

Hebrews 12 = II Nephi 9:17-38 PARALLEL

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Introductory Note: More than a decade ago, when I was teaching at the LDS Missionary Training Center, I discovered a strong cross reference between Hebrews 12:2 and 2 Nephi 9:18. Running across this scripture a couple of nights ago, having since discovered a huge parallel that courses the length of the Second Book of Nephi, I became curious as to whether this cross reference I had found back then was actually but one small part of a larger parallel between these two books of scripture. What follows shows that indeed the parallel is far more extensive. And, I would add, what is shown below is probably not complete. I can see that prior to the beginning below, there are some opposite matches, so at least the parallel can be pushed one or two verses into Hebrews 11, which probably means the parallel goes on much further. This is probably just the tip of the ice burg.

Hebrews 12

2 Nephi 9:17-38

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great

a cloud [e.g. glory of the Lord (Isa. 6:4.)]

of witnesses,

let us lay aside every weight,

and the sin which doth so easily beset us,

and let us run with patience

the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto

- Jesus
- the author and finisher of our faith;

who . . . [see excerpt below]

endured the cross,

despising the shame,

and is set down at the right hand

of the throne of God.

- a** ...for the joy [excerpt from above]
b that was set before him...

17 O the greatness and the justice

of our God!

- For he executeth all his words,
- and they have gone forth out of his mouth,

and his law must be fulfilled.

18 But, behold, the righteous,

the saints

of the Holy One of Israel,

they who have believed in

the Holy One of Israel,

they who

have endured the crosses of the world,

and despised the shame of it,

they shall inherit

the kingdom of God,

- b** which was prepared for them from the foundation of the world,
a and their joy shall be full forever.

3 For consider him that *endured such contradiction of sinners against himself*,

- lest ye be *wearied*
- and *faint* in your minds.

4 Ye have not yet *resisted* unto blood, *striving against sin*.

5 And *ye have forgotten*

the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children,

My son, *despise not thou the chastening of the Lord*,

nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth,

and scourgeth

every

son

whom he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening,

God dealeth with you

as with sons;

for what son is he

- whom the father *chasteneth* not?
- 8 But if ye be without *chastisement*,

whereof all are *partakers*,

19 *O the greatness of the mercy of our God, the Holy One of Israel!*

For he *delivereth his saints*

from *that awful monster the devil, and death, and hell, and that lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment*.

20 *O how great the holiness of our God!*

For *he knoweth all things, and there is not anything save he knows it*.

21 And *he cometh into the world that he may save all men*

if they will hearken unto his voice;

for behold, he suffereth the pains of all men,

yea, the pains

of every

living creature, both

S men,

S women,

S and children,

who belong to the family of Adam.

22 And he suffereth this

that the resurrection might pass upon

all men,

that all

might *stand before him at the great and judgment day*.

23 And he *commandeth all* men

then are ye bastards,

that they must repent,

and not sons.

and be baptized in his name,

a 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us,

b and we *gave them reverence*:

b shall we not much rather *be in subjection*

b *having perfect faith*

a in the Holy One of Israel,

a unto the Father of spirits,

and live?

or they cannot be saved in the kingdom of God.

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, *that we might be partakers of his holiness*.

24 And if they will not *repent* and *believe in his name*, and *be baptized* in his name, and *endure to the end*, they must be damned; for the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, has spoken it.

11 Now no *chastening* for the present seemeth to be joyous, but *grievous*:

25 Wherefore, *he has given a law*;

nevertheless

[on the other hand]

afterward it yieldeth *the peaceable fruit*
[not the same for those who do not overcome through the rigors of faith, repentance, baptism, enduring to the end?]

and where there is no law given >>> there is no punishment;
and where there is no punishment >>> there is no condemnation;
and where there is no condemnation >>> the mercies of the Holy One of Israel have claim upon them,

of righteousness [is a gift]

because of the *atonement*;

unto *them which are exercised thereby*.

for *they are delivered by the power of him*.

12 Wherefore *lift up* [he was lifted up]

26 For *the atonement satisfieth*

the hands which hang down, [of a scale]

the demands of his justice

and *strengthen* [JST]

upon all *those who have not*

the feeble knees;
[be responsible for own sins Msh. 29:34]

the law given to them,

13 And *make straight paths for your feet*,

that they are *delivered*

lest *that which is lame*

be *turned out of the way*;

but let it rather be *healed*.

14 Follow *peace* with all men,

and *holiness*,

without which no man shall *see the Lord*:

15 Looking *diligently lest any man fail of the grace* of God;

lest any *root of bitterness springing up*

trouble you,

and thereby *many be defiled*;

16 Lest there be any *fornicator, or profane* person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat *sold his birthright*.

