

Jacob 4 Chapter

¹——— Now behold it came to pass that
I Jacob haveing ministered much unto my People in word
& I cannot write but ^a little of my words
because of the difficulty of engraveing our words upon plates
& we know that the things which we write upon plates must remain
²but whatsoever things we write upon any thing save it be upon plates
must perish & vanish away
but we can write a few words upon plates
which will give our children & also our beloved Brethren
a small degree of knowledge concerning us or concerning their fathers
³now in this thing we do rejoice
& we labour diligently to engraven these words upon plates
hoping that our beloved Brethren & our children
will receive them with thankful hearts
& look upon them that they may learn with joy
& not with sorrow neither with contempt
concerning their first [parents](#)

⁴for for this intent have we written these things
that they may know [that we](#) knew of Christ
& we had a hope of his glory many hundred years [before his](#) comeing
& not only we ourselves had a hope of his glory
but [also all the](#) holy Prophets which were before us
⁵behold they believed in Christ & [worshiped](#) the Father in his name
& also we worship the Father in his name
& for this intent we keep the law of Moses
it pointing our souls to him
& for this cause it is sanctified unto us for righteousness
even as it was accounted unto Abraham in the wilderness to be obedient
unto the commands of God in offering up his Son Isaac
which was a similitude of God & his only begotten Son

⁶wherefore we search the Prophets
& we have many revelations & the spirit of Prophecy
& haveing all these witnesses
we obtain a hope & our faith becometh unshaken
insomuch that we truly can command in the name of Jesus
& the verry trees obey us or the mountains or the waves of the Sea
⁷nevertheless the Lord God sheweth us our weakness that we may know
that it is by his grace & his great condesensions unto the children of men
that we have power to do these things

⁸ behold great & marvelous are the works of the Lord
how unsearchible are the depths of the mysteries of him
& it is impossible that man should find out all his ways
& no man knoweth of his ways save it be revealed unto him
wherefore Brethren despise not the revelations of God
⁹ for behold by the power of his word
man came upon the face of the earth
which earth was created by the power of his word
wherefore if God being able to speak & the world was
& to speak & man was ^{created}
O then why not able to command the earth
or the workmanship of his hands upon the face of it
according to his will & pleasure

¹⁰ wherefore Brethren seek not to counsel the Lord
but to take counsel from his hand
for behold ye yourselves know that he counseleth
in wisdom & in Justice & in great mercy over all his works
¹¹ wherefore beloved be reconciled unto him
through the atonement of Christ his only begotten Son
that ye may obtain a resurrection
according to the power of the resurrection which is in Christ
& be presented as the first fruits of Christ unto God
having faith & obtained a good hope of glory in him
before he manifesteth himself in the flesh

¹² & now beloved marvel not that I tell you these things
for why not speak of the atonement of Christ
& attain to a perfect knowledge of him
as to attain to the knowledge of a resurrection & the world to come
¹³ behold my Brethren he that prophesieth
let him prophesy to the understanding of men
for the Spirit speaketh the truth & lieth not
wherefore it speaketh of things as they really are
& of things as they really will be
wherefore these things are manifested unto us plainly
for the salvation of our Souls

but behold we are not witnesses alone in these things
for God also spake them unto Prophets of old

¹⁴but behold the Jews were a stiffnecked People
& they despised the words of plainness & killed the Prophets
& sought for things that they could not understand
wherefore because of their blindness
which blindness came by looking beyond the mark
they must needs fall
for God hath taken away his plainness from them
& delivered unto them many things which they cannot understand
because they desired it
& because they desired it
God hath done it that they may stumble

¹⁵& now I Jacob am lead on by the spirit unto Prophesying
for I persieve by the workings of the spirit which is in me
that by the stumbleing of the Jews they will reject the stone
upon which they might build & have safe foundation

¹⁶but behold according to the Scriptures
this stone shall become the great & the last & the only sure foundation
upon which the Jews can build

¹⁷& now my Beloved how is it possible
that these after haveing rejected the sure foundation can ever build upon it
that it may become the head of their corner

¹⁸behold my beloved Brethren I will unfold this mystery unto you
if I do not by any means get shaken from my firmness in the spirit
& stumble because of my over anxiety for you