

CHIASM OF ALMA 17

A	YOU NEED TO KNOW LISTEN TO MY WORDS	17:1 My son give ear to my words
B	KEEP COMMANDMENTS, PROSPER	For I swear unto you that inasmuch as ye shall keep the commandments of God ye shall prosper in the land
C	REMEMBER CAPTIVITY OF NEPHITE FATHERS	17:2 I would that ye should do as I have done in remembering the captivity of our fathers
D	BONDAGE, THE ALMIGHTY GOD ONLY COULD SAVE	For they were in bondage and none could deliver them except it was the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob And He surely did deliver them in their afflictions
A'	(SPEAKING TO SON IN HIS YOUTH) LISTEN TO MY WORDS	17:3 And now O my son Helaman behold thou art in thy youth And therefore I beseech of thee that thou wilt hear my words and learn of me
E	YOU WILL BE SUPPORTED	For I do know that whosoever shall put his trust in God shall be supported in their trials and their troubles and their afflictions and shall be lifted up at the last day
INTERNAL CHIASM (F)	DO NOT KNOW OF MYSELF	17:4 And I would not that ye think that I know of myself not of the temporal but of the spiritual not of the carnal mind but of God
	BORN OF GOD, HEART CHANGED	17:5 Now behold I say unto you if I had not been born of God I should not have known these things
	HIS HOLY ANGEL MADE KNOWN (THIS IS THE LORD GOD)	But God hath by the mouth of His holy angel made these things known unto me
		Not of any worthiness of myself
	LABORED TO DESTROY THE	For I went about with the sons of Mosiah seeking to destroy the church of God
BREAKING DOWN CHURCH (G) INTERNAL CHIASM		But behold God sent His holy angel to stop us by the way
		17:6 And behold he spake unto us as it were the voice of thunder
		And the whole earth did tremble beneath our feet
	WE FELL	And we all fell to the earth for the fear of the Lord came upon us
	COMMANDED TO RISE	17:7 But behold the voice said unto me Arise
	ROSE UP	And I arose and stood up and beheld the angel
	IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE	And he said unto me if thou wilt of thyself be destroyed
	DO NOT DESTROY CHURCH	seek no more to destroy the church of God
	FELL TO THE EARTH	17:8 And it came to pass that I fell to the earth
		And it was for the space of three days and three nights that I could not open my mouth
	neither had I the use of my limbs	
	17:9 And the angel spake more things unto me which were heard by my brethren	
DID NOT HEAR WORDS	but I did not hear them	
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE DESTROYED	For when I heard the words if thou wilt be destroyed of thyself	
DO NOT DESTROY CHURCH	seek no more to destroy the church of God	
COULD I BE DESTROYED	I was struck with such great fear and amazement lest perhaps that I should be destroyed	
	that I fell to the earth and I did hear no more	
RACKED WITH ETERNAL TORMENT	17:10 But I was racked with eternal torment	
SOUL WAS RACKED	for my soul was harrowed up to the greatest degree and racked with all my sins	
	Yea I did remember all my sins and iniquities	
TORMENTED WITH PAIN OF HELL	for which I was tormented with the pains of hell	
NOT BORN AGAIN, THEREFORE REBELLED	17:11 Yea I saw that I had rebelled against my God and that I had not kept His holy commandments	
	Yea and I had murdered many of His children or rather led them away unto destruction	
WITNESSES ETERNAL PAIN	SOUL RACKED, COMING INTO PRESENCE	17:12 Yea and in fine so great had been my iniquities that the very thoughts of coming into the presence of my God did rack my soul with inexpressible horror
		17:13 O thought I that I could be banished and become extinct
	SOUL BODY TO BECOME BANISHED EXTINGUISHED	both soul and body
	COME INTO PRESENCE, HE JUDGES	That I might not be brought to stand in the presence of my God to be judged of my deeds
	3 DAYS	17:14 And now for three days and for three nights was I racked even with the pains of a damned soul
	RACKED WITH TORMENT	17:15 And it came to pass that as I was thus racked with torment
	HARROWED	
