

One Salvation

A Restored Gospel Podcast Presentation
(The Book of Mormon is NOT Mormonism)

The Book of Mormon Question:

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[Mormon 4:43](#) (LDS: [Mormon 8:33](#))

Why have ye transfigured the holy word of God,
that ye might bring damnation upon your souls?

The Book of Mormon's Salvation

- Is NOT the doctrine commonly shared by LDS/RLDS/Restoration.
- So the question.....Why have we transfigured the Holy Word of God?

The Book of Mormon Teaches:

- Salvation is either being completely restored to God or Completely separated from Him.
- There is no middle salvation
- Salvation is free.
- Salvation is not offered in degrees.
- Salvation is eternal, because the life of the soul is eternal.
- God, Jesus, The Holy Ghost do not represent various places of salvation. (But God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit are ONE GOD).
- Yes, we may not have all God's judgements BUT the Book of Mormon is clear on ETERNAL JUDGEMENT.

'Mormonism' began a twisting of this understanding of Salvation.

- It is not clear if/when the early restoration EVER taught salvation as the Book of Mormon teaches it.
- By 1832, (the VISION) as published in Independence began dominating the idea of salvation.
- Not sure why they didn't use Alma 9 instead for understanding.

The Book of Mormon already answers the
question regarding the 'Just and UnJust'

In Church History....

- Church recognizes even speaking in tongues could be of Satan.

Here is a story from Times and Seasons...

....Absalom Crichfield, testified that when he was in Jackson County, last spring the Hulet branch **said in tongues** that they would be safe during the night from any interruption by the mob,

but before morning Lyman Leonard and Josiah Summer were whipped; they also said they saw my heart and three young women in it." Brother Batson, and Alpheus Gifford concurred in much of the foregoing testimony, and also other similar circumstances in addition.

Here is a story from Times and Seasons...

..... After the counsellors [counselors] had spoken the president said, "as for the gift of tongues, in the manner they used it in the Hulet Branch, the devil deceived them, and they obtained not the word of the Lord, as they supposed but were deceived; and as for the gift of seeing, as held by the Hulet Branch, it is of the devil saith the Lord God."

