

Ether 2

¹& it came to pass that Jared & his brother & their families
& also the friends of Jared & his brother & their families
went down into the vally which was northward
& the name of the vally was Nimrod
being called after the mighty hunter
with their flocks which they had gathered together
male & female of every kind
²& they did also lay snares & catch fowls of the air
& they did also prepare a vessel
in the which they did carry with them the fish of the waters
³& they did also carry with them Deseret
which by interpretation is a honey bee
& this they did carry with them swarms of bees
& all manner of that which was upon the face of the land
seeds of every kind

⁴And it came to pass that when they had came down into the vally of Nimrod
the Lord came down & talked with the brother of Jared
& he was in a cloud & the brother of Jared saw him not

⁵And it came to pass that the Lord commanded them
that they should go forth into the wilderness
yea into that quarter where there never had man been
& it came to pass that the Lord did go before them
& did talk with them as he stood in a cloud
& gave directions whither they should h^{travel}a

⁶And it came to pass that they did travel in the wilderness
& did build barges inthewhich they did cross many waters
being directed continually by the hand of the Lord

⁷& the Lord would not suffer
that they should stop beyond the sea ⁱⁿb the wilderness
but he would that they should come forth even unto the land of promise
which was choice ^{above} a^t all other lands
which the Lord God had preserved for a righteous people

⁸& he had sworn in his wrath unto the brother of Jared
that whoso should possess this land of promise
from that time hense forth & forever
should serve him the true & only God
or they should be swept off
when the fulness of his wrath should come upon them

⁹And now we can behold the decrees of God concerning this land
that it is a land of promise

& whatsoever nation shall possess it shall serve God
or they shall be swept off

when the fulness of his wrath shall come upon them

& the fulness of his wrath cometh upon them

when they are ripened in iniquity

¹⁰for behold this is a land which is choice above all other lands

wherefore he that doth possess it shall serve God or shall be swept off

for it is the everlasting decrees of God

& it is not until the fulness of iniquity among the children of the land

that they are swept off

¹¹And this cometh unto you O ye Gentiles

that ye may know the decrees of God

that ye may repent & not continue in your iniquities until the fulness be come

that ye may ^{not}know ^{bring} down the fulness of the wrath of God upon you

as the inhabitants of the land hath hitherto done

¹²Behold this is a choice land

& whatsoever nation shall possess it

shall be free from bondage & from captivity

& from all other nations under Heaven

if they will but serve the God of the land which is Jesus Christ

which hath been manifested by the things which we have written

¹³And now I proce^d with my record

for behold it came to pass that the Lord did bring Jared & his brethren forth

even to that great sea which divideth the lands

& as they came to ^{the} p sea they pitched their tents

& they called the name of the place Morian cumer

& they dwelt in tents & dwelt in tents upon the seashore for the space of four years

¹⁴And it came to pass at the end of the four years

that the Lord came again unto the brother of Jared

& stood in a cloud & talked with him

& for the space of three hours did the Lord talk with the brother ^{Jared}

& chastened him because he ~~re~~^{reme}mbered not to call upon the name of the Lord

¹⁵& the brother of Jared repented him of the evil which he had done

& did call upon the name of the Lord

for his brethren which were with him

& the Lord said unto him

I will forgive thee & thy brethren of their sins

but thou shalt not sin any more

for ye shall remember that my spirit will not always strive with man

wherefore if ye will sin until ye are fully ripe

ye shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord

& this ^{is} my thoughts upon the land

which I shall give you for your inheritance

for it shall be a land of choice above all other lands

¹⁶& the Lord said

Go to work & build after the manner of barges which ye have hitherto built
& it came to pass that the brother of Jared did go to work & also his brethren
& built barges after the manner which they had built
according to the instructions of the Lord
& they were small & they were light upon the water
even like unto the lightness of a fowl upon the water

¹⁷& they were built ^{up}~~on~~^{after} a manner that they were ~~ex~~ exceeding tight
even that they would hold water like unto a dish
& the bottom ^{thereof} ~~there~~ thereof was tight like unto a dish
& the sides thereof was tight like unto a dish
& the ends thereof were peaked
& the top thereof was tight like unto a dish
& the length thereof was the length of a tree
& the door thereof when it was shut was tight like unto a dish

¹⁸And it came to pass that the brother of Jared cried unto the Lord saying
O Lord I have performed the work which thou hast commanded me
& I have ~~m~~ made the barges ^{according} as thou hast directed me

¹⁹& behold O Lord in them there is no light
whither shall we steer
& also we shall perish
for in them we cannot breath
save it is the air which is in them
therefore we shall perish

²⁰& the Lord said unto the brother of Jared
Behold thou shalt make a hole in the top thereof
& also in the bottom thereof
& when thou shalt suffer for air
thou shalt unstop the hole thereof & receive air
& if it so be that the water come in upon thee
behold ye shall stop the hole thereof
that ye may not perish in the flood

²¹And it came to pass that the brother of Jared did so
according as the Lord had commanded

²²& he cried again unto the Lord saying
O Lord behold I have done even as thou hast commanded me
& I have prepared the vessels for my people
& behold there is no light in them
Behold O Lord wilt thou suffer that we shall cross this great water in darkness

²³& the Lord said unto the brother of Jared
What will ye that I should do that ye may have light in your vessels
for behold ye cannot have windows
for they will be dashed in ~~pea~~^{pees}~~ees~~
neither shall ye take fire with you
for ye shall not go by the light of fire

²⁴for behold ye shall be as a whale in the midst of the sea
for the mountain waves shall dash upon you
nevertheless I will bring you up again out of the depths of the sea
for the winds have gone forth out of my mouth
& also the rains & the floods have I sent forth
²⁵& behold I prepare you against these things
for how be it ye cannot cross this great deep
save I prepare you against the waves of the sea
& the winds which have gone forth
& the floods which shall come
therefore what will ye that I should prepare for you
that ye may have light when ye are swallowed up in the depths of the sea