

THE BOOK *of* ETHER

Moroni reflects on previous events, circa 2600 through 600 BCE.

AN INTRODUCTION:

The record of the Jaredites. Taken from the twenty-four plates found by the people of Limhi, in the days of King Mosiah.

Chapter One.

Now, I, Moroni, proceed to provide an account of the ancient inhabitants who faced destruction by the hand of the Lord in this northern region. I base my account on the twenty-four plates discovered by the people of Limhi, known as the Book of Ether. Assuming that the initial part of this record, covering the creation of the world, Adam, and events from that time to the construction of the great tower—essentially, the history of humanity until then—is available among the Jews, I refrain from documenting events from Adam’s days until that period in this record, though they are preserved on the plates. Whoever finds them will have the ability to access the complete account. Nevertheless, I present only a portion of the record—from the tower’s construction until their destruction. This is the manner in which I relay the narrative:

Ether, a descendant of Coriantor, authored this record.

Coriantor was the son of Moron.

Moron was the son of Ethem.

Ethem was the son of Ahah.

Ahah was the son of Seth.

Seth was the son of Shiblon.

Shiblon was the son of Com.

Com was the son of Coriantum.

Coriantum was the son of Amnigaddah.

Amnigaddah was the son of Aaron.

Aaron was a descendant of Heth, the son of Hearthom.

Hearthom was the son of Lib.

Lib was the son of Kish.

Kish was the son of Corom.

Corom was the son of Levi.

Levi was the son of Kim.

Kim was the son of Morianton.

Morianton was a descendant of Riplakish.

Riplakish was the son of Shez.
Shez was the son of Heth.
Heth was the son of Com.
Com was the son of Coriantum.
Coriantum was the son of Emer.
Emer was the son of Omer.
Omer was the son of Shule.
Shule was the son of Kib.
Kib was the son of Orihah, who was the son of Jared.

Jared, who came forth with his brother and their families, along with some others and their families, from the great tower at the time when the Lord confused the people's language, swearing in His wrath to scatter them upon all the earth. As the Lord had spoken, the people were dispersed.

The brother of Jared, being a large and mighty man and highly favored by the Lord, said to Jared, his brother: Cry unto the Lord that He will not confound us, preventing us from understanding our words. The brother of Jared cried to the Lord, and the Lord, in His compassion, did not confound Jared's language. Jared and his brother remained unconfounded. Jared then said to his brother: Cry again to the Lord; perhaps He will turn away His anger from our friends, so that their language is not confounded. The brother of Jared cried to the Lord, and the Lord had compassion on their friends and families, preventing their confusion.

Jared spoke again to his brother, saying: Go and inquire of the Lord whether He will drive us out of the land. If so, cry unto Him to reveal where we shall go. Who knows but the Lord will lead us to a land surpassing all others? If this is His will, let us be faithful to receive it as our inheritance. The brother of Jared cried to the Lord as instructed by Jared. The Lord heard the brother of Jared, had compassion on him, and said: Go and gather your flocks, male and female of every kind, as well as the seed of the earth of every kind. Bring your families, along with Jared your brother, his family, your friends, and their families, and the friends of Jared with their families.

Once you have done this, go at the head of them into the northward valley. There, I will meet you and precede you into a land chosen above all others on the earth. I will bless you and your seed, raising up a great nation from your loins, your brother's seed, and those who go with you. There shall be no nation greater than the one I will raise up from your seed upon the face of the earth. I will do this because you have cried unto me for a long time.

Chapter Two.

Jared, his brother, their families, and the friends of Jared and his brother, along with their families, descended into the northward valley, named Nimrod—after the mighty hunter. They brought their flocks—male and female of every kind—with them. They also set snares to catch birds and prepared a vessel to carry fish from the waters. Additionally, they carried with them Deseret—interpreted as honey bees. Thus, they brought swarms of bees and all kinds of seeds from the land.

Upon entering the valley of Nimrod, the Lord descended and spoke with the brother of Jared, who, obscured by a cloud, did not see the Lord. The Lord commanded them to venture into the wilderness, to a quarter untouched by man. The Lord went before them, talking with them in a cloud and providing guidance on their journey.