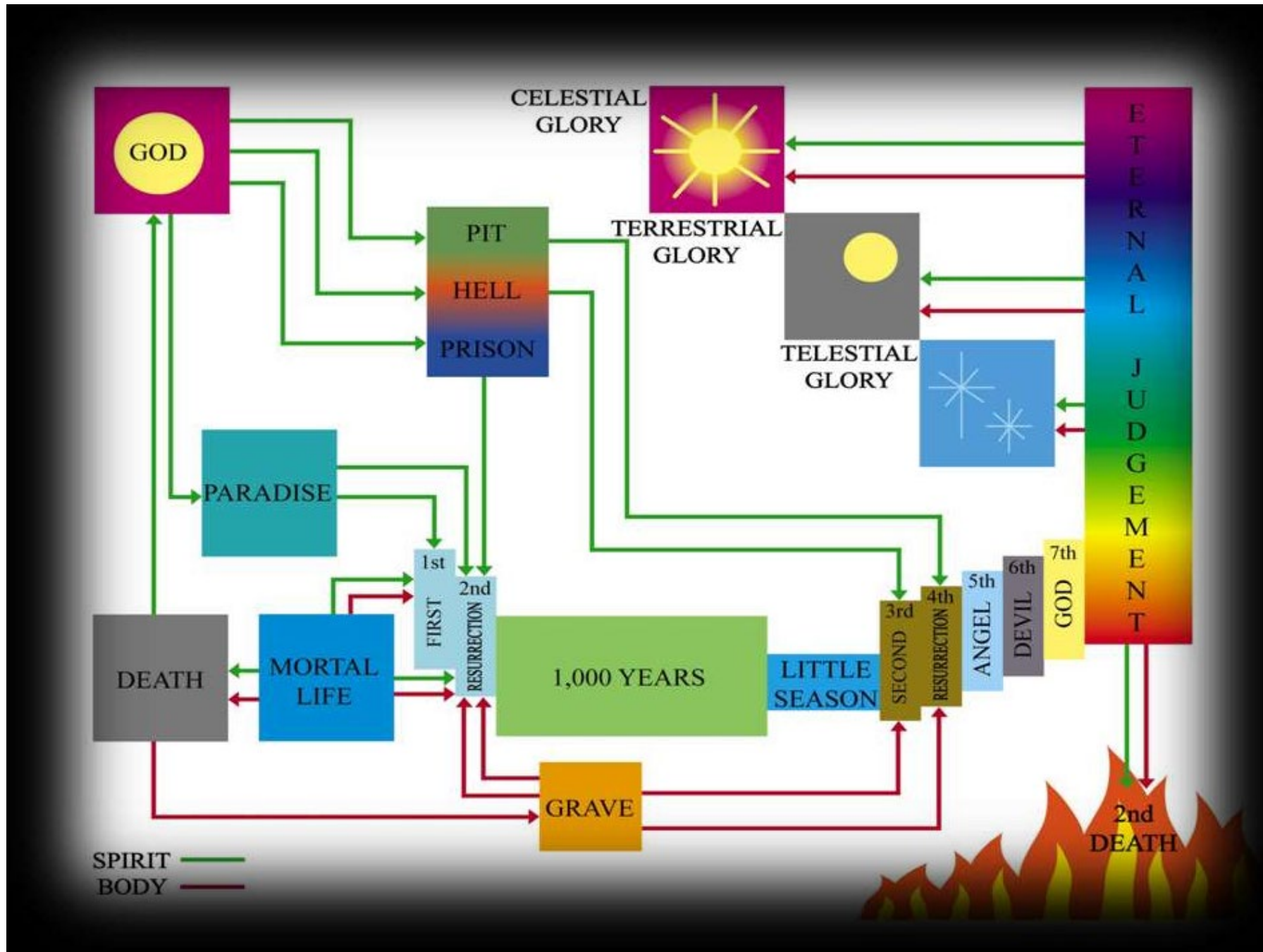
The council were unanimous in sanctioning the decision, and appointed Amasa Lyman and Simeon Carter, to go and labor with Brother Hulet and Sister Crandall [Crandal] and other of like faith, and set the truth in order before them.

I have been thus particular in giving the history of this council, as the gift of tongues is so often made use of by satan to deceive the saints.