	IN PAIN, CONSIDERS JESUS	while I was harrowed up by the memory of my many sins Behold I remembered also to have heard my father prophesy unto the people concerning the coming of one Jesus Christ a Son of God to atone for the sins of the world
		17:16 Now as my mind caught hold upon this thought
CENTER	HAVE MERCY ON ME, BITTERNESS INSTEAD OF JOY	I cried within my heart O Jesus Thou Son of God have mercy on me who art in the gall of bitterness and art encircled about by the everlasting chains of death
	CALLS ON JESUS, PAIN GONE	17:17 And now behold when I thought this I could remember my pains no more
	MEMORY OF SIN GONE, HARROWED NO MORE	Yea I was harrowed up by the memory of my sins no more
	JOY INSTEAD OF BITTERNESS	17:18 And O what joy and what marvelous light I did behold
	SOUL FILLED EXCEEDING	Yea my soul was filled with joy as exceeding as was my pain
	COUNTERS EXQUISITE EXTENT OF PAIN	Yea I say unto you my son that there can be nothing so exquisite and so bitter as were my pains
		17:19 Yea and again I say unto you my son
	NOTHING AS SWEET AS HIS JOY	that on the other hand there can be nothing so exquisite and sweet as was my joy
		17:20 Yea and methought I saw even as our father Lehi saw
WITNESSES ETERNAL JOY	WITNESSED ETERNAL HAPPINESS	God sitting upon His throne surrounded with numberless concourses of angels in the attitude of singing and praising their God
		Yea and my soul did long to be there
		17:21 But behold my limbs did receive their strength again
	MY HEART CHANGED, BORN AGAIN	And I stood upon my feet and did manifest unto the people that I had been born of God
		17:22 Yea and from that time even until now
	LABORED TO BUILD UP THE CHURCH	I have labored without ceasing that I might bring souls unto repentance
	TO SHARE IN THE JOY	That I might bring them to taste of the exceeding joy of which I did taste
	SO ALL MAY BE BORN OF GOD	That they might also be born of God and be filled with the Holy Ghost
		17:23 Yea and now behold O my son
	MANY HAVE BEEN BORN, CHANGED	The Lord doth give me exceeding great joy in the fruits of my labors
	Behold many hath been born of God	
	and hath tasted	
	as I have tasted	
	and hath seen eye to eye	
	as I have seen	
F	KNOWLEDGE CAME FROM GOD (THE ANGEL OF THE LORD)	17:24 Therefore they do know of these things of which I have spoken
	as I do know And the knowledge which I have is of God	
E	I HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED	17:25 And I have been supported under trials and troubles of every kind
	yea and in all manner of afflictions	
HE DELIVERED ALMA	GOD DELIVERED ME (AS HE DELIVERED NATION)	Yea God hath delivered me from prisons and from bonds and from death
	PUT TRUST IN HIM, HE DELIVERS NOT JUDGES	Yea and I do put my trust in Him and He will still deliver me
	WILL BE RAISED FROM THE EARTH, NOT BANISHED BUT BROUGHT IN TO HIS GLORY TO LIVE FOREVER (NOT EXTINGUISHED)	17:26 And I know that He will raise me up at the last day to dwell with Him in glory
HE DELIVERED FOREFATHERS	FOREFATHERS DELIVERED FROM EGYPT	For He hath brought our fathers out of Egypt
	EGYPTIANS SWALLOWED UP IN DELIVERANCE	And He hath swallowed up the Egyptians in the Red Sea
	BROUGHT ISRAEL OUT OF BONDAGE	And He led them by His power into the Promised Land
	BROUGHT LEHI OUT OF JERUSALEM	17:27 Yea and He hath delivered them out of bondage and captivity from time to time
	Yea and He hath also brought our fathers out of the Land of Jerusalem	
B'	GOD ONLY CAN DELIVER	And He hath also by His everlasting power
CONTINUES TO DELIVER	delivered them out of bondage and captivity from time to time even down to the present day	
C'	I REMEMBER THEIR CAPTIVITY	17:28 And I have always retained in remembrance their captivity
	Yea and ye also had ought to retain in remembrance	
	as I have done	
	their captivity	
(SPEAKING TO SON IN HIS YOUTH)	17:29 But behold my son this is not all	
B'	YOU NEED TO KNOW	For ye had ought to know
	as I do know	
A'	KEEP COMMANDMENTS, PROSPER	that inasmuch as ye shall keep the commandments of God ye shall prosper in the land