

2nd Nephi 15

¹ & then will I sing to my ^{well} beloved

a song of my beloved touching his vineyard
my well beloved hath a vineyard in a verry fruitful hill

² & he fenced it & gathered out the stones thereof & planted it with the choicest vine & built a tower
in the midst of it & also made a winepress therein & he looked that it should bring forth grapes & it
brought forth wild grapes

³ & now O inhabitants of Jerusalem & men of Judah
Judge I pray you betwixt me & my vineyard

⁴ what could have been done more to my vineyard that I have not done in it
wherefore when I looked that it should bring forth grapes
it brought forth wild grapes

⁵ & now go to

I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard
I will take away the hedge thereof & it shall be eaten up
& I will break down the wall thereof & it shall be troden down

⁶ & I will lay it waste

it shall not be pruned nor dig^ged

but there shall Come up briers & thorns

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it

⁷ for the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel

& the men of Judah his pleasant plant

& he looked for Judgment & behold oppression

for righteousness ^{but} ~~but~~ & behold a cry

⁸ wo unto them that join house to house till there can be no place
that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth

⁹ in mine ^{ears} saith the Lord of hosts

of a truth many houses shall be desolate

& great & fair cities without inhabitant

¹⁰ yea ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath

& the seed of a homer shall yield an ephah

¹¹ wo unto them that rise up early in the morning

that they may follow strong drink

that continue untill night & wine inflame them

¹² & the harp & the viol

the tabret & pipe & wine are in their feasts

but they regard not the work of the Lord

neither consider the operation of his hand^s

¹³ therefore my People are gone into captivity

because they have no knowledge

& their \diamond honourable men are famished

& their multitude dried up with thirst

¹⁴therefore hell hath enlarged herself & opened her mouth without measure
& their glory & their multitude & their pomp & he that rejoiceth
shall descend into it

¹⁵& the mean man shall be brought down
& the mighty man shall be humbled
& the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled

¹⁶but the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in Judgment
& God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness

¹⁷then shall the Lambs feed after their manner
& the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat

¹⁸wo unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity
& Sin as it ~~w~~^{were} ~~e~~^{de} with a cart rope

¹⁹that say
let him make speed
hasten his work that we may see it
& let the counsel of the holy one of Israel draw nigh & come
that we may know it

²⁰wo unto them that call evil good & good evil
that put darkness for light & light for darkness
that put bitter for sweet & sweet for bitter

²¹wo unto the wise in their own eyes & prudent in their own sight

²²wo unto the mighty to drink wine
& men of strength to mingle strong drink

²³which justify the wicked for reward
& take away the righteousness of the righteous from him

²⁴therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble & the flame consumeth the caff
their root shall be rottenness & their blossom shall go up as dust
because they have cast away the law of the Lord & ^{of} ~~de~~ hosts
& despised the word of the holy one of Israel

²⁵therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against his People
& he hath stretched forth his hand against them & hath smitten them
& the hills did tremble & their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets
for all this his anger is not turned away but his hand stretched out still

²⁶& he will lift up an ensign to the Nations from far
& will hiss unto them from the end of the earth
& behold they shall come with speed swiftly
none shall be weary nor stumble among them

²⁷none shall slumber nor sleep
neither shall ~~they~~ the girdle of their loins be loosed
nor the latchet of their shoes be broken

²⁸whose arrows shall be sharp
& all their bows bent
& their horses hoofs shall be counted like flint
& their wheels like a whirlwind
their roaring like a lion

²⁹ they shall roar like young lions
yea they shall roar & lay hold of the prey
& shall carry away safe & none shall deliver
³⁰ & in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the Sea
& if they look unto the land behold darkness & sorrow
& the light is darkened in the heavens thereof ——