

And it came to pass that the brother of Jared now the number of the vessels which had been prepared was eight therefore the brother of Jared went forth unto the mount which they called the mount Shelem because of its exceeding height & did moult out of a rock sixteen small stones & they were white & clear even as transparent glass & he did carry them in his hands up on the top of the mount & cried again unto the Lord saying

O Lord thou hast said that we must be encompassed about by the floods now behold O Lord & do not be angry with thy servant because of his weakness before thee for we know that thou art Holy & dwellest in the Heavens & that we are unworthy before thee because of the fall our natures have become evil continually nevertheless O Lord thou hast given us a ~~com~~mandment that we must call upon thee that from thee we may receive according to our desires

Behold O Lord thou hast smitten us because of our iniquity & hath driven us forth & for this many years we have been in the wilderness nevertheless thou hast been merciful unto us O Lord look upon me in pity & turn ~~aw~~<sup>away</sup> thy anger from this thy people & suffer not that they shall go forth across this raging deep in darkness but behold these things which I have moulted out of the rock

& I know O Lord that thou hast all power & can do whatsoever thou wilt for the benefit of man therefore touch these stones O Lord with thy finger & prepare them that they may shine forth in darkness & they shall shine forth unto us in the vessels which we have prepared that we may have light while we shall cross sea

behold O Lord thou canst do this we know that thou art able to shew forth great power which looks small unto the understanding of men

### CHAPTER 3

*The brother of Jared sees the finger of the Lord as He touches sixteen stones—Christ shows His spirit body to the brother of Jared—Those who have a perfect knowledge cannot be kept from within the veil—Interpreters are provided to bring the Jaredite record to light.*

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass that the brother of Jared, (now the number of the vessels which had been prepared was eight) [X\_X\_X\_X\_X] went forth unto the mount, which they called the mount Shelem, because of its exceeding height[ ], and did moult out of a rock sixteen small stones; and they were white and clear, even as transparent glass; and he did carry them in his hands up[ ] on the top of the mount, and cried again unto the Lord, saying:

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, thou hast said that we must be encompassed about by the floods. Now behold, O Lord, and do not be angry with thy servant because of his weakness before thee; for we know that thou art holy and dwellest in the heavens, and that we are unworthy before thee; because of the fall our natures have become evil continually; nevertheless, O Lord, thou hast given us a [ ]com[ ]mandment that we must call upon thee, that from thee we may receive according to our desires.

<sup>3</sup>Behold, O Lord, thou hast smitten us because of our iniquity, and hast driven us forth, and for these many years we have been in the wilderness; nevertheless, thou hast been merciful unto us. O Lord, look upon me in pity, and turn [ ]away[ ] thy anger from this thy people, and suffer not that they shall go forth across this raging deep in darkness; but behold these things which I have moulted out of the rock.

<sup>4</sup>And I know, O Lord, that thou hast all power, and can do whatsoever thou wilt for the benefit of man; therefore touch these stones, O Lord, with thy finger, and prepare them that they may shine forth in darkness; and they shall shine forth unto us in the vessels which we have prepared, that we may have light while we shall cross the sea.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, O Lord, thou canst do this. We know that thou art able to show forth great power, which looks small unto the understanding of men.

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& it came to pass that when the brother of Jared had said these words behold the Lord stretched forth his hand & touched the stones one by one with his **433** finger & the veil was taken from off the eyes of the brother of Jared & he saw the finger of the Lord & it was as the finger of a man like unto flesh & blood & the brother of Jared fell down before the Lord for he was struck with fear

& the Lord saw that the brother of Jared had fallen to the earth & the Lord said unto him Arise <sup>why</sup>~~why~~ hast thou fallen

& he saith unto the Lord I saw the finger of the Lord & I feared lest he should smite me for I knew not that the Lord had flesh & blood

& the Lord said unto him Because of thy faith thou hast seen that I shall take upon me flesh & blood & never has man come before me with such **excedeng faith as thou** hast for <sup>were</sup> it so ye could not have seen my finger sawest thou more **then this**

