

Fighting Against Zion

Recap 1 Nephi 7 (LDS 22/23)



A problem with Words....

In ancient Hebrew, the terms "soon" and "speedily" can convey the idea of imminence, meaning that something is about to happen or will happen soon.

However, these terms can also convey the idea of assurance or certainty, indicating that something is guaranteed to happen, even if it may not happen immediately.

A problem with Words...."Soon" & "Speedily"

The Hebrew term for "soon" is "karov", קָרוֹב, which can mean "near" or "close."

This term is often used to describe something that is expected to happen soon, but it can also indicate that something is certain to happen, even if the timing is not immediate.

(source: openai.com)

A problem with Words...."Soon" "Speedily"

The Hebrew term for "**speedily**" is "maher" מָהֵר, which can mean "quickly" or "swiftly."

This term is often used in a prayerful or prophetic context to indicate that something is certain to happen in the future, even if the timing is not immediate.

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33 For the day soon cometh that all the proud and they which do wickedly shall be as stubble; And the day cometh that they must be burned.

34 'For the time soon cometh that the fullness of the wrath of God shall be poured out upon all the children of men,

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32 For behold, saith the prophet, that
the time cometh speedily
that Satan shall have no more power
over the hearts of the children of men;

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49 But it is the kingdom of the devil which shall be built up among the children of men,

Which kingdom is established among them which are in the flesh.

50 "For the time speedily shall come that all churches which are built up to get gain,

And all they which are built up to get power over the flesh,

And they which are built up to become popular in the eyes of the world,

And they which seek the lusts of the flesh and the things of the world, and to do all manner of iniquity,

51 Yea, in fine, all they which belong to the kingdom of the devil –

It is they which need fear and tremble and quake;

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55 "And the time cometh speedily that
the righteous must be led up as calves of the stall,
And the Holy One of Israel must reign in dominion
and might and power and great glory.

56 "And He gathereth His children from the four
quarters of the earth;

And ... 'Must Come'

36 'Wherefore, He will preserve the righteous by His power, even if it so be that **the fullness of His wrath must come**

And the righteous be preserved, even unto the destruction of their enemies by fire;

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DC 108:12b For, behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, yea, and **all that do wickedly, shall be stubble:** and the **day that cometh shall burn them up**, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

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Zion??

Mount Zion is a hill in Jerusalem, located just outside the walls of the Old City.

The term Mount Zion is found in the Old Testament first for the City of David ([2 Samuel 5:7](#), 1 Chronicle 11:5; [1 Kings 8:1](#)) and later for the Temple Mount, but its meaning has shifted and it is now used as the name of ancient Jerusalem's Western Hill. In a broader sense, the term is also utilized for the entire Land of Israel.

[2 Samuel 5:7](#) ~ Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the city of David.

[1 Chronicles 11:5](#) ~ The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You will not come in here." Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the city of David.

[1 Kings 8:1](#) ~ Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' houses of the people of Israel, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the [covenant](#) of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

Fight against Zion...

(KJ) Isaiah 29:7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.

8 It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth;
but he awaketh, and his soul is empty:
or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh;
but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint,
and his soul hath appetite:

so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

Fight against Zion...

In the Old Testament, the term "fight against Zion" is a symbolic reference to the struggle between the forces of evil and the people of God.

Zion was a hill in Jerusalem where the Temple was built, and it became a symbol of God's presence among his people.

Over time, Zion came to represent not just the physical location, but the entire people of God and their spiritual inheritance.

Fight against Zion...

When the Old Testament writers spoke of "fighting against Zion," they were referring to any attempt to undermine or destroy God's plan for his people.

This could take many forms, including military invasion, persecution of believers, or the spread of false teaching.

The term "fight against Zion" is often used in prophetic passages that warn of impending judgment for those who oppose God and his people.

Fight against Zion...

Ultimately, the message of the Old Testament is that those who fight against Zion will not succeed.

God is sovereign over all things, and his plans for his people cannot be thwarted.

In the end, those who trust in him will be victorious, and his kingdom will prevail.

Fight against Zion...

[DC 45:13a, c](#)

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- The DC conveyed the events were imminent.
 - That the fight was about to be a physical battle for a city built by Gentiles.

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From Same Chapter:

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[1 Nephi 7:42](#) For the time surely must come that all they which **fight against Zion** shall be cut off.

What is this talking about?

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Jacob defines To 'FIGHT AGAINST ZION' is to fight against the covenants and promises God has made to restore Israel.

But the Early Saints used it to Justify a Gentile Dream in the 1830s...

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The DC is describing a physical battle of likely Jackson County inhabitants,

But the source is Jacob describing world-wide fighting against the covenants.

Conclusion of Fighting against Zion...

[2 Nephi 7:20](#) And he that **fighteth against Zion shall perish**, " saith God; "For he that raiseth up a king against Me shall perish,

[2 Nephi 7:23](#) Wherefore, **he that fighteth against Zion** - both Jew and Gentile, both bond and free, both male and female - **Shall perish**;

[2 Nephi 11:118](#) And all **the nations that fight against Zion and that distress her shall be as a dream of a night vision**;

The Book of Mormon describes fighting against the covenants God made to regather his people

Conclusion of Fighting against Zion...

The people writing 1830's revelations were reading from the Bible and Book of Mormon, and concluding all these events were immediately about to occur.

Some phrases within the revelations from Book of Mormon, but then were re-written in an 'immediate' context.

This created emotional excitement that persists today.

To have peace we need to relearn from the source, and remove the false paradigms.

1830's revelations were preparing all hearts for immediacy.

But the Book of Mormon prophets were writing of the assurance of the covenants.

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and by the voice of famines and pestilences of every kind,
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DC 85:24b for not many days hence and the earth shall

tremble, and reel to and fro as a drunken man, and the sun shall hide his face, and shall refuse to give light, and the moon shall be bathed in blood, and the stars shall become exceeding angry, and shall cast themselves down as a fig that falleth from off a fig tree.

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Two types of Parallelism: Antithetical and Janus

Antithetical—ideas oppose. Life and death, light and dark, etc.

2 Nephi 3:38

He hath heard my cry by day,

And He hath given me Knowledge by visions in the nighttime.

2 Nephi 6:74

Remember, to be carnally minded is death,

and to be spiritually - minded is life eternal.

Two types of Parallelism: Antithetical and Janus

Janus Parallelism—the same word with dual meaning.

Verse pivots on changed meaning of the word

(These are Elusive in the Bible. Identified in recent times, but harder to identify)

Alma 19:112

And now my son,

I desire that ye should let these things trouble you no more,

only let your sins trouble you with that trouble which shall bring you down unto repentance.

Complex Hebrew Authenticity of the complete verse

[2 Nephi 5](#)

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Janus Parallelism on
Mighty, Deliver

{For the **Mighty** God shall **deliver** His covenant people.} (This
verse Not in King James)

Chiasm

Complex Hebrew Authenticity of Jacob's complete verse:

Jacob/Nephi's writing drives Home a larger message, larger than saints of 1830's believing Zion was then to be established.

But larger in that God has a mighty plan in Fulfilling His Covenants to ALL the House of Israel. Early saints wrote according to the Book of Mormon in part, but put their own timeline on it. That was not correct.

When Zion's promises are fulfilled, all the signposts must be fulfilled.

We can not will them to happen, they happen when God sees fit.

The prayers of the ancients were that their descendants hearts would return to God.