Perizzites,
• and the Hivites,
[Compare 1 Ne. 17:35: "...This people had **rejected every word of God,** and they **were ripe in iniquity...**; and the Lord did **curse** the land against them...." See also Deut. 9:5]

U and *they shall have **no power over thy seed***

V a *except*
b they² ["thy seed"]
c shall rebel
d against me also.
a v24 And *if it so be*
b that they²
c rebel
d against me,

W they shall be *a scourge* unto thy seed,

X to *stir them up*

Y *in the ways of REMEMBRANCE.*

[See Alma 5:6: "...Have you sufficiently retained in **remembrance** the **captivity** of your fathers?" Also, Alma 29:11,12: "I have always **remembered** the **captivity** of my fathers; and that same God who **delivered** them out of bondage."; Also, Alma 36:2,30: "I would that ye should do as I have done, in **remembering** the **captivity** of our fathers...."]

• and the Jebusites,

unto *a land flowing with **milk and honey.***

v18 And they shall hearken to thy voice:
[Labels and highlighting correspond to EXODUS 3 CHIASM:]
E(3) and thou shalt come,
E(4) • *thou and the elders of Israel,*
• *unto the king of Egypt,*
H-2; J and ye shall say unto him,
H-3; L *The LORD God of the Hebrews*
H-4; I; E(1) hath met with us:
H-1 and K [also link]
E(5) and now let us go, we beseech thee,
three days' journey into the
wilderness,
F; G that we may sacrifice to the LORD
our God.

[all chiasmic phrases from v9-v17a accounted for except E(2)]

v19 And I am sure that the king of Egypt will **not let you go**, no, not by a mighty hand.

v20 And I will *stretch out my hand*, and *smite* Egypt with all my *wonders* which I will do in the midst thereof:

and *after that he will LET YOU GO.*

[See Deut. 15:15: "And thou shalt **remember** that thou wast a **bondman** in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God **redeemed** thee." Also, Deut. 6:21.]

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- ! *Italics* = similar
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