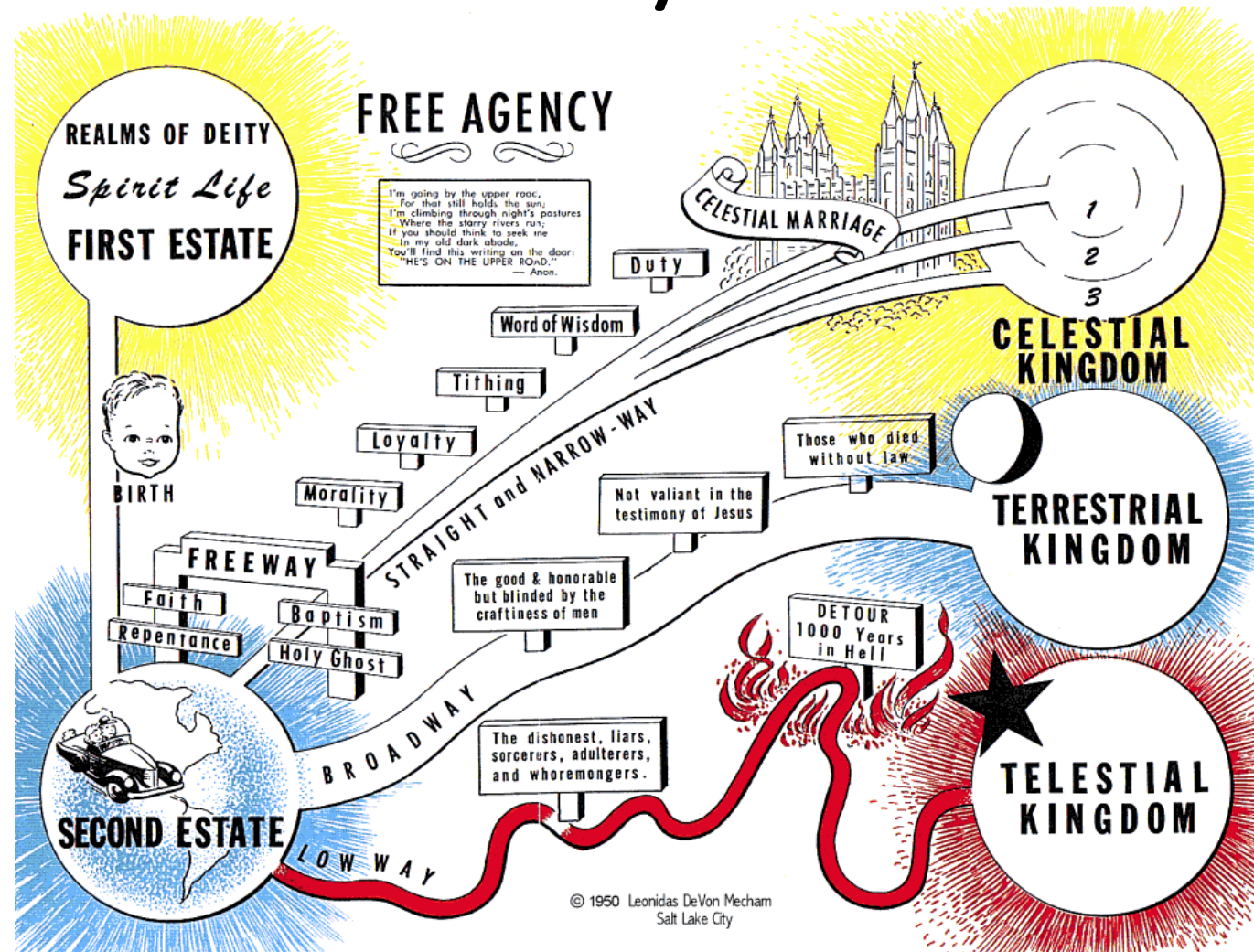
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With Everything of the Gentiles....

- We have to ask.....is it possible we Could be deceived?



Mormon view of Eternity



‘Mormonism’ further embellished...

- Adding Temple Marriage and Tithing if you wanted ‘exalted’ salvation, i.e. the highest salvation with God.
- Jesus was deemed lower than God, and the Holy Ghost lesser yet.
- These became correlated with lesser levels of salvation.
- This is why it is important to understand how The Book of Mormon teaches God, Jesus and the Holy Ghost. These are all manifestations of ONE BEING. Because there is ONE salvation only, with HIM.

The Book of Mormon Teaches Justice and Mercy

- Salvation is extended as Mercy. That is, a/the only (legal) overcoming of Justice.
- We were all under Justice, and Justice is all we will ever know unless we appeal to God for His Mercy.
- God is Elohim, the God of Creation as the God of Justice.
- He came to earth inhabiting the body of a Man, to extend Mercy (Adonai) for all who would submit to him.
- Jesus submitted to the Father to demonstrate the way for humanity. This includes (even) praying to God as Jesus.

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- The point of Jesus is that He submitted himself to the Father on EVERY POSSIBLE LEVEL, IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY.
- Jesus only calls us to do the same.
- If we don't see this, then the ACTS of JESUS will never make sense.
- JESUS did not represent a 'LESSER GLORY.' He represented the ONLY PATH TO REDEMPTION.
- Salvation was not that we would accumulate enough works to somehow MERIT Eternity with God. But that our works show the change of heart (repentance).
- Then we can call upon God and MERCY is applied because of the Infinite Atonement offered on our behalf.

Alma 9: 14-20 (LDS: [Alma 12:8-11](#))

14 And he saith unto Alma:
"What does this mean which
Amulek hath spoken concerning
the resurrection of the dead,
That all shall rise from the dead,
both the just and the unjust, and
are brought to stand before God
to be judged according to their
works?"

15 And now Alma began to
expound these things unto him,
saying: "It is given unto many to
know the mysteries of God,

16 Nevertheless, they are laid
under a strict command that
they shall not impart only
according to the portion of His
word which He doth grant unto
the children of men, according to
the heed and diligence which
they give unto Him.