& he answered Nay Lord shew thyself unto me

& the Lord said unto <sup>him</sup> Believest thou the words which I shall speak

& he answered Yea Lord I know that thou speakest the truth for thou art a God of truth & canst not lie

& when he had said these words behold the Lord shewed himself unto him & said Because thou knowest these things ye are redeemed from the fall therefore ye are brought back into my presence therefore I shew myself unto you

behold I am he which was prepared from the foundation of the world to redeem my people behold I am Jesus Christ I am the Father & the Son in me shall all mankind have life & that eternally even they which shall believe on my name & they shall become my sons & my daughters

& never hath I shewed myself unto ~~m~~<sup>man</sup> whom I have created for never hath man believed in me as thou hast seest thou that ye are created after mine own image yea even all men were created in the beginning after mine own image

<sup>6</sup>**And** it came to pass that when the brother of Jared had said these words, behold, the Lord stretched forth his hand **and** touched the stones one by one with his finger. **And** the veil was taken from off the eyes of the brother of Jared, **and** he saw the finger of the Lord; **and** it was as the finger of a man, like unto flesh **and** blood; **and** the brother of Jared fell down before the Lord, for he was struck with fear.

<sup>7</sup>**And** the Lord saw that the brother of Jared had fallen to the earth; **and** the Lord said unto him: Arise, **why[X]** hast thou fallen?

<sup>8</sup>**And** he saith unto the Lord: I saw the finger of the Lord, **and** I feared lest he should smite me; for I knew not that the Lord had flesh **and** blood.

<sup>9</sup>**And** the Lord said unto him: Because of thy faith thou hast seen that I shall take upon me flesh **and** blood; **and** never has man come before me with such **exceeding faith as thou** hast; for **were** it **not** so ye could not have seen my finger. **Sawest thou more than this?**

<sup>10</sup>**And** he answered: Nay; Lord, **show** thyself unto me.

<sup>11</sup>**And** the Lord said unto **[\_]him**: Believest thou the words which I shall speak?

<sup>12</sup>**And** he answered: Yea, Lord, I know that thou speakest the truth, for thou art a God of truth, **and** canst not lie.

<sup>13</sup>**And** when he had said these words, behold, the Lord **showed** himself unto him, **and** said: Because thou knowest these things ye are redeemed from the fall; therefore ye are brought back into my presence; therefore I **show** myself unto you.

<sup>14</sup>**Behold**, I am he **who** was prepared from the foundation of the world to redeem my people. **Behold**, I am Jesus Christ. I am the Father **and** the Son. **In** me shall all mankind have life, **and** that eternally, even they **who** shall believe on my name; **and** they shall become my sons **and** my daughters.

<sup>15</sup>**And** never have I **showed** myself unto **[\_]man** whom I have created, for never has **[\_] man** believed in me as thou hast. **Seest thou** that ye are created after mine own image? **Yea**, even all men were created in the beginning after mine own image.

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behold this body which ye now behold is the body of my Spirit & man have I created after the body of my spirit & even as I appear unto thee to be in the spirit will I appear unto my people in the flesh

And now as I Moroni said I could not make a full account of these things which are written therefore it sufficeth me to say that Jesus shewed himself unto this man in the spirit even after the manner & in the likeness of the same body even as he shewed himself unto the Nephites

& he ministered unto him even as he ministered unto the Nephites & all this that this man knew that he was God because of the many great works which the Lord had shewed unto him

& because of the knowledge of this man he could not be kept from beholding within the veil & he saw the finger of Jesus which when he saw he fell with fear for he knew that it was the finger of the Lord & he had faith no longer for he knew nothing doubting

wherefore having this perfect knowledge of God he could not be kept from ~~beholding~~ within the veil therefore he saw Jesus & he did minister unto him

