

# Chapter 15

[Original 1830 Chapter VIII – continued]

Abinadi explains Isaiah 53:10-12 (Mosiah 14:10-12).

The Ministry of Christ as the Father and the Son

1 And **now** [he] **Abinadi** **said** unto **them**

I [Abinadi] **would**  
that ye **should** understand

that **God Himself**  
shall come **down**  
**among** the children of men

01

and [that **God Himself**]  
shall **redeem** His people

2 **He [God]** dwelleth in **flesh** **And** **because**

**He [God]** shall **be** **called** **The Son of God**

**and** **having** subjected the **flesh**  
to the **will** of **The Father**

**being** [called] **The Father**  
**and** **The Son**

aa

3 **He [God]** was **conceived** **The Father** **because**

by the **power** of **God [The Father]** [by covenant power or law]  
[see 3 Nephi 9:15]

**And** **The Son** **because**

[**He God** was **conceived**]  
of the **flesh** [again, by obedience to covenant law]  
[see 3 Nephi 9:16-17]

[Note: By obedience to covenant law, ALL that the Father is, the Son can become. "I AM" = I Will **BE** -- see Exodus 3:13-14]

**Thus** \_\_\_\_\_ **becoming** **The Father**  
**and** **[The]Son** [see 3 Nephi 9:18]

[Heb. 01 – Compound preposition “down among”]

[Par. aa – Detailing “The Father and The Son”]

[Mosiah 15]

4 And They  
are One God

yea \_\_\_\_\_ The Very Eternal Father of Heaven  
and of Earth

*Subjecting the Flesh to the Spirit*

5 And thus \_\_\_\_\_ the flesh  
becoming subject to The Spirit  
>or The Son  
[becoming subject] to The Father  
being One God

bb

[And thus \_\_\_\_\_ The Son]  
suffereth \_\_\_\_\_ temptation  
and yield-eth NOT to the temptation

but suffereth \_\_\_\_\_ Himself  
to be mocked  
and [to be] scourged  
and [to be] cast out  
and [to be] disowned  
by His people

cc

6 And after ALL this  
and after working MANY mighty miracles [deleted in 1837]

among the children of men  
He [the Son] shall \_\_\_\_\_ be led

yea even as Isaiah said  
as a sheep \_\_\_\_\_ before the shearer [see Mosiah 14:7] 02

so He [the Son] is dumb  
opened NOT His mouth

[Par. bb – Clarification]

[Par. cc – Working out]

[Heb. 02 – Simile]

7 **Yea** even so  
**A** **He [the Son] shall be** led dd  
**B** [and **He the Son] shall be]** crucified  
**C** and **[He the Son] shall be]** slain

The flesh  
**becoming** subject  
 even unto death

The **will** of **The Son**  
**being** swallowed up  
 in the **will** of **The Father**

8 **And thus** **[He] God breaketh** the **bands**  
 of death  
**having** gained **the victory** over death ee

**giving the Son** power *[by obedience to **The Father's** covenant law]*  
 to **make intercession**

9 **having** ascended for **the children of men**  
 into **heaven** ff

**having** the **bowels** of **mercy** *[bowels = center of emotion]* {AL}

**being** filled with compassion  
 towards **the children of men**  
**standing betwixt** them  
 and **[their] justice**

**having** **broken** the **bands**  
 of death

**[having]** **taken** upon **Himself**  
 their iniquity  
**and** their transgressions

**having** **redeemed** them

**and** **[having]** **satisfied** the demands  
 of **[their] justice**

[Par. dd – Downward gradation]

[Par. ff – Working out the intercession]

[Par. ee – Circular repetition “having”]

Abinadi Explains Isaiah 53:8 (Mosiah 14:8)  
The Righteous Are the Covenant Seed of Christ

10 And **now** I [Abinadi] say unto you  
**who** shall declare \_\_\_\_\_ **His generation?** [set of ideals] {AL} gg

**Behold** I [Abinadi] say unto you  
**that when** \_\_\_\_\_ **His soul**  
has been **made**  
**an offering** for sin  
**He [the Son]** shall **see** \_\_\_\_\_ **His seed**

And **now** what say ye?  
And **who** shall **be** \_\_\_\_\_ **His seed?** hh  
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11 **Behold** I [Abinadi] say unto you  
**that** **whosoever** has **heard** the **words**  
of the \_\_\_\_\_ **prophets**  
**yea** **ALL** the **holy** **prophets**  
**who** have **prophesied**  
concerning the **coming**  
of **the Lord**

I [Abinadi] say unto you  
**that** **ALL** those  
**who** **have** **hearkened** [hath - φ] {AG}  
unto **their words**

**and** [who have] **believed**  
**that** **the Lord** would **redeem** \_\_\_\_\_ **His people**

**and** [who] have **looked forward** to **that day**  
for a **remission**  
of their **sins**

I [Abinadi] say unto you  
**that** **these** are \_\_\_\_\_ **His seed**  
**>or** **they** are \_\_\_\_\_ **heirs**  
of **the kingdom of God** jj

[Par. gg – Like paragraph beginnings]  
[Par. hh – Questions to make a point]

[Par. ii – Circular repetition “who”]  
[Par. jj – Clarification]

12 [A] For these are they kk  
 [B] whose sins

He [the Lord] has borne

[A] these are they  
 [B] for whom

He [the Lord] has \_\_\_\_\_ died  
 to redeem them  
 from their transgressions

And now are they \_\_\_\_\_ NOT \_\_\_\_\_ His seed ?