They traveled in the wilderness, building barges directed by the hand of the Lord, crossing many waters. The Lord forbade them to settle beyond the sea in the wilderness but directed them to the land of promise—a land above all others, preserved by the Lord for a righteous people. The Lord had sworn to the brother of Jared that those who possessed this land would serve Him, the true and only God. If not, they would be swept away when the Lord’s wrath reached its fullness.

This land is a land of promise, and any nation that possesses it must serve God or face destruction when their iniquity reaches fullness. This message is for you, O Gentiles, to understand God’s decrees, repent, and avoid bringing the full wrath of God upon yourselves, as the previous inhabitants did. This is a choice land, and any nation that possesses it will be free from bondage, captivity, and the influence of other nations under heaven. This freedom is granted if they serve the God of the land, Jesus Christ, revealed through our writings.

Continuing with my record, the Lord led Jared and his brethren to the great sea dividing the lands. They pitched their tents by the sea, naming the place Moriancumer, dwelling in tents on the seashore for four years. After four years, the Lord came again to the brother of Jared, standing in a cloud and talking with him for three hours. The Lord chastened him for forgetting to pray.

Repenting, the brother of Jared called upon the name of the Lord for his brethren, and the Lord forgave him and his brethren. However, the Lord warned against sinning further, as His Spirit would not always strive with man. If they sinned until fully ripe, they would be cut off from the Lord’s presence. *The Promised Land* is offered as an inheritance, a land choice above all others.

The Lord instructed them to build barges in the same manner as before. The brother of Jared and his brethren built small, light barges, resembling the lightness of a bird on the water. These barges were exceedingly tight, holding water like a dish. The bottom, sides, and ends were tight, and the top was tight like a dish. Each barge’s length was that of a tree, and the door, when shut, was tight like a dish.

The brother of Jared cried to the Lord, reporting that he had followed the Lord’s command but lamenting the lack of light in the barges. He questioned how they would steer and survive without air since the barges were airtight. The Lord instructed the brother of Jared to make holes in the top and bottom. When needing air, they should unstop the hole, and if water came in, they should stop it to avoid perishing in the flood. Following the Lord’s guidance, the brother of Jared made openings for air.

He cried out to the Lord again, expressing concern about crossing the great water in darkness. The Lord responded, asking what they wanted for light in their vessels, as they couldn’t have windows, and taking fire would be impractical.

The Lord assured them that He had prepared them for the challenges, with the promise to bring them up again from the depths of the sea. Winds, rains, and floods had been sent forth from His mouth, and the Lord asked what preparation they desired for light when swallowed up in the depths of the sea.

Chapter Three.

The brother of Jared ascended the mount called Shelem, named as such due to its extraordinary height. As the prepared vessels numbered eight, he hewed sixteen small stones from a rock, which were white and clear like transparent glass. Carrying them in his hands atop the mount, he cried out to the Lord: O Lord, as thou hast declared, we shall be surrounded by floods. Look upon thy servant with compassion, not in anger, for we acknowledge thy holiness in the heavens. We are unworthy before thee due to the fall that has perpetually tainted our nature. Nevertheless, thou hast commanded us to

call upon thee, seeking according to our desires. Lord, thou hast chastened us for our iniquity, casting us into the wilderness for many years. Despite our shortcomings, thy mercy has sustained us.

Have pity on me, O Lord, turn away thine anger from thy people. Do not let them cross this turbulent deep in darkness. Behold, these stones I have hewn from the rock. I acknowledge, O Lord, thy omnipotence, capable of any benevolent act for the benefit of mankind. Touch these stones with thy finger, O Lord, and prepare them to radiate light in darkness. Let them shine forth in the vessels we have prepared, granting us light as we cross the sea. O Lord, thou art capable of such wonders. We recognize thy ability to manifest great power, which may seem insignificant to the understanding of men.

As the brother of Jared spoke these words, the Lord stretched forth his hand and touched each stone with his finger. The veil lifted from the brother of Jared's eyes, and he beheld the Lord's finger—a finger like unto flesh and blood, resembling that of a man. Struck with fear, the brother of Jared fell down before the Lord.