17 "And therefore, he that will
harden his heart, the same
receiveth the lesser portion of
the word,

18 And he that will not harden
his heart, to him is given the
greater portion of the word until
it is given unto him to know the
mysteries of God, until they
know them in full;

19 And he that will harden his
heart, to him is given the lesser
portion of the word until they
know nothing concerning His
mysteries;

20 And then they are taken
captive by the devil and led by
his will down to destructions;

RCE vs LDS

RCE ALMA 9:

19 And **he** that will harden **his heart**, to **him** is given the lesser portion of the word until they know nothing concerning His mysteries;

20 And then they are taken captive by the devil and led by his will down to **destructions**; (PLURAL AMPLIFICATION)

LDS ALMA 12:

11 And **they** that will harden **their hearts**, to **them** is given the lesser portion of the word until they know nothing concerning his mysteries;

and then they are taken captive by the devil, and led by his will down to **destruction**. Now this is what is meant by the chains of hell.

I asked ChatGPT

- “Which verse is closer to Hebrew, the first or second verse?” Omitted the sources RCE/LDS, just provided the text.
- Here is ChatGPT response:

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The first verse, "19 And he that will harden his heart, to him is given the lesser portion of the word until they know nothing concerning His mysteries; 20 And then they are taken captive by the devil and led by his will down to destructions," appears to be more closely associated with Hebrew-style parallelism or expression.

Here's why:

Repetition with Variation: In the first verse, the phrase "And he that will harden his heart" is repeated at the beginning of both sentences, creating a parallel structure. The parallelism in Hebrew poetry often involves the repetition of an idea with slight variations for emphasis. This structure is similar to chiasmus, which is a common feature in Hebrew poetry.

Emphasis on "His Mysteries": The first verse specifies "His mysteries" as what the person knows nothing about. In Hebrew literature, the emphasis on divine mysteries and wisdom is common, and this thematic element aligns with Hebrew thought.

Repetition of "Destructions" vs. "Destruction": The use of "destructions" in the first verse as opposed to "destruction" in the second verse may indicate an intentional choice of wording for emphasis, which aligns with Hebrew parallelism.

While both verses share similarities, the first verse exhibits a more pronounced parallelism and thematic emphasis, which are often found in Hebrew literary structures.

The second verse, while similar, does not employ the same degree of parallelism and specific emphasis on "mysteries," making it slightly less characteristic of Hebrew-style expression. However, it's important to note that identifying the influence of Hebrew-style writing in these verses may be a matter of interpretation and analysis, as textual influences can be complex and multifaceted.

ChatGPT Response Continued...

The use of "he" at the beginning progressing to "they" at the end of the verse, as seen in the passage "And he that will harden his heart...And then they are taken captive by the devil," is indeed an example of parallelism. Specifically, this form of parallelism is known as "progressive parallelism," a common feature in Hebrew poetry.

In progressive parallelism, the second part of the verse contrasts with or advances the idea presented in the first part. In this case, it starts with an individual ("he") and progresses to a collective group ("they"). This progression serves to emphasize the consequences of hardening one's heart. It begins with an individual choice but ends with a broader outcome affecting many.

ChatGPT Response Continued...

