

Parallel Patterns in Scripture History

Alma 15-29

Alma 15

1- Leaves one land to visit another

BofM - Alma 15:1-2 - “and they departed, and came out even into the land of Sidom;”

Bible - 3 Nephi 15:13-21 - “...that ye are they of whom I said: Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.”

2- Organized and Established the Church of Christ

BofM - Alma 15:13 - “And Alma established a church in the land of Sidom;”

Bible - Matthew 16:18 - “...and upon this rock I will build my church;”

3- Baptism performed for many

BofM - Alma 15:13-14 - “...to baptize unto the Lord whosoever were desirous to be baptized. And it came to pass that they were many;”

Bible - Acts 1:2 - “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized:”

4- Amazing Healing of a Man [leaps/walks]

BofM - Alma 15:11 - “...Zeezrom leaped upon his feet, and began to walk;”

Bible - Acts 3:8-10 - “...received strength. ...And he leaping up stood, and walked;”

Alma 16

1- Significant destruction

BofM - Alma 16:2-3, 9 - “...the people of Ammonihah were destroyed; yea, every living soul...”

Bible - JS Matthew - 1:18-19 - great tribulation on the Jews, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, such as was not before sent upon Israel, of God, since the beginning of their kingdom until this time; no, nor ever shall be sent again upon Israel. All things which have befallen them are only the beginning of the sorrows which shall come upon them.”

2- Subsequent desolation

BofM - Alma 16:10-11 - “...in one day it was left desolate; ...And it was called Desolation of Nehors;”

Bible - JS Matthew 1:12 - “...therefore, shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, concerning the destruction of Jerusalem;”

Alma 17

1- Take leave of Father and come down to suffer affliction, hunger, thirst, fatigue... and labor in the Spirit

BofM - Alma 17:5-6 - “they did suffer much, both in body and in mind, such as hunger, thirst and fatigue, and also much labor in the spirit.

...Having taken leave of their father, ...having refused the kingdom ...extended unto them ...the conditions of repentance ...[and] desir[ing] to dwell among this people for a time; yea, and perhaps until the day I die.”

Bible - Mosiah 3:5-7 - “...and shall dwell in a tabernacle of clay, and shall go forth amongst men, working mighty miracles,... he shall suffer temptations, and pain of body, hunger, thirst, and fatigue, even more than man can suffer, except it be unto death;”

2- Ammon/Christ condescends by forsaking kingdom to serve - ‘till the day I die’

BoFM - Alma 17:20-29 - “I desire to dwell among this people for a time; yea, and perhaps until the day I die.”

Christ - 1 Nephi 11:26-33 - “... behold the condescension of God!... he went forth ministering unto the people, in power and great glory; and... he was lifted up upon the cross and slain...”

A. People took and bound him

Ammon - Alma 17:20 - “the Lamanites took him and bound him, as was their custom to bind all the Nephites...”

Christ - John 18:12 - “Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him.”

B. People carried him before the king

Ammon - Alma 17:20 - “the Lamanites took him and... carry them before the king;”

Christ - Matthew 26:57 - “And they that had laid hold on Jesus led *him* away to Caiaphas the high priest...”

C. People cast him into prison

Ammon - Alma 17:20 - “thus it was left to the pleasure of the king to slay them,... or to cast them into prison...”

Christ - 1 Peter 3:18-19 - “... being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison.”

D. Came to be a servant

Ammon - Alma 17:25 - “..Ammon said unto him: Nay, but I will be thy servant.”

Christ - Isaiah 53:11 - “He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.”

E. Watch over the flocks of the king

Ammon - Alma 17:25 - “...he was set among other servants to watch the flocks of Lamoni,”

Christ - John 10:11 - “I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

F. Rendered specific service for a 3 day period

Ammon - Alma 17:26 - “...he had been in the service of the king three days,”

Christ - Matthew 12:40 - “...The Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

G. Heart swollen within him

Ammon - Alma 17:29 - “Now when Ammon saw this his heart was swollen within him...”

Christ - Psalms 69:20 - “Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness:...”

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I. Quick and powerful with the sword to divided asunder...

Ammon - Alma 17:37 - "...he did withstand their blows by smiting their arms with the edge of his sword,"

Christ - Doctrine and Covenants 6:2 - "Behold, I am God; give heed unto my word, which is quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, to the dividing asunder of both joints and marrow;..."

Alma 18

1 - Cannot be slain by the enemies of the king

Ammon - Alma 18:3 - "that he cannot be slain by the enemies of the king;"

Christ - John 10:17-18 - "...because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again..."

2 - Faithful

Ammon - Alma 18:10 - "...because of the faithfulness of Ammon"

Christ - Revelation 19:11 - "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True,..."

3 - Rabbanah, which is, being interpreted, powerful or great king

Ammon - Alma 18:13 - "Rabbanah, which is, being interpreted, powerful or great king,"

Christ - Revelation 19:16 - "And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS,..."

Alma 19

1- The King body lays dead for 3 days when he is then raised

BofM - Alma 19:1, 11 - "...after two days and two nights – until that time on the morrow..."

Bible - Matthew 12:38-40 - "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

2- Upon the Kings restoration, he administers to a women

BofM - Alma 19:12-13 - "...and as he arose, he stretched forth his hand unto the woman,"

Bible - John 20:15-17 - "...and the Son of man shall be betrayed... and they shall condemn him to death,... to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify *him*:"

3- Others experience a change due to the King's change

BofM - Alma 19:17, 34-35 - "...many did declare unto the people that they had seen angels and had conversed with them;"

Bible - 1 Corinthians 15:20, 23 - "...But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept....But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."

4- No one could take his life from him

BofM - Alma 19:22-23 - "...drew his sword and went forth that he might let it fall upon Ammon, to slay him; and as he lifted the sword to smite him, behold, he fell dead."

Bible - John 10:17-18 - "...because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again..."

5- After the Kings restoration, he goes forth and ministers

BofM - Alma 19:31 - "And he, immediately, ...and to teach them the words which he had heard from the mouth of Ammon;"

Bible - Acts 1:3 - "...he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:"

Alma 20

1- The King goes to deliver captives shut up in prison

BofM - Alma 20:2 - "...thou shalt go to the land of Middoni; for behold, thy brother Aaron, and also Muloki and Ammah are in prison."

Bible - D&C 138:42 - "And Isaiah, who declared by prophecy that the Redeemer was anointed to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that were bound, were also there."

Alma 21

1- Preaching occurs among the house of Israel in their synagogue, but the message is rejected; they mock, become angry, cast the messenger out

BofM - Alma 21:5-11 - "...began to preach to them in their synagogues – when he saw that they would not hear his words, he departed out of their synagogue,"

Bible - Luke 4:16-30 - "...he went into the synagogue ... and stood up for to read.... And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,...And he closed the book,... And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.... And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong."

2- Cast into prison but find deliverance

BofM - Alma 21:13-15 - "...were taken and cast into prison, – and they were delivered for the first time out of prison;"

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