Observing the brother of Jared on the ground, the Lord asked: Arise, why hast thou fallen?

The brother of Jared replied: I saw the finger of the Lord, and I feared thou wouldst smite me, for I knew not that the Lord had flesh and blood.

The Lord said: Because of thy faith, thou hast seen that I shall take upon me flesh and blood. No man has come before me with such exceeding faith as thou hast. Without this, thou couldst not have seen my finger. Didst thou see more than this?

He answered: Nay, Lord, show thyself unto me.

The Lord asked: Dost thou believe the words I shall speak?

He affirmed: Yea, Lord, I know thou speakest the truth, for thou art a God of truth and canst not lie.

Upon these words, the Lord showed himself to the brother of Jared, declaring: Because thou knowest these things, ye are redeemed from the fall, brought back into my presence, and I reveal myself unto you. I am he, who was prepared from the foundation of the world to redeem my people—Jesus Christ, the Father and the Son. In me, all mankind shall have eternal life by believing in my name, becoming my sons and daughters. I have never before shown myself to man, for never has man believed in me as thou hast. Dost thou see that ye are created in mine own image? All men were created in the beginning after mine own image. This body, which ye now behold, is the body of my spirit. After the body of my spirit, I have created man. As I appear to thee in the spirit, so will I appear to my people in the flesh.

Now, as I, Moroni, said, I cannot fully account for these matters in writing. It suffices to say that Jesus showed himself to this man in the spirit, similar to how he appeared to the Nephites. He ministered to him as he did to the Nephites, attesting to the man that he was God through the numerous great works shown to him. Due to this man's knowledge, he could not be kept from beholding within the veil, witnessing the finger of Jesus. When he saw it, he fell in fear, having faith no longer but knowing without doubt. Possessing this perfect knowledge of God, he could not be kept from within the veil; hence, he saw Jesus and ministered unto him.

The Lord said to the brother of Jared: Do not let these things you have seen and heard go forth to the world until the time when I shall manifest my name in the flesh. Preserve the things you have seen and heard; show them to no one. When you come unto me, write and seal them up in a language that cannot be read. I will give you these two stones; seal them up with what you write. The language you write, I will confound, and in due time, these stones will magnify the things you write before the

eyes of men. When the Lord spoke these words, he revealed to the brother of Jared all the inhabitants of the earth—past and future—showing them without restraint, even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord, having stated before that if the man believed in him, he could show him all things, now confirmed that the Lord could not withhold anything from him. He commanded him to write and seal up these things, promising to reveal them in his own due time to the children of men. The Lord directed him to seal up the two stones and not show them until the Lord revealed them to the children of men.

Chapter Four.

The Lord directed the brother of Jared to descend from the mount after the manifestation in the Lord's presence and record the visions he had witnessed. These records were to remain concealed from mankind until after Christ's crucifixion. King Mosiah preserved them for this purpose, ensuring that they did not come to light until Christ revealed himself to his people. Following Christ's manifestation to his people, he commanded that the records be made public.

However, after this revelation, disbelief spread among the people, and only the Lamanites retained faith. Due to their rejection of the gospel, the Lord commanded me to conceal the records in the earth once again. I have inscribed on these plates the remarkable visions seen by the brother of Jared. Nothing greater has been revealed than what was disclosed to him. The Lord commanded me to write and seal these records, along with their interpretation. Accordingly, I have sealed the interpreters per the Lord's command. The Lord instructed me, saying: They shall not be revealed to the Gentiles until the day they repent and purify themselves before the Lord. On the day they exercise faith in me, similar to the brother of Jared, becoming sanctified in me, I will unveil to them the visions seen by the brother of Jared, unfolding all my revelations. This I declare as Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of the heavens and the earth, and all therein.

Anyone who opposes the word of the Lord shall be cursed. Those who deny these revelations shall be accursed, for Jesus Christ affirms that he will show no greater things to those who reject these truths. He is the speaker of these words. By my command, the heavens open and close. At my word, the earth shakes. At my command, its inhabitants shall pass away as if by fire. Those who do not believe my words do not believe my disciples. If I do not speak, judge for yourselves, for you shall recognize my voice on the last day. Whoever believes my words, I will visit with the manifestations of my Spirit. They shall know and bear witness, for my Spirit persuades men to do good. Anything that persuades men to do good is from me. Good emanates solely from me. I am the guide to all that is good.