17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have *inherited the blessing*,

he was *rejected*:

for he found no place of *repentance*,

though he *sought it carefully with tears*.

[first provocation:]

18 For *ye are not come unto*

from *that awful monster*,

death and hell,

and the *devil*, [pray for your enemies]

and the *lake of fire and brimstone*,

which is *endless torment*;

and they are *restored to that God* who gave them breath, which is the Holy One of Israel.

27 But *wo unto him that has the law* given, yea, *that has all the commandments* of God, *like unto us*,

and that *transgresseth* them,

and that *wasteth the days of his probation*,

for *awful is his state*!

25 Wherefore, *he has given a law*; [covenant blessings]

and where there is no law given there is *no punishment*; and where there is no punishment there is *no condemnation*;

and where there is no *condemnation* the mercies of the Holy One of Israel have claim upon them,

because of the *atonement*; for they are *delivered* by the power of him.

26 For the atonement *satisfieth* the demands of his justice upon all those who have not the law given to them,

[offer of salvation:]

that *they are delivered from*

the mount [Sanai] that might be touched,
and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness,
and darkness, and tempest, 19 And the sound
of a trumpet,

- a and ***the voice*** of words;
- a which ***voice*** they that heard
- b *entreated that the word should not be
spoken to them any more:*
- c 20 (For they *could not endure*
- d that which was commanded,

And if *so much as a beast touch* the mountain,

- S it shall be stoned,
- S or thrust through with a dart:

21 And so terrible
was *the sight*,
that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

[Riches of God that are in store:]

22 But ye are come unto mount Sion,
and unto the city
of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem,
and to an innumerable company of angels,
23 To the general assembly and church of the
firstborn,

that awful monster,
death and hell, and the devil, and the lake of
fire and brimstone, which is endless torment;

- b and they are ***restored*** to
- a that ***God*** who gave them breath,
- a which is ***the Holy One of Israel***.
- c 27 But wo unto him that has
- d the law given,
- c yea, that has
- d all the commandments of God, like
unto us,

and that *transgresseth* them,
and that *wasteth* the days of his probation,

for awful
is *his state!*

28 O that cunning plan of the evil one!

[Contrast the Riches of man:]

O the vainness, and the frailties, and the
foolishness of men!
When they are learned they think they are
wise,
and they hearken not unto ***the counsel of God***,
for they set it aside,
supposing they know of themselves,
wherefore, their wisdom is foolishness

which are written in heaven,

and to *God the Judge of all*,

and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant,

and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things

than that of Abel.

25 See that ye refuse not

him that speaketh.

For if they escaped not

who *refused*

[rejected]

him that spake on earth,

much more shall not we escape,

if we turn away from him

• that speaketh from heaven:

• 26 Whose voice

then shook the earth:

but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also *heaven*.

27 And **this word**, Yet once more, signifieth the *removing of those things* that are shaken,

as of things that are made,

and it profiteth them not. And they shall perish.

29 But *to be learned is good*

if they hearken

unto the counsels of God.

- 30 But wo unto the rich,
- who are rich as to the things of the world.
- For because they are rich

S they *despise the poor*,

S and they *persecute the meek*,

and their hearts are upon

their treasures;

wherefore,

their treasure

[embraced]

is their God.

And behold, their treasure shall perish with them also.

31 And wo unto *the deaf*

that will not hear;

for they shall perish.

32 Wo unto *the blind* that *will not see*; for they shall perish also.

33 Wo unto the *uncircumcised of heart*, for **a knowledge** of their iniquities shall smite them

at the last day.

[height of Babylon's glory]

that those things which *cannot be shaken*
[e.g. the truth]

may *remain*.

28 Wherefore we *receiving a kingdom*

which cannot be moved,
[built on a rock]

let us have grace,
[there is no name other than
Jesus Christ whereby man can be saved]

whereby *we may serve God acceptably*

with reverence and godly fear:

29 For our God is a consuming fire
[...whose fire can purge all stain, but which will likewise
wrack every soul who refuses such a gift, while filling the
righteous with praise, glorying in his presence.]

34 Wo unto the *liar*,

for he shall be *thrust down* to hell.

35 Wo unto *the murderer who deliberately
killeth*,

[The secret combinations through time have followed the
Mahan principle by which they obtained kingdoms
through murder and intrigue (Ether 8:9)]

for he shall die.
[built on sand]

36 Wo unto them who commit whoredoms,
for they shall be thrust down to hell.
[the Lord only is to be the husband of the church/bride]

37 Yea, wo unto *those that worship idols*,

for *the devil of all devils delighteth in them*.

38 And, in fine, wo unto all those who die in
their sins; for they shall return to God, and
behold his face, and remain in their sins.