The Rule of Adjustment and More

We now turn our attention to the rule of adjustment. This rule helps to create many variations within the systems. How does it work?

Firstly, a verse contains the word knowledge in it. Secondly, this number for that verse must be in a crown sefirah (1) of a tree. Thirdly, it needs to move to a knowledge sphere (11) of the previous tree pattern. But, there is more to it.

Once the shift occurs, a vacuum exists in the empty crown sefirah (1). To fill this space, the next verse number in the wisdom sefirah (2) moves to take its place, leaving the wisdom sphere vacant. The filling of empty sefirot due to this shifting of numbered text continues with the following numbers. Like nature, patterns do not like empty spaces for the crown to kingdom spheres.

We now have the second part of this adjustment procedure. The rule of adjustment involves the transfer of a numbered knowledge verse to a knowledge sefirah. Furthermore, we also have the reassignment of the subsequent numbers within the Tree-of-Life patterns. This two-prong part of the rule of adjustment will usually occur more than once within a system.

The rule of adjustment only applies to verses with the word knowledge in them and fit in the crown sefirah. A few exceptions exist. We shall not address these variations at this moment.

Of the two versions, the Missouri edition constitutes the most complex systems. In trying to understand how the tree patterns work in the Missouri Book of Mormon, I discovered that this set of scriptures encompassed three distinct sections, which I later

called groups. Group A covers 1 Nephi 1:1 to 2 Nephi 15:18. Group B picks up from there at Jacob 1:1 and runs to Mosiah 16:261. Finally, Group C finishes the book, commencing with Alma 1:1 to the final verse Moroni 10:31. Each group consists of different ways to align the verses into tree patterns. I designated these different approaches by the term options.

One option from each of the three groups needs to mesh together perfectly. If the last verse number of group A (1 Nephi 15;18) ends on a beauty sefirah (6), the beginning of group B (1 Jacob 1:1) must start on the victory sefirah (7). The connection will not fit properly if 1 Jacob 1:1 gets assigned to the glory (8) sphere, leaving victory (7) empty. No gaps can exist linking the verse numbers to the tree patterns (remember, no vacuum). Therefore, the selection of options is critical in the success of making a system work properly. The rule of adjustment plays a vital role in this task.

Before we close this section, we need to turn our attention to the following diagrams. On the bottom, we have the Tree-of-Life pattern. On the top, a table appears. This table shows tree patterns in a horizontal and vertical layout, which is easier to read for most people. The first column on the left side of the table lists the names of the sefirot. The numbers representing the verses fit into the proper rows and columns (1 Nephi 1:1-40 for both MO and UT editions). The knowledge row remains blank until used for the rule of adjustment. From now on, tables will usually replace the tree patterns in our discussions.

1 Nephi 1:				
1. Crown	1	11	21	31
2. Wisdom	2	12	22	32
3. Understanding	3	13	23	33
4. Mercy	4	14	24	34
5. Strength	5	15	25	35
6. Beauty	6	16	26	36
7. Victory	7	17	27	37
8. Glory	8	18	28	38
9. Foundation	9	19	29	39
10. Kingdom	10	20	30	40
11. Knowledge				

1. Crown

3. Understanding   2. Wisdom

5. Strength   4. Mercy

6. Beauty

8. Glory   7. Victory

9. Foundation

10. Kingdom   11. Knowledge