Whoever disbelieves my words disbelieves me; that I am. Whoever disbelieves me disbelieves the Father who sent me. Behold, I am the Father, the light, the life, and the truth of the world.

Come to me, O Gentiles, and I will reveal to you the greater knowledge hidden due to unbelief. Come to me, O house of Israel, and the Father's great plans for you since the foundation of the world shall be unveiled. Unbelief has hindered this knowledge from reaching you. When you tear the veil of unbelief that keeps you in a state of wickedness, hardness of heart, and blindness of mind, then the great and marvelous things hidden since the foundation of the world will be revealed to you. When you call upon the Father in my name, with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, you shall know that the Father remembers the covenant made with your fathers, O house of Israel. My revelations written by my servant John will then be disclosed to all people.

Remember, when you witness these events, know that the time has come for them to be truly manifest. Therefore, upon receiving this record, understand that the Father's work has commenced throughout the land. Repent, all ends of the earth, turn to me, believe in my gospel, and be baptized in my name. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved, but those who disbelieve shall be condemned. Signs shall follow those who believe in my name. Blessed is the one found faithful to my name on the last day, for they shall be exalted to dwell in the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world. It is I who have spoken. Amen.

Chapter Five.

I, Moroni, have inscribed these words as commanded, relying on my memory. I have disclosed the contents of the sealed plates to you, but I warn against attempting to translate them, as such an endeavor is prohibited, except when it becomes wisdom in God's plan. You may have the privilege of displaying the plates to those who will contribute to bringing forth this work. The power of God will permit three individuals to witness these plates, providing them with unequivocal assurance of the truth of these things. The establishment of these truths will rely on the testimony of three witnesses. This work, showcasing the power of God and His word, will bear witness—affirmed by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. All of this will serve as a testimony against the world on the last day. Those who repent and approach the Father in the name of Jesus will be welcomed into the kingdom of God. If you question my authority in these matters, judge for yourselves. You will recognize my authority when we stand before God on the last day. Amen.

Chapter Six.

I, Moroni, now proceed to recount the narrative of Jared and his brother. After the Lord had prepared the stones carried by the brother of Jared into the mountain, he descended and placed the stones in the vessels, one at each end, and they illuminated the vessels. The Lord made stones shine in darkness to provide light for men, women, and children, ensuring they did not traverse the great waters in darkness.

After preparing all kinds of sustenance for the journey, including provisions for their flocks, herds, and various animals, they boarded their vessels, or barges, commending themselves to the Lord. The Lord God caused a fierce wind to blow toward *The Promised Land*, and they were tossed on the waves before the wind. Encountering mountain waves and severe tempests caused by the fierce wind, they were often submerged in the depths of the sea. Despite being buried in the deep, their vessels, tight like a dish and akin to Noah's ark, prevented harm. They cried to the Lord, who brought them forth upon the waters.

The wind never ceased blowing toward *The Promised Land*, propelling them forward. They sang praises to the Lord day and night, expressing gratitude for His mercies. They had continuous light, whether above or below the water.

No sea monster or whale could harm them, and they were driven forth for three hundred and forty-four days on the water.

They finally landed on the shore of *The Promised Land*. Upon setting foot on the shores, they humbled themselves before the Lord, shedding tears of joy for His tender mercies. They began tilling the earth and spreading across the land.

Jared had four sons—Jacom, Gilgah, Mahah, and Orihah—and the brother of Jared also had sons and daughters. The friends of Jared and his brother, numbering about twenty-two souls, also had

children before reaching *The Promised Land*, and they multiplied. They were taught to walk humbly before the Lord, receiving instruction from on high, spreading, multiplying, and thriving in the land.

The brother of Jared, realizing his age, suggested gathering the people to know his desires before passing on. The people—numbering twenty-two sons and daughters of the brother of Jared, and twelve children of Jared; four of which were male—desired to have a king. This troubled the brother of Jared, who saw it as leading to captivity.