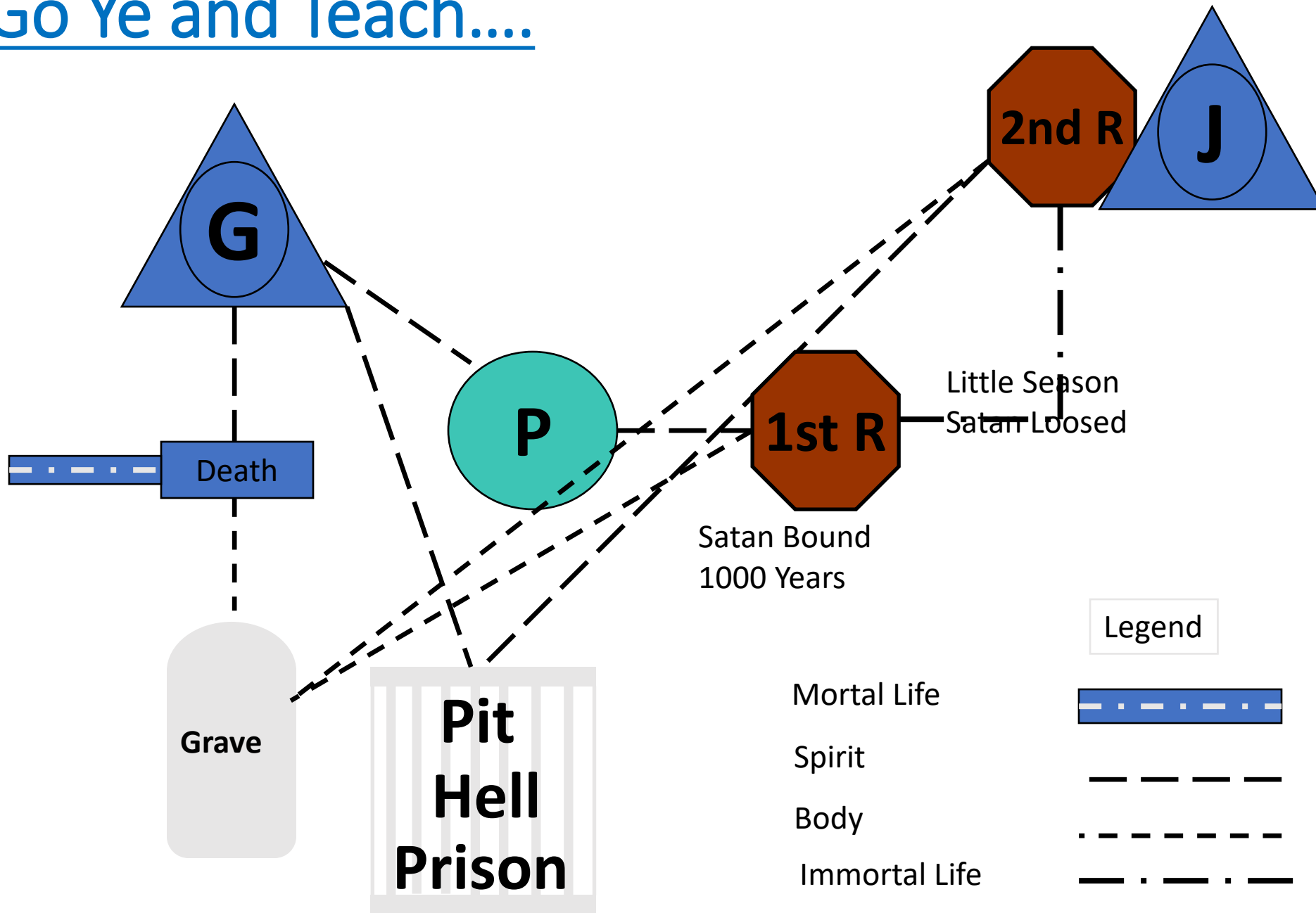
Regarding "plural amplification" such as the use of "destructions," this is a distinctive feature of Hebrew writing and parallelism.

In Hebrew poetry, the use of plural forms or amplification is employed to intensify or emphasize the concept being presented. Instead of just saying "destruction," the plural form "destructions" suggests a multiplicity or abundance of destruction, underscoring the severity of the consequence.

