

For by Grace
we are
saved....after
all we can do

A Restored Gospel Podcast
Presentation

2 Nephi 11: 40-59 (LDS: **2 Nephi 25:21-26:1**)

- Salvation....'after all we can do'....what is this about?



Video

What Does it Mean that Salvation is 'after all
we can do?'

Chiasmus....

- 2 Nephi contains chiasms are much deeper than the simple chiasm allegation from The Late War.
- Studying Chiasms emphasizes through parallelism.
- Studying Chiasms expands our knowledge and understanding of the principles.

The Late War Suggests Chiasm influenced.....

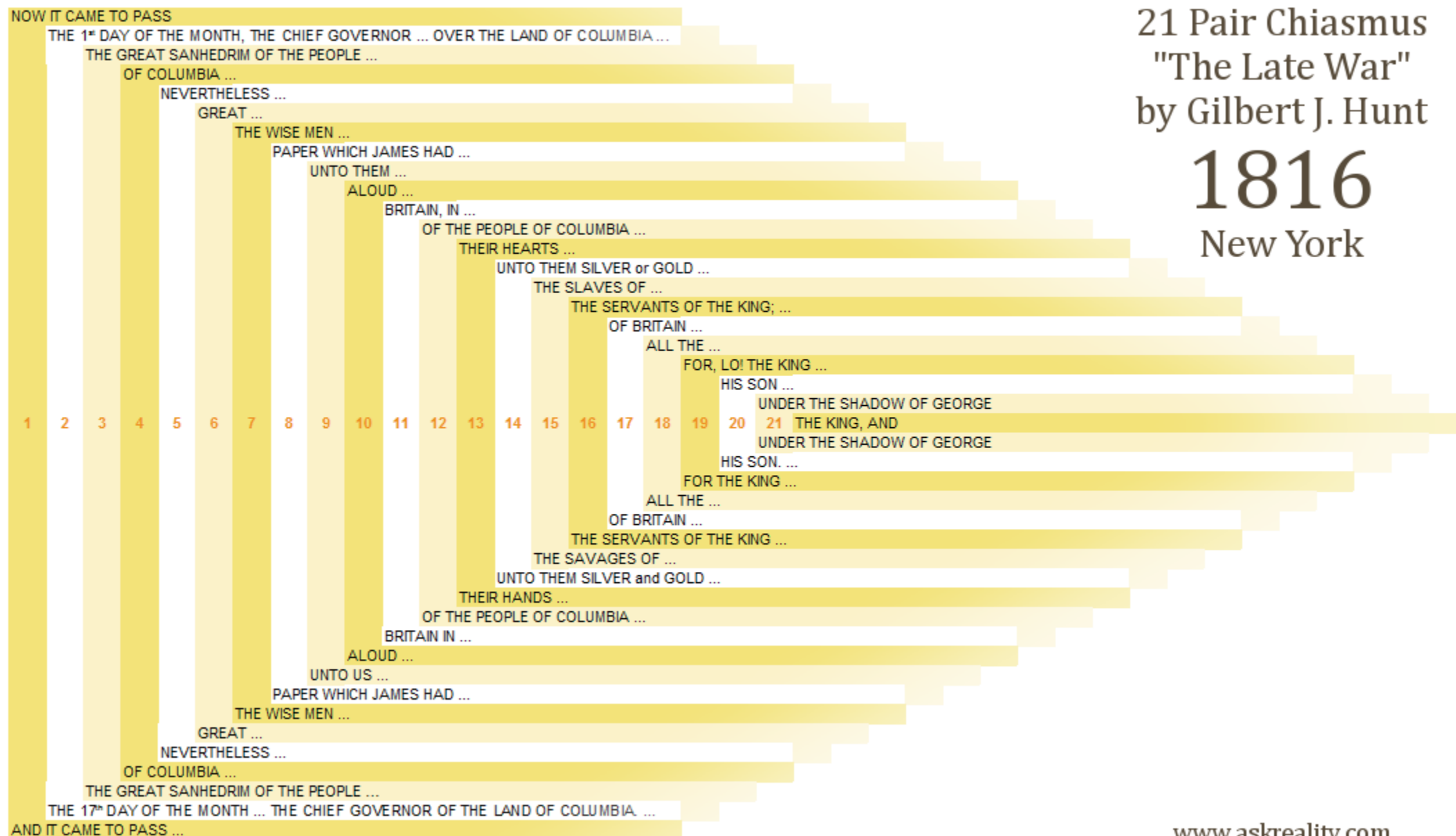
21 Pair Chiasmus

"The Late War"