Jared allowed them to choose a king. They chose Pagag, the firstborn of the brother of Jared, but he refused to be king. His father commanded that no one should be compelled to be their king. All the brothers of Pagag refused, except for Orihah, who was anointed as king. Orihah's reign brought prosperity, and the people became exceedingly rich.

Jared and his brother passed away, leaving Orihah to walk humbly before God, reminding his people of the great things the Lord had done for their fathers.

Chapter Seven.

Orihah consistently administered righteous judgment throughout his remarkably long life. He had a total of thirty-one children; twenty-three sons and eight daughters.

In his advanced years, Orihah fathered Kib, who later succeeded him as the ruler, and Kib, in turn, begat Corihor. When Corihor reached the age of thirty-two, he rebelled against his father, relocating to the land of Nehor. Corihor, blessed with sons and daughters of exceptional beauty, attracted a significant following. Amassing an army, Corihor captured the king of Moron, fulfilling a prediction made by the brother of Jared regarding their captivity.

While Kib lived in captivity, Shule was born to him in his old age. Despite Shule's eventual anger towards his brother, he grew strong, both physically and in judgment. Shule, armed with swords made from the hill Ephraim, confronted Corihor in battle, successfully reclaiming the kingdom and restoring it to their father, Kib.

As a result of Shule's actions, his father bestowed the kingdom upon him, and he began his reign with a commitment to executing righteous judgment. Shule expanded his kingdom across the land as the population flourished. Shule fathered numerous sons and daughters during his reign. Corihor repented of his past transgressions, leading Shule to grant him power within the kingdom. Corihor, blessed with many offspring, including a son named Noah, eventually rebelled against Shule, drawing away his brother, Cohor, and others.

Noah battled Shule and gained control of their ancestral land, but Shule later defeated him in another encounter. Shule's sons, under the cover of night, rescued their father from captivity, killed Noah, and restored Shule to his throne.

Despite the division of the country into two kingdoms—Shule's and Cohor's—the people under Shule's reign prospered greatly. Cohor's son Nimrod surrendered the kingdom to Shule, gaining favor and receiving numerous blessings in return.

During Shule's reign, prophets warned of the curse brought by the people's wickedness and idolatry. The people, however, reviled and mocked the prophets, leading King Shule to execute judgment against those who opposed them. Shule enacted a law granting power to the prophets, contributing to the people's repentance and the Lord sparing them from destruction. With repentance, the people prospered again under Shule's rule.

Shule, in his old age, continued to have sons and daughters. The days of Shule were marked by peace, with no more wars, and he remembered and executed judgment in righteousness, acknowledging the Lord's guidance in bringing their forefathers to *The Promised Land*.

Chapter Eight.

Omer, succeeding his father, begat Jared, who, in turn, had sons and daughters. Jared rebelled against his father and settled in the land of Heth. Through cunning words, he flattered many, gaining half the kingdom. Having seized half the kingdom, Jared battled his father, taking him captive and forcing him into servitude during Omer's reign.

Throughout Omer's reign, he spent half his days in captivity, fathering sons and daughters, including Esrom and Coriantumr. Angered by Jared's actions, Esrom and Coriantumr raised an army and, during a nighttime confrontation, defeated Jared's forces. About to slay Jared, they spared him when he pleaded for his life and offered to relinquish the kingdom to his father.

Jared, distressed by losing the kingdom, set his heart on its glory. Jared's daughter, perceptive of her father's sorrows, devised a plan to redeem the kingdom. The exceedingly fair daughter spoke with her father, reminding him of the ancient records that detailed obtaining kingdoms through secret plans. Advising her father to send for Akish, the daughter proposed a plan where she would dance before Akish, enticing him to desire her as his wife. In exchange, Akish should bring the head of her father.

Omer, a friend to Akish, complied, leading to Akish desiring Jared's daughter as his wife. Jared agreed to the union, contingent on Akish bringing him Omer's head.

Akish gathered his kinsfolk, making them swear oaths to be faithful, ensuring secrecy under the penalty of death. Akish employed ancient oaths that originated with Cain, maintaining power through darkness and wickedness.