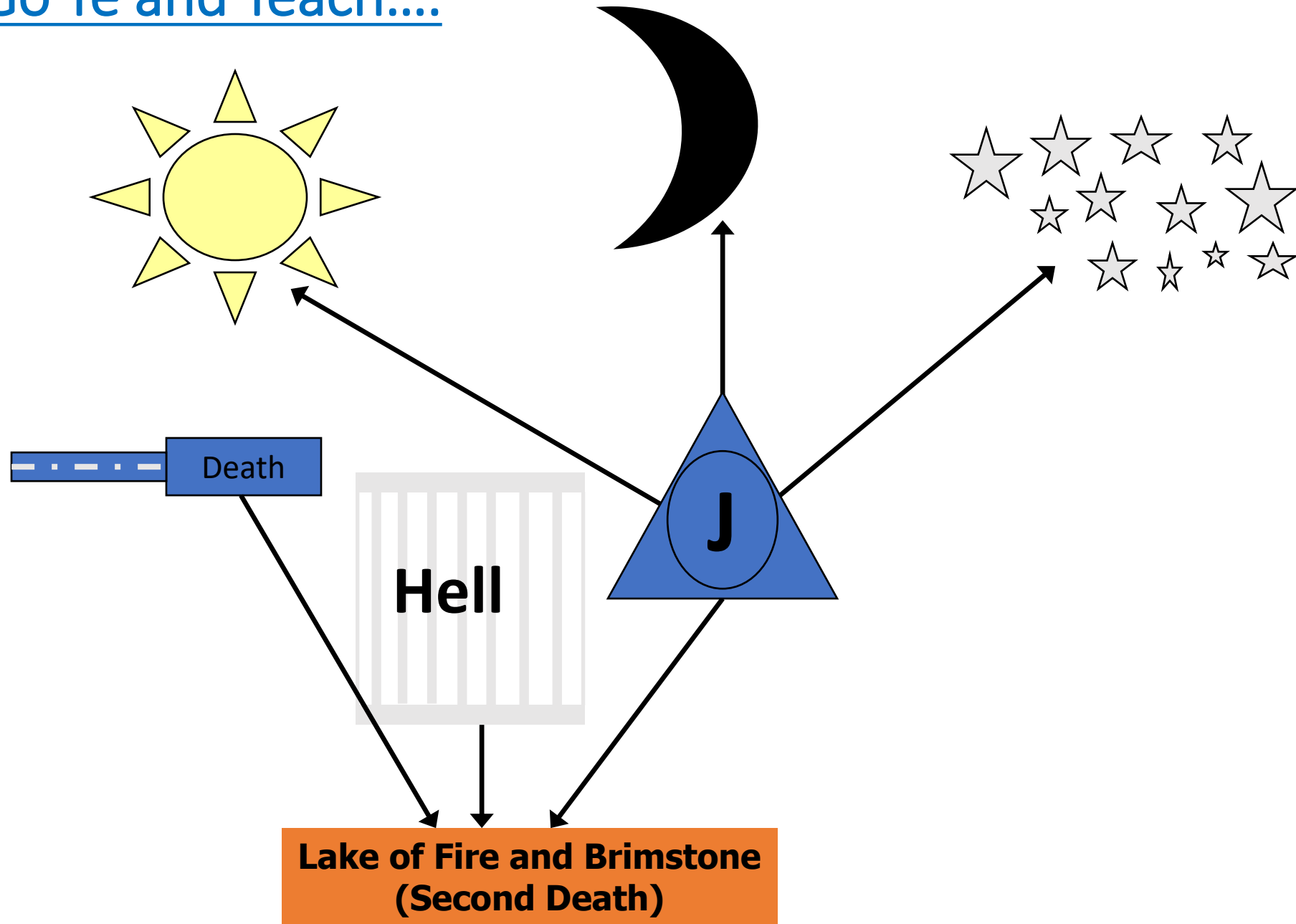
The presence of plural amplification aligns with the stylistic features commonly found in Hebrew parallelism, where repetition, variation, and intensification of ideas are used for poetic and rhetorical effect. This linguistic richness is often used to convey deeper layers of meaning and emotional impact within the text, which is a hallmark of Hebrew literary traditions.

So, the progression from "he" to "they" and the use of "destructions" both contribute to the parallelism and the poetic emphasis commonly found in Hebrew writing, making these verses textually and thematically more Hebrew in style.