13 Yea and are NOT the prophets [His seed]  
 EVERY ONE that has opened his mouth  
 to prophecy

[EVERY ONE] that has NOT fallen  
 into transgression

>I mean ALL the holy prophets  
EVER since the world began ? LL

I [Abinadi] say unto you  
 that they are \_\_\_\_\_ His seed

[Note: Abinadi now finishes explaining the answer to the original question put to him by the wicked priests of Noah. (See Mosiah 12:20-24)]

*Christ and His Prophets Publish Peace*

14 And these are they ["hath" - Q] [AG]  
who have **published** peace mm  
who have **brought** good tidings  
 of good  
who have **published** salvation  
 and **said** unto Zion  
Thy God \_\_\_\_\_ reigneth

[Par. kk – Simple alternating]  
 [Par. LL – Clarification]

[Par. mm – Like line beginnings]

[Mosiah 15]

15 And O [how beautiful upon the mountains](#) were their **feet** nn  
03

16 And again [how beautiful upon the mountains](#)  
are the **feet**  
of those **that** are **still** publishing [peace](#)

17 And again [how beautiful upon the mountains](#)  
are the **feet**  
of those [who](#) shall **hereafter** publish [peace](#)  
**yea** [[who](#) shall publish [peace](#)]  
**from this time henceforth**  
**and forever**

[Note: One might wonder why the feet are so significant. According to Hugh Nibley, "it's the feet that bring the message. . . . It's the messenger that comes to the door, the postman who brings the good news." And according to Larry Dahl, perhaps the feet are beautiful because they are clean, and because the messenger represents the Lord. (*Teachings of the Book of Mormon, Semester 2, p. 88*) Also Dana M. Pike, "How Beautiful upon the Mountains': The Imagery of Isaiah 52:7-10 and Its Occurrences in the Book of Mormon," in *Isaiah in the Book of Mormon, p. 258, 288.*)]

18 And behold

I [\[Abinadi\]](#) say unto [you](#)  
[that] this is NOT ALL

For O [how beautiful upon the mountains](#)  
are the **feet**  
of **Him** **That** Bringeth Good Tidings  
[of **Him**] **That** is the Founder of Peace

**yea** even **The Lord** **Who** Has Redeemed His People  
**yea** [even] **Him** **Who** Has Granted Salvation  
unto His People

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19 For were it NOT for the [redemption](#)  
which **He [the Lord]** hath made for **His people**

which [\[redemption\]](#)  
was prepared  
**from the foundation of the world**

[Par. nn – Repeated alternating ]

[Heb. 03 – Metaphor "feet"]

[Heb. 04 – Repeated descriptive titles]

I [Abinadi] say unto you  
were it NOT for this [redemption]  
ALL mankind MUST have perished

*Abinadi Discourses on the First Resurrection*

[Note: According to Donald Parry (1992:171, verses 20-27 contain *Chiastic Parallelism*. So I will first present the complete text in this complex parallelism according to Donald Parry. Then I will present the same text in my alternative structure that not only provides additional perspective, but ties in with my similar textual structure both before and after these verses. Both sets of text (v. 20-27) will be in normal-sized font.]

20 **But behold,**

[A] the bands of death

[B] shall be broken,

[C] and the Son reigneth,

[D] and hath power over the dead

[E] therefore, he bringeth to pass the resurrection of the dead

21 [F] And there cometh a resurrection,

[G] even a first resurrection;

[H] yea, even a resurrection of those that have been, and who are,  
and who shall be,

[ I ] even until the resurrection

[J] of **Christ**—

[J] for **so shall he be called**

22 [ I ] And now, the resurrection

[H] of all the prophets, and all those that have believed in their  
words, or all those that have kept the commandments of God

[G] shall come forth in the first resurrection;

[F] therefore, they are the first resurrection.

23 [E] They are raised to dwell with God who has redeemed them;

[D] thus they have eternal life

[C] through Christ,

[B] who has broken

[A] the bands of death.

24 And these are those who have part in the first resurrection

And these are they that have died before Christ came, in their ignorance, not having salvation  
declared unto them.

And thus the Lord bringeth about the restoration of these;

[Mosiah 15]

And they have a part in the first resurrection, or have eternal life, being redeemed by the Lord.