The daughter of Jared initiated the investigation into these old oaths, prompting Jared to approach Akish, who then administered the oaths to his kindred. This secret combination, likened to those of old, became abominable in the sight of God, involving murder, plunder, lies, and wickedness. The daughter of Jared's influence and Jared's prompting led to the formation of this wicked combination. Such secret combinations are condemned by God, who forbids shedding blood from the beginning.

I, Moroni, do not write the manner of their oaths and combinations, known to be present among all people and the Lamanites. Nations upholding secret combinations for power and gain will face destruction, as seen in the demise of the people Moroni discusses. Any nation endorsing secret combinations will ultimately be destroyed, as the blood of the saints cries for vengeance.

The Gentiles must recognize and repent of the dangers posed by secret combinations, to prevent the rise in power and destruction. God commands vigilance against secret combinations that seek power and gain, bringing forth destruction and invoking the justice of the Eternal God. When such combinations emerge, people are commanded to awaken to their perilous situation and avoid the impending destruction.

These secret combinations aim to overthrow the freedom of nations, leading to the destruction of entire populations, driven by the father of lies, who is a murderer from the beginning.

I, Moroni, write these things to eradicate evil, hoping for a time when Satan has no power over the hearts of humanity, encouraging continual goodness, righteousness, and salvation.

Chapter Nine.

I, Moroni, now continue my record. Due to the secret combinations led by Akish and his associates, they succeeded in overthrowing the kingdom of Omer. However, the Lord showed mercy to Omer, as well as to his sons and daughters who were not involved in seeking his destruction.

In a dream, the Lord warned Omer to leave the land. Consequently, Omer, along with his family, embarked on a journey that lasted many days. They passed landmarks such as the hill of Shim and the site of the Nephite destruction, finally reaching Ablom by the seashore. There, Omer pitched his tent, including his sons and daughters, and the entire household, with the exception of Jared and his family.

Jared, influenced by wickedness, was anointed as king, and he gave his daughter to Akish in marriage. Akish, driven by a desire to eliminate his father-in-law, sought the help of those bound by the oath of the ancients. With their assistance, he acquired his father-in-law's head while he sat on his throne, addressing his people. The pervasive influence of the wicked secret society corrupted the hearts of the people, leading to the murder of Jared on his throne. Akish then assumed the throne.

Akish, becoming jealous of his son, imprisoned him, providing little or no sustenance until he perished. Nimrah, the brother of the deceased, angered by his father's actions, gathered a small group of men and fled the land, settling with Omer.

Akish fathered more sons who, despite their sworn allegiance to perform any iniquity as desired by Akish, won the hearts of the people. The people, driven by a desire for gain as Akish sought power, were lured by money, causing the majority to follow Akish's sons. A prolonged war erupted between Akish's sons and Akish himself, resulting in the near-total destruction of the kingdom. Only thirty souls survived, along with those who fled with Omer's household. Consequently, Omer was restored to his inheritance.

Omer, growing old, fathered Emer. In his old age, Omer anointed Emer as king to reign in his stead. After Emer's anointing, the land experienced two years of peace. Omer died, having lived through many sorrow-filled days. Emer took over the throne, following in his father's footsteps. The Lord began lifting the curse from the land, and under Emer's reign, the house of Emer flourished remarkably. In sixty-two years, they became exceedingly strong and rich. Abundant blessings, including various fruits, grains, silks, fine linen, gold, silver, precious items, and diverse animals, blessed the land. Useful animals such as horses, asses, elephants, cureloms, and cumoms were abundant, with special emphasis on the usefulness of elephants, cureloms, and cumoms. The Lord lavished His blessings on this land, emphasizing the command that those who possess it must do so unto the Lord, or face destruction upon ripening in iniquity. Emer executed righteous judgment throughout his life, fathering many sons and daughters. He begat Coriantum and anointed him to reign in his stead. After Coriantum's anointing, Emer lived for four more years, witnessing peace in the land. He even saw the Son of Righteousness, rejoicing in his day, and died peacefully.

