

Episode 98

The Book of Mormon was written in language of Egypt with the Hebrew learning of his father. Nephi declares this in the beginning. The Hebrew language became a dead language as the Jews were scattered and took on languages from their captors. They have had to relearn their original language and this has happened and is happening and we discover more original meanings. These are often already existing in the B of M.

Jeff Benner has a website and book and is one of these scholars devoting time to researching this language.

<https://www.ancient-hebrew.org>

Hebrews used language to describe action or purpose not form.

Mercy - in Hebrew - meant to cradle in ones arms, protect or cherish.

Wrapped in arms of protection. Where do we find this? Not in the KJV of bible specifically

2 Nephi 1: For behold the Lord.....I am encircled about eternally in the arms of His love...

Mercy overpowering justice - describing mercy as an action mercy and love.

Hebrews used the construct _____ of _____. Two nouns

Not Mike's studio. Rather - studio of Mike

Not Mike's house, Rather - house of Mike

We don't talk this way in common language, it may not sound off to us if we have grown up reading the B of M. But if we were to talk this way in common conversation it would sound odd.

Arms of Jesus, arms of safety, arms of mercy, arms of love all solely in B of M not bible.

Not just describing mercy but also in this Hebrew way of saying.

Alma 16 - thus mercy satisfies demands of justice and encircles them in arms of safety

Mosiah 8 - ..having never called upon the Lord while the arms of mercy were extended...

Alma -invitation unto all men, arms of mercy extended.....repent

Mormonclasped in the arms of Jesus...



Acts 2:24 in KJV. ...Loosed the pains of death

Charles Ellicott, a bible scholar 1900's wrote that this is is mistranslated. It is not pains but "bands" or "cords"

This describes more than just physical suffering, but also being cut off spiritually in a spiritual death. As in something needs to be broken that is holding us down. A band or cord.

Mercy could loosen the justice bands. Bands appear in the B of M.

Translations don't go back to the original source always, such as modern translations trying to make "pains" more descriptive. Agony, horrors, pangs, throes, etc. Embellishing physical aspect building off incorrect original translation.

Mosiah....thus God breaketh the bands of death....given Son power to make intercession for the children of men....

This ties bands to intercession, mercy overpowering justice. A more clear description. Plain and precious restoration of meaning.

Think of a pallet with packages being held down and you clip those metal bands or straps to loose those boxes.

Abinadi says in one chapter 5 or 6 times bands of death.

Mosiah 8:54 ...bands of death broken...Son has power over the dead...

8:57raised....eternal life with Christ who has broken the bands.....

Alma- deliverance of Christ from bands of death

Alma 3:13 -the sinners were encircled about by the bands of death and the chains of hell....everlasting destruction awaits



Key
verse

Much different imagery than just pains of death found in acts.

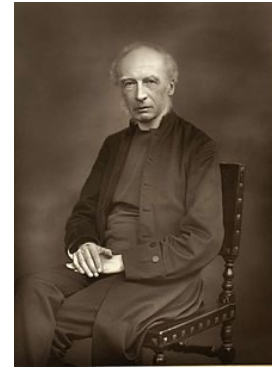
This is more along the lines of being in the grasp of justice. Needing mercy.

Again Joseph Smith would never know these things. A young farm boy 16 years old.

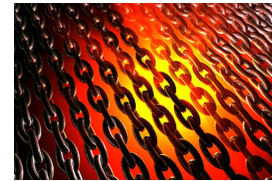
Nothingness in Hebrew / Jewish bible. In Isaiah.

How great is the nothingness of man - In Book of Mormon

Charles Ellicott



Bands of
Death =



Chains of Hell

Nothingness not even a common English word. Why would Joseph Smith use this?

Many new studies of language now showing the Book of Mormon is A very correct Hebrew work.

“And it came to pass” much more frequent in Ether 2000 years earlier than later Writings. Same in bible much more earlier. It was a phrase that became less used As time went on and language changes and evolves. Why would Joseph only Use in earlier writings if he made it up?

Don't be focused on the words and meanings to be intellectual. Rather Focus on the truth. The plain truth. This is exciting as we find the message in “What does the Book of Mormon teach”.