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Chiasmus....

- Even if chiasm has many points (like the late war), if each point is just a similar word pair, it does not increase its complexity.

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41 Wherefore, these things shall go from generation to generation as long as the earth shall stand; And they shall go according to the will and pleasure of God;

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43 For we labor diligently to write, to persuade our children and also our brethren to believe in Christ and to be reconciled to God,

44 For we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all that we can do.

45 And notwithstanding we believe in Christ, We keep the law of Moses and look forward with steadfastness unto Christ until the law shall be fulfilled, For, for this end was the law given;

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51 And after that the law is fulfilled in Christ, that they need not harden their hearts against Him when the law had ought to be done away.

52 And now behold, my people, ye are a stiff-necked people; Wherefore, I have spoken plain unto you, that ye cannot misunderstand;

53 And the words which I have spoken shall stand as a testimony against you, For they are sufficient to teach any man the right way;

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Smaller Chiasms Verses 39-45

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B	That the promise may be fulfilled unto Joseph that his seed should never perish as long as the earth should stand.	Temporal Preservation
C	<p>41 Wherefore, these things shall go from generation to generation as long as the earth shall stand; And they shall go according to the will and pleasure of God;</p>	Teaching Temporally
X	<u>42 And the nations which shall possess them shall be judged of them,</u> according to the words which are written;	Promise, Preservation, Teaching Lead to JUDGEMENT
C`	<p>43 For we labor diligently to write, to persuade our children and also our brethren to believe in Christ and to be reconciled to God,</p>	Teaching's Purpose
B`	<p>44 For we know that it is by grace that we are saved, <u>after all that we can do.</u></p>	Preservation's Purpose
A`	<p>45 And notwithstanding we believe in Christ, <u>We keep the law of Moses.</u> And look forward with steadfastness unto Christ until the law shall be fulfilled, For, for this end was the law given;</p>	The Promise's Purpose was passed down

Smaller Chiasms Verses 45-52

A	45 And notwithstanding we believe in Christ, <u>We keep the law of Moses.</u> And look forward with steadfastness unto Christ until the law shall be fulfilled, For, for this end was the law given;	Believing in Christ without the Law	
B	46 Wherefore, the law hath become dead unto us, And we are made alive in Christ because of our faith;	Alive in Christ because of Faith	Antithetical
C	47 Yet <u>we keep the law</u> because of the commandments;	The Law by Commandment	
X	48 And we talk of Christ, We rejoice in Christ, We preach of Christ, We prophesy of Christ, And we write according to our prophecies, that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins.	Christ is the Center	Synonymous Parallelism
C`	49 Wherefore, we speak concerning the law, that our children may know the deadness of the law; 50 And they, by knowing the deadness of the law, may look forward unto that life which is in Christ and know for what end the law was given;	The Law is not Life	Anadiplosis Antithetical Parallelism and Chiasm
B`	51 And after that the law is fulfilled in Christ, that they need not harden their hearts against Him when the law had ought to be done away.	Hardened to Christ because of the Law	Anadiplosis
A`	52 And now behold, my people, ye are a stiff-necked people; Wherefore, I have spoken plain unto you, that ye cannot misunderstand;	Stiffnecked in Christ	
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B	A) 54 <u>For the right way</u> is to believe in Christ and deny Him not , B) For by denying Him ye also deny the prophets and the law .	Prophets and Law Teach the Right Way, that Christ Shall Live	Small Chiasm
C	A') 55 And now behold, I say unto you that the right way is to believe in Christ and deny Him not;	Commanded to Follow Christ	
X	B') And Christ is the Holy One of Israel.	Christ is God	
C'	<u>56 Wherefore, ye must bow down before Him and worship Him with all your might, mind and strength and your whole soul;</u> And if ye do this, ye shall in no wise be cast out;	How to Follow Christ	
B'	<u>57 And inasmuch as it shall be expedient, ye must keep the performances and ordinances of God until the law shall be fulfilled which was given unto Moses.</u>	The Right Way...We Must Obey that which we are Given	
	58 And after that Christ shall have risen from the dead, He shall show Himself unto you my children and my beloved brethren,	Don't Deny Christ Shall Live	
A'	59 And the words which He shall speak unto you shall be the law which ye shall do.	God is Law Giver	

