

2nd Nephi 23

Chapter —

¹The burden of Babylon which Isaiah the Son of Amoz did see

²lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain

exalt the voice unto them

shake the hand that they may go into the gates of the nobles

³I have commanded my sanctified ones

I have also called my mighty ones

for mine anger is not upon them that rejoice in my highness

⁴the noise of the multitudes in the mountains like as of a great People

a tumultuous noise of the Kingdoms of Nations gathered together

the Lord of hosts mustereth the hosts of the Battle

⁵they come from a far country from the end of Heaven

yea the Lord & the weapons of his indignation

to destroy the whole land

⁶howl ye for the day of the Lord is at hand

it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty

⁷therefore shall all hands be feint

every mans heart shall melt

⁸& they shall be afraid

pangs & sorrows shall take hold of them

they shall be amazed one at another

their faces shall be as flames

⁹behold the day of the Lord cometh

cruel both with wrath & fierce anger

to lay the land desolate

& he shall destroy the Sinners thereof out of it

¹⁰for the Stars of heaven & the constelations thereof shall not give their light

the Sun shall be darkened in his going forth

& the Moon shall not cause her light to shine

¹¹& I will punish the world for evil & the wicked for their iniquity

I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease

& will lay down the haughtiness of the terrible

¹²I will make a man more precious then fine gold

even a man then the golden wedge of Ophir

¹³therefore I will shake the heavens

& the earth shall remove out of her place

in the wrath of the Lord of hosts & in the day of his fierce anger

¹⁴& it shall be as the chaste roe & as a Sheep that no man taketh up

they shall every man turn to his own People

& flee every one into his own land

¹⁵every every one that is proud shall be thrust through

yea & every one that is joined to the wicked shall fall by the sword

¹⁶their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes

their houses shall be spoiled & their wives ravished

¹⁷ behold I will stir up the Medes against them
which shall not regard silver & gold
nor they shall not delight in it

¹⁸ their bows shall also dash the young men to pieces
& they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb
their eyes shall not spare children

¹⁹ & Babylon the glory of Kingdoms the beauty of the Chaldees excellency
shall be as when God overthrew Sodom & Gomorrah

²⁰ it shall never be inhabited neither shall it be dwelt in
from Generation to Generation

neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there
neither shall the Shepherds make their fold there

²¹ but wild beasts of the desert shall lie there
& their houses shall be full of doleful creatures
& owls shall dwell there

& Satyres shall dance there

²² & the wild beasts of the Islands shall cry in their desolate houses

& Dragons in their pleasant palaces

& her time is near to come

& her day shall not be prolonged

for I will destroy her speedily

yea for I will be merciful unto my people

but the wicked shall perish