

The Record of Zeniff / Mosiah 9-22

A Model of Parallelism and Davidic Chiasmus

A. The Word of the Lord

- 9:1 a. Zeniff goes to “first inheritance” to spy, but returns with compassion
9:2 b. Bloody disputation ensues- slay the Lamanites or make a treaty
9:3-4 c. Zeniff leads a second expedition to inhabit the land
9:5-7 d. A treaty is established

B. New Things / The Lord’s Covenant

- 9:8-9 e. They begin to establish themselves
9:10-15 f. King Laman plots and stirs his people to war
9:16 g. Zeniff properly prepares his people for battle
9:17-19 h. The Nephites drive them back in the strength of the Lord
10:1-2 g. Zeniff causes preparations be made for defense
10:3-5 e. They prosper and have peace for twenty two years
10:6 f. Laman dies, his son (the new king) stirs the Lamanites to war
10:7-9 g. Zeniff is well prepared
10:10-22 h. War, reason of Lamanite hatred given, Lamanites driven

C. The World

- 11:1-15 a. Noah becomes king and reigns in wickedness
11:16-19 b. The Lamanites begin to encroach on Nephite lands but are driven back

D. The Lord’s Servant

- 11:20-25 a. Abinadi calls the people to repentance
11:26 b. Abinadi delivered out of the hands of the angry mob
11:27-29 c. Noah complains of Abinadi
12:1-8 d. Abinadi returns after two years and prophecies
12:9-16 e. The people are angry and bring him to Noah
12:17 f. Abinadi is imprisoned

E. Preservation

- 12:18-37 a. Abinadi is questioned by Noah’s Priests and he rebukes them
13:1-5 b. Noah attempts to silence Abinadi, but is thwarted by divine power

F. The Suffering Servant

- 13:6-16:15 Abinadi preaches with power and authority [**not broken down**]

E². Salvation

- 17:1 **b.** Noah commands that Abinadi be slain
17:2-4 **a.** Alma (one of Noah's priests) believes and flees for safety

D². The Lord's Davidic Servant

- 17:5 **f.** Abinadi is imprisoned
17:6-8 **e.** Abinadi is falsely accused and sentenced by Noah and his priests
17:9-10 **d.** Abinadi will not recall his words
17:11-12 **c.** Noah almost releases Abinadi, but is angered again by the priests
17:13 **b.** Abinadi is martyred
17:14-20 **a.** Abinadi's last testament pronounces doom to Noah and his priests

C². Overcoming the World

- 18:1-31 **a.** Alma preaches and establishes his colony in the wilderness
18:32-35 **b.** Noah sends the Army to destroy Alma's group but they escape

B². Fulfillment [Combination of the first A & B section]

- 19:1-2 **a.** The army returns and there begins to be a division among the people
19:2-15 **b.** How Noah falls
19:16-24 **c.** Limhi becomes King, Noah is burned, his men return
19:25-26 **d.** Oaths exchanged, new treaty established, one of subservience
19:27-29 **e.** There is peace in the land for two years
20:1-7 **f.** Priests capture the Lamanites daughters, battle ensues
20:8 **g.** Limhi is prepared
20:9-11 **h.** The Nephites repel the attack
20:12-26 **g.** The Lamanite King is captured, and a peace settlement reached
21:1 **e.** There is a short peace
21:2-5 **f.** The Lamanites afflict the Nephites in anger, but do not attack
21:6 **g.** Limhi gives permission to go to battle
21:7-12 **h.** The Nephites go to battle three times, they are defeated

A². Salvation Song

- 21:13-21 **a.** Limhi's people are humbled
21:22 **b.** Lamanites cease to harass them
21:23-31 **c.** God provides Ammon to lead them away
22:1-16 **d.** Limhi's people are delivered and join with the people of Mosiah

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