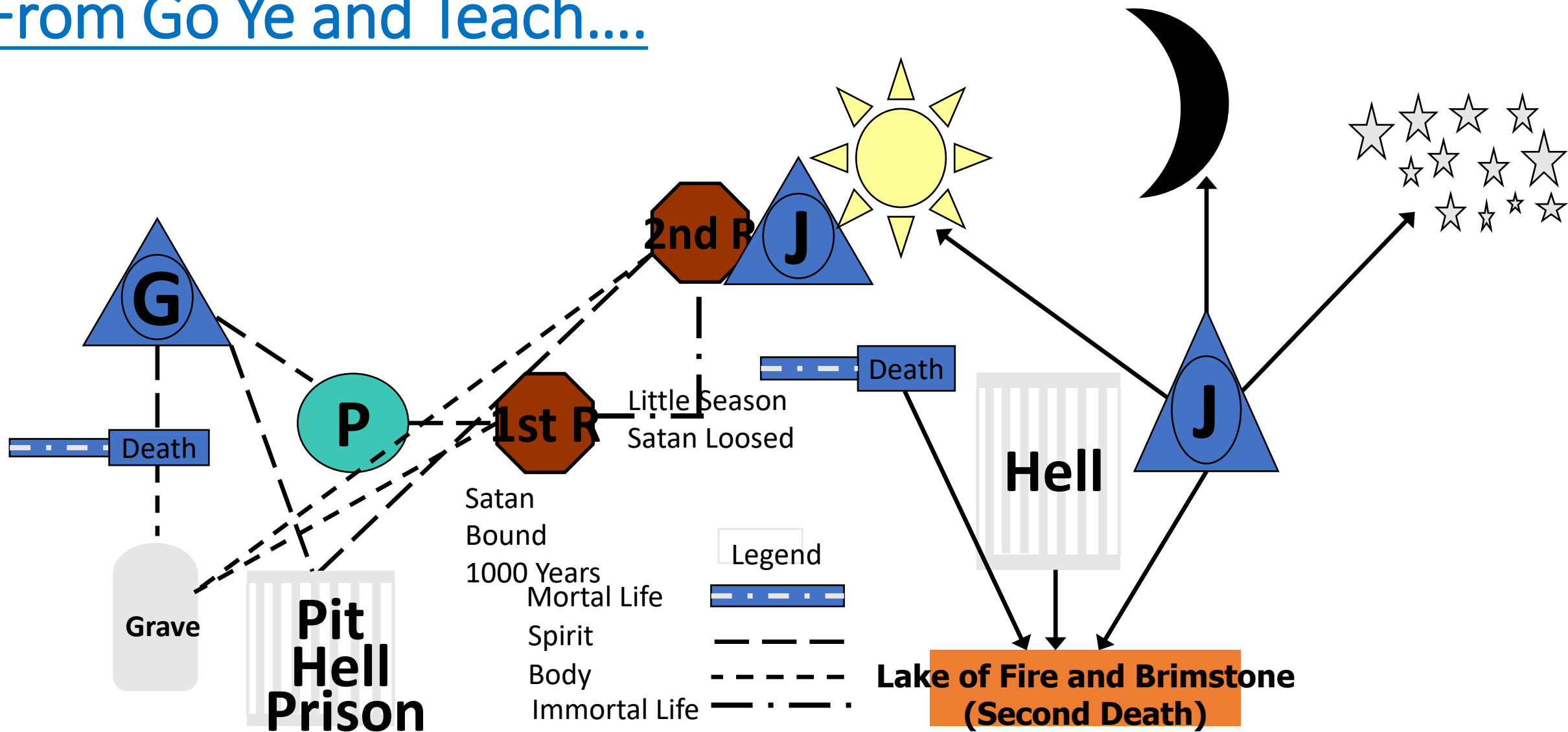
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...Or The Book of Mormon's Teaching....



MERCY

JUSTICE

Salvation as taught by the Book of Mormon

[3 Nephi 11:33](#) (LDS: [3 Nephi 26:5](#))

If they be **good**, to the resurrection of everlasting life,

And if they be **evil**, to the resurrection of damnation,

Being on a parallel,

the one on the one hand,

and the other on the other hand –

According to the mercy and the justice and the holiness which is in Christ, which was before the world began.

Salvation as taught by the Book of Mormon

[Alma 19:98](#) (LDS: [Alma 42:16](#))

Now repentance could not come unto men except **there were a punishment,**

which also was as eternal as the life of the soul should be,

Affixed opposite to the plan of happiness,

which was as eternal also as the life of the soul.