And it came to pass that the Lord said unto the brother of Jared Behold thou shalt not suffer these things which ye have seen ~~to~~ & heard to go forth unto the world until the time cometh that I shall glorify ~~my~~ name in the flesh wherefore ye shall treasure up the things which ye have seen & <sup>heard</sup> **434** & shew it to no man

& behold when ye shall come unto me ye shall write them & shall seal them up that no one can interpret them for ye shall write them in a language that they cannot be read

& behold these two stones will I give unto thee & ye shall seal them up also with the things which ye shall write

for behold the language which ye shall write I have confounded wherefore I will cause in mine own due time that these stones shall magnify to the eyes of men these things which ye shall ~~write~~ <sup>write</sup>te

<sup>16</sup>**Behold**, this body, which ye now behold, is the body of my **spirit; and** man have I created after the body of my spirit; **and** even as I appear unto thee to be in the spirit will I appear unto my people in the flesh.

<sup>17</sup>And now, as I, Moroni, said I could not make a full account of these things which are written, therefore it sufficeth me to say that Jesus **showed** himself unto this man in the spirit, even after the manner **and** in the likeness of the same body even as he **showed** himself unto the Nephites.

<sup>18</sup>**And** he ministered unto him even as he ministered unto the Nephites; **and** all this, that this man **might know** that he was God, because of the many great works which the Lord had **showed** unto him.

<sup>19</sup>**And** because of the knowledge of this man he could not be kept from beholding within the veil; **and** he saw the finger of Jesus, which, when he saw, he fell with fear; for he knew that it was the finger of the Lord; **and** he had faith no longer, for he knew, nothing doubting.

<sup>20</sup>**Wherefore**, having this perfect knowledge of God, he could not be kept from **[X]** within the veil; therefore he saw Jesus; **and** he did minister unto him.

<sup>21</sup>And it came to pass that the Lord said unto the brother of Jared: Behold, thou shalt not suffer these things which ye have seen **[X]and [X]** heard to go forth unto the world, until the time cometh that I shall glorify **my[X]** name in the flesh; wherefore, ye shall treasure up the things which ye have seen **and heard, and show** it to no man.

<sup>22</sup>**And** behold, when ye shall come unto me, ye shall write them **and** shall seal them up, that no one can interpret them; for ye shall write them in a language that they cannot be read.

<sup>23</sup>**And** behold, these two stones will I give unto thee, **and** ye shall seal them up also with the things which ye shall write.

<sup>24</sup>**F**or behold, the language which ye shall write I have confounded; wherefore I will cause in **my[\_ \_]** own due time that these stones shall magnify to the eyes of men these things which ye shall **[\_ \_]write[\_ \_]**.

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& when the Lord had said these words the Lord shewed unto the brother of Jared all the inhabitants of the earth which had been & also all that would be & the Lord withheld them not from his sight even unto the ends of the earth

for the Lord had said unto him in times before that if he would believe in him that he could shew unto him all things it should be shewn unto him therefore the Lord could not withhold anything from him for he knew that the Lord could shew him all things

& the Lord said unto him Write these things & Seal them up & I will shew them in mine own due time unto the children of men

And it came to pass that the Lord commanded him <sup>that</sup> he should seal up the two stones which he had received & shew them not until the Lord should shew them unto the children of men

<sup>25</sup>**And** when the Lord had said these words, [ ]he [X] **show**ed unto the brother of Jared all the inhabitants of the earth which had been, **and** also all that would be; **and** [ ]he [X] withheld them not from his sight, even unto the ends of the earth.

<sup>26</sup>**F**or [ ]he [X] had said unto him in times before, that if he would believe in him that he could **show** unto him all things—it should be **show**n unto him; therefore the Lord could not withhold anything from him, for he knew that the Lord could **show** him all things.

<sup>27</sup>**And** the Lord said unto him: Write these things **and** seal them up; **and** I will **show** them in mine own due time unto the children of men.

<sup>28</sup>**And** it came to pass that the Lord commanded him **that** he should seal up the two stones which he had received, **and** **show** them not, until the Lord should **show** them unto the children of men.