25 And little children also have eternal life

26 But behold, and fear, and tremble before God,

[A] for ye ought to tremble;

[B] for the Lord redeemeth none such

[C] that rebel against Him

[D] and die in their sins;

[D] yea, even all those that have perished in their sins ever since the world began,

[C] that have wilfully rebelled against God, that have known the commandments of God and would not keep them;

[B] these are they that have no part in the first resurrection.

27 [A] Therefore ought ye not to tremble?

For salvation cometh to none such,  
for the Lord hath redeemed none such,  
yea, neither can the Lord redeem such

for He cannot deny Himself  
for He cannot deny justice when it has its claim.

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[Now I will present the same text again according to my manner of **parallelism**:]

20 **But behold** \_\_\_\_\_ the **bands**  
of **death**  
shall be **broken**

**and** **[He] the Son** **reigneth** [over **death**]  
**and** **[He] the Son** **hath power** over the **dead**

**therefore** **He [the Son]** **bringeth to pass**  
the **resurrection** oo  
of the **dead**

21 **And** there **cometh**  
a **resurrection**  
even a **first resurrection**

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[Par. oo – Circular repetition “resurrection”]



**yea** even a resurrection of those  
 that have been  
 and who are  
 and who shall be

even until the resurrection of Christ  
 for so shall \_\_\_\_\_ He be called

22 **And now** [to list the different groups that are to be redeemed in the first resurrection]

[1] The resurrection  
 of ALL the prophets  
 and ALL those that have believed  
 in their words

>or [in other words] ALL those that have kept the commandments of God  
 shall **come forth**  
 in the first resurrection

**therefore** they are the first resurrection

23 They are raised to dwell with God  
 Who  
 has redeemed them

**[And] thus** they have eternal life through Christ  
 Who  
 has broken the bands  
 of death

24 **And** [2] there/ ^ these are those who [also] [changed in 1837—see v. 12]  
 have part  
 in the first resurrection

**and** these are [a] they that have died before Christ came {AG}

[or] [b] [they who have died] in their ignorance

[or] [c] [they who have died] NOT having **salvation**  
 declared unto them

[Mosiah 15]

**And thus** [He] the Lord  
bringeth about the restoration of these  
*[that have accepted and practice the covenant gospel in the Spirit World]*

and they have a part  
in the first resurrection  
>or [they] have eternal life  
being redeemed  
by the Lord

25 And [3] Little children also  
have eternal life  
[being redeemed  
by the Lord]

*No Redemption for the Wicked*

26 But behold  
and fear and tremble before God  
for ye ought to tremble  
for [He] the Lord redeemeth NONE such  
that rebel against Him  
and die in their sins  
**yea** even ALL those  
that have perished in their sins  
**ever since the world began**  
**[yea** even ALL those]  
that have wilfully rebelled  
against God  
that have known the commandments  
of God  
and would NOT keep them

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[Behold] these are they  
 that have \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** part  
 in the first resurrection

27 **Therefore** ought ye NOT  
 to tremble ?

For salvation cometh to **NONE** such  
 for [He] the Lord hath redeemed **NONE** such

yea NEITHER  
 can the Lord redeem **such**

for He [the Lord] can **NOT deny** Himself  
 for He [the Lord] can **NOT deny** justice  
when it [justice] has its claim

*All the Earth Shall See the Salvation of God  
 Peace Will Be Published To All Mankind*

28 And **now** I [Abinadi] say unto you  
 that **the** time shall come pp  
 that the salvation  
 of the Lord shall **be declared**  
 to EVERY nation qq  
kindred  
tongue  
**and** people

29 **Yea** \_\_\_\_\_ Lord  
Thy watchmen shall lift up their voice [see Isaiah 52:8, Mos. 12:22; 3 Ne. 16:18;20:32] SS  
with the voice together [Sacred Songs]  
shall  
they sing  
 for they shall see eye  
to eye [ALL will be in agreement]  
when [He] the Lord shall bring again \_\_\_\_\_ Zion

\_\_\_\_\_  
 [Par. pp – Circular repetition “shall”]  
 [Par. qq – Distribution]

[Mosiah 15]

[Psalm (v. 30-31)]

30	<u>Break forth</u>	into _____	<b>joy</b>		
	<u>sing together</u>	ye waste places of	<i>Jerusalem</i>		
for	<b>[He] the Lord</b>	hath	comforted	<b>His people</b>	rr
	<b>He [the Lord]</b>	hath	<u>redeemed</u>	<i>Jerusalem</i>	
31	<b>[He] the Lord</b>	hath	<b>made bare</b>	<b>His holy arm</b>	05
		in the	<u>eyes of</u>	<b>ALL</b> <u>the nations</u>	06
	<b>shall</b>	<u>see</u>	<b>And</b> <b>ALL</b> <u><i>the ends of the earth</i></u>		
			the	<b>salvation</b>	
			of	<b>Our God</b>	

[Par. rr – Like line beginnings]

[Heb. 05 – Metaphor “arm”]

[Heb. 06 – Metaphor “eyes”]