

2nd Nephi 24

¹for the Lord will have mercy on Jacob
& will yet chose Israel & set them in their own land
& the strangers shall be joined with them
& they shall cleave to the house of Jacob
²& the people shall take them & bring them to their place
yea from far unto the ends of the earth
& they shall return to their lands of promise
& the house of Israel shall possess them
& the land of the Lord shall be for servants & handmaids
& they shall take them captives unto whom they were captives
& they shall rule over their oppressors
³& it shall come to pass that in that day
that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow & from thy fear
& from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve

⁴& it shall come to pass in that day
that thou shalt take up this proverb against the King of Babylon & say
how hath the oppressor ceased
the golden City ceased
⁵the Lord hath broken the staff of the wicked
the Sceptres of the rulers
⁶he who smote the People in wrath with a continual stroke
he that ruled the nations in anger is persecuted & none hindereth

⁷the whole earth is at rest & is quiet
they break forth into singing
⁸yea the fir trees rejoice at thee
& also the Ceders of Lebanon saying
since thou art laid down
no feller is come up against us
⁹hell from beneath is moved for thee
to meet thee at thy coming
it stirreth up the dead for thee
even all the chief ones of the earth
it hath raised up from their thrones all the Kings of the nations
¹⁰all they shall speak & say unto thee
art thou also become weak as we
art thou become like unto us
¹¹thy pomp is brought down to the grave
the noise of thy viols is not heard
the worm is spread under thee & the worms cover thee

¹²how art thou fallen from heaven O Lucifer Son of the Morning
art thou cut down to the ground which did weaken the Nations

¹³for thou hast said in thy heart
I will ascend into heaven
I will exalt my throne above the Stars of God
I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north
¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds
I will be like the most high

¹⁵yet thou shalt be brought down to hell to the sides of the pit
¹⁶they that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee
& shall consider thee & shall say
is this the man that made the earth to tremble
that did shake Kingdoms
¹⁷& made the world as a wilderness
& destroyed the cities thereof
& opened not the house of his prisoners

¹⁸all the Kings of the nations yea all of them lie in glory
every one of them in his own house
¹⁹but thou art cast out of thy grave
like an abominable branch
& the remnant of those that are slain
thrust through with a sword
that go down to the stones of the pit
as a carcase trodden under feet
²⁰thou shalt not be joined with them in burial
because thou hast destroyed thy land & slain thy People
the seed of evil doers shall never be renowned

²¹prepare slaughter for his children
for the iniquities of their fathers
that they do not rise nor possess the land
nor fill the face of the world with cities
²²for I will raise up against them saith the Lord of hosts
& cut off from Babylon the name & remnant
& Son & Nephew saith the Lord
²³I will also make it a possession for the bittern & pools of waters
& I will weep it with dew the bosom of destruction saith the Lord of hosts

²⁴the Lord of hosts hath sworn saying
surely as I have thought so shall it come to pass
& as I have purposed so shall it stand
²⁵that I will break the Assyrian in my land
& upon my mountains tread him under foot
then shall his yoke depart from off them
& his burden ^{depart} from off their shoulders
²⁶this is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth
& this is the hand that is stretched out upon all Nations

²⁷for the Lord of hosts hath purposed
& who shall disannul
& his hand streached out
& who shall turn it back

²⁸in the year that King Ahaz died was this burden

²⁹rejoice not thou whole Pal^estina
because the rod of him that smote thee is broken
for out of the Serpents root shall come forth a cockatrice
& his fruit shall be a ~~ferē~~ fiery flying Serpant
³⁰& the first born of the p^{oor}~~or~~ shall feed
& the needy shall lie down in safety
& I will kill thy ^{root}~~rōt~~ with famine
& he shall slay thy remnant
³¹howl O gate cry O city
thou whole Palesti^ā art desolved
for there shall come from the north a smoke
& none shall be alone in his appointed times
³²what shall them answer the messengers of the nations
that the Lord hath founded Zion
& the poor of his People shall trust in it——