

## Ether 3

<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  
therefore the brother of Jared went forth unto the mount  
which they called the mount Shelem because of its exceeding height  
& did moulton 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

<sup>2</sup>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 ~~e~~<sup>com</sup>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  
& 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 moulton out of the rock

<sup>4</sup>& 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

<sup>5</sup>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

<sup>6</sup>& 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 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

<sup>7</sup>& 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  
<sup>8</sup>& 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  
<sup>9</sup>& 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**  
<sup>10</sup>& he answered Nay Lord  
shew thyself unto me  
<sup>11</sup>& the Lord said unto <sup>him</sup>  
Believest thou the words which I shall speak  
<sup>12</sup>& he answered Yea Lord  
I know that thou speakest the truth  
for thou art a God of truth & canst not lie  
  
<sup>13</sup>& 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  
<sup>14</sup>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  
<sup>15</sup>& 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>16</sup>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

<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 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  
<sup>18</sup>& 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  
<sup>19</sup>& 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  
<sup>20</sup>wherefore having this perfect knowledge of God  
he could not be kept from ~~beholding~~ beholding within the veil  
therefore he saw Jesus & 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 ~~to~~<sup>&</sup> & heard  
to go forth unto the world  
until the time cometh that I shall glorify <sup>my</sup>~~my~~ name in the flesh  
wherefore ye shall treasure up the things which ye have seen & <sup>heard</sup>  
& shew it to no man  
<sup>22</sup>& 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  
<sup>23</sup>& behold these two stones will I give unto thee  
& ye shall seal them up also with the things which ye shall write  
<sup>24</sup>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 ~~wf~~<sup>wf</sup>write~~te~~

<sup>25</sup>& 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  
<sup>26</sup>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

<sup>27</sup> & 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  
<sup>28</sup> 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