Some Complex Chiasms require a deeper look to understand.

- This is why the word must be 'studied'
- Chiasms provide a deeper way to understand through parallel structure.
- Hebrew Chiasm uses structure to emphasize (instead of American verbiage like making 'lists' or stating 'here is the main point'....)
- My analysis is not exhaustive nor necessarily correct/finished.
- Larger chiasm suggests another way to find larger meanings.
- In general, if truth can be gleaned, is coherent, is not in conflict, it is likely true.

Larger Chiasm 39-48—First Half

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C	41 Wherefore, these things shall go from generation to generation as long as the earth shall stand; And they shall go according to the will and pleasure of God; 42 And the nations which shall possess them shall be judged of them, according to the words which are written;	JUDGEMENT
D	43 For we labor diligently to write, to persuade our children and also our brethren to believe in Christ and to be reconciled to God,	DILIGENT LABOR TO TEACH
E	44 For we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all that we can do.	WHAT SALVATION TEACHES
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Larger Chiasm 48-59—Last Half

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So what did Nephi mean when saying saved 'after all we can do?'

1. Salvation requires a Spiritual Gift AND a Human Response.
2. The Response is we must reconcile our will to Christ.
3. Judgement requires you to follow the Laws you are given.
4. Not all Laws are given to all people (The Mosaic Law only for people who lived under it, due to Israel's transgression). But they had to keep it.
5. Deeper Sin requires a 'greater' turn to reconcile the will.
6. Here is an example:

From Lamanite Conversion...

[Alma 14:33](#) (LDS: [Alma 24:11](#))

"And now behold, my brethren,
since it has been **all that we could do -
as we were the most lost of all mankind –**
to repent of **all** our sins and the many murders which **we** have
committed
and to get God to take them away from our hearts –
For it was all we could do to repent sufficiently before God
that He would take away our stain –

34 Now, my best beloved brethren, since God hath **taken away
our stains** and our swords have become bright, **then let us
stain our swords no more with the blood of our brethren.**
(Janus Parallelism on 'stain' stain of blood vs stain of sin)

35 "Behold, I say unto you,
Nay; Let us retain our swords,
that they be not stained with the blood of our brethren,

Lamanites whose hearts changed....

- What was their response in order to be reconciled?
- They buried their weapons.
- This invited certain, aggravated death. They accepted it because they would not go back on their oath.
- This is what Nephi teaches also.

[2 Nephi 7:41](#) Wherefore my beloved brethren,
reconcile yourselves to the **will of God**
and not to the **will of the devil and the flesh.**

Lamanites whose hearts changed....

- Whatever of our will that separates us from God must be laid at the altar of God.
- This is the full meaning of our human response.
- This is what he means 'after all we can do.'

For All We Can Do....

- **Means to Repent 'sufficiently.'**
- Evangelicals miss this in their understanding of the gospel. Limiting salvation to belief only, with little emphasis on repentance and turning from sin.
- The Book of Mormon teaches—requires—a turning from sin.
- This is expressed by a 'willingness' to repent.
- God helps give power in this. We are not left to our own to struggle in this.
- This repentance is what separates the wicked from the righteous.