

1st Nephi 21

¹& again hearken O ye house of Israel
all ye that are broken off & are driven out
because of the wickedness of the pastors of my people
yea all ye that are broken off
that are scattered abroad
which are of my people O house of Israel
listen O isles unto me
& hearken ye people from far

*the Lord hath called me from the womb
~~for~~ from the bowels of my *Mo* ther hath he *made* mention of my name*
²& he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword
in *the shaddow* of his hand hath he hid me
& mad me a polished shaft
in his quiver hath he hid me
³& said unto me
thou art my servant O Israel
in whom I will be glorified

⁴then I said
I have laboured in vaneⁱⁿ
I have spent my strength for nought & in vain
surely my judgment is with the Lord
& my work with my God

⁵& ~~now~~ now saith the Lord that formed me from the womb
that I should be his servant to bring Jacob again to him
thou Israel be not gathered
yet shall I be glorious in the eys of the Lord
& my God shall be my strength

⁶& he said
it is a light thing
that thou shouldst be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
& to restore the preserved of Israel
I will also give thee a for a light to the Gentiles
that thou mayest be my salvation unto the ends of the earth

⁷thus saith the Lord the redeemer of Israel his holy one
to him whom man despiseth
to him whom the Nation abhoreth
~~for~~ to servant of rulers
Kings shall see & arise
princes also shall worship
because of the Lord that is faithful

⁸*thus saith the Lord*
in an exceptable time have I heard thee O isles of the Sea
& in a day of salvation have I helped thee
& I will preserve thee & give thee my servant
for a covenant of the *people*
to establish the earth
to cause to inherit the desolate heritages
⁹that thou mayest say to the prisoners
go forth
to them that sit in darkness
shew yourselves
they shall feed in the ways
& their pastures shall be in all high places
¹⁰they shall not hunger nor thirst
neither shall the heat nor the Sun smite them
for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them
even by the springs of water shall he guide them
¹¹& I will make all my mountains away
& my highways shall be exalted

¹²& then O house of Israel
behold these shall come from far
& these from the north & from the west
& these from the land of Sinim

¹³Sing O Heavens & be joyful O Earth
for the feet of them which are in the east shall be established
& break forth into singing O mountains
for they shall be smitten no more
for the Lord hath comforted his people
& will have mercy upon his afflicted

¹⁴but behold Zion hath said
the Lord hath forsaken me
& my Lord hath forgotten me
but he will shew that he hath not
¹⁵for can a Woman forget her sucking child
that she should not have compassion on the Son of her womb
yea they may forget
yet will I not forget thee O house of Israel
¹⁶behold I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands
thy walls are continually before me
¹⁷thy children shall make haste against thy destroyers
& they that made the waste shall go forth of thee

¹⁸lift up thine eyes round about & behold
all these gather themselves together
& *they* shall come to thee
& as I live saith the Lord
thou shalt surely cloath thee with *them* all as with an ornament
& bind them on even as a *bride*

¹⁹for thy waste & thy desolate places & the land of thy destruction
shall even now be to narrow by reason of the inhabitants

& they that swallow^{ed} thee up shall be far away

²⁰the children which thou shalt have after thou hast lost the other
shall again in thine ears ^{say}

the place is to *strait* for me

give place to me that I may dwell

²¹then shalt thou say in *thine* heart~~w~~

w^ho hath begotten me these

seeing I have lost my children

& *am* desolate a captive

& removeing to & fro

& who hath brought up these

behold I was left alone

these where h^{ave} ~~ad~~ they been

²²thus saith the *Lord* God

behold I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles

& set up my standard to the people

& they shall bring *thy* Sons in their arms

& thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders

²³& kings shall be thy nursing fathers

& *their* Queens thy nursing Mothers

they shall bow down to thee with *their* face towards the earth

& lick up the dust of thy feet

& thou shalt know that I am *the* Lord

for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me

²⁴for shall the prey be taken from the mighty

or the lawful captive delivered

²⁵but *thus* saith the Lord

even the captive of the mighty shall be taken away

& *the* prey of the terrible shall be delivered

~~beea~~ for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee

& I will save thy children

²⁶& I will feed them that oppress thee with *their* own flesh

they shall be drunken with their own blood as with sweet wines

& all flesh shall know that

I the Lord am thy Saviour & thy redeemer *the* mighty one of Jacob