Coriantum followed in his father's footsteps, building mighty cities, and administering goodness to his people throughout his days. Despite his old age, he had no children. After Coriantum's one-hundred and two-year-old wife died, he took a young maiden to wife in his old age. He lived until he was one-hundred forty-two, fathering sons and daughters. Coriantum begat Com, who reigned for forty-nine years and begat Heth, along with other sons and daughters. Wickedness resurfaced across the land, with Heth embracing the secret plans of old to destroy his father. Heth dethroned his father by slaying him with his own sword, taking over the reign.

Prophets once again appeared, warning of impending curses and famine if the people failed to repent. Disbelieving the prophets' words, the people cast them out and subjected some to pit imprisonment, following the commandments of King Heth.

A severe dearth struck the land, causing rapid destruction of the inhabitants due to the absence of rain. Poisonous serpents emerged, poisoning many people, and their flocks fled towards the land southward, known as Zarahemla to the Nephites. While some perished along the way, others managed to flee into the land southward. The Lord intervened, preventing the serpents from pursuing the people further but blocking their path to ensure those attempting to pass faced danger from the serpents. People followed the course of the beasts, devouring their carcasses until all were consumed. Faced with impending doom, the people repented of their iniquities and cried unto the Lord.

Sufficiently humbled, the Lord sent rain upon the face of the earth. People began to revive, and fruit blossomed in the north countries and surrounding lands. The Lord displayed His power by preserving them from famine.

Chapter Ten.

Shez, a descendant of Heth, emerged as the sole survivor after Heth and his household perished in a famine. Driven to rebuild a shattered community, Shez began the task. Remembering the destruction of his forefathers, Shez established a righteous kingdom, acknowledging the Lord's guidance in bringing Jared and his brother across the deep. He walked in the ways of the Lord and begat sons and daughters. Despite rebellion from his eldest son, also named Shez, peace was restored when the son was smitten by a robber due to his excessive riches. In his old age, Shez built many cities, witnessing the people spreading across the land. After living to an exceedingly old age, Shez begat Riplakish, passing away with Riplakish assuming the throne.

Riplakish, unfortunately, did not rule in accordance with the Lord's will. Indulging in many wives and concubines, he imposed heavy taxes and built spacious buildings with them. Erecting an exceedingly beautiful throne, Riplakish also built prisons and imprisoned those who resisted taxes or couldn't pay. He forced them to labor for support, and those refusing were put to death. Riplakish obtained fine work, refining gold in prison, and inflicting the people with his whoredoms and abominations. After reigning for forty-two years, the people rebelled against Riplakish, leading to war in the land. Riplakish was killed, and his descendants were driven out.

After many years, Morianton, a descendant of Riplakish, gathered an army, battled the people, and gained power over many cities. The war endured for years until Morianton established himself as king over all the land. Having gained favor by easing the people's burdens, Morianton was anointed as king. He did justice to the people but was cut off from the Lord's presence due to his many whoredoms.

Morianton built many cities, and the people became exceedingly rich. In his old age, he begat Kim, who reigned for eight years before his unrighteous death. Kim's brother rebelled, bringing Kim into captivity. While in captivity, Kim begat Levi in his old age and then died. Levi served in captivity for forty-two years, making war against the king of the land and obtaining the kingdom. He ruled righteously, and the people prospered. After living to a good old age, Levi begat sons and daughters, including Corom, whom he anointed as king.

Corom's righteous reign continued throughout his life. After seeing many days, Corom passed away, and Kish succeeded him. After Kish's passing, Lib reigned in his stead, doing good in the Lord's sight.

In Lib's days, poisonous serpents were destroyed, prompting them to venture southward for hunting. They built a great city by the narrow neck of land, preserving the south for a wilderness. The north was densely inhabited, with people being exceedingly industrious, engaging in trade, working with various metals, textiles, and tools. The people were blessed and prospered by the Lord, residing in a land considered choice above all others. After living many years, Lib begat sons and daughters, including Hearthom.

Hearthom reigned for twenty-four years until the kingdom was taken away, leading to many years of captivity until his death. Hearthom begat Heth, who lived in captivity, and Heth begat Aaron. The cycle of captivity continued through subsequent generations—Amnigaddah, Coriantum, and finally, Com.

Com drew away half the kingdom and reigned for forty-two years. He battled against King Amgid for many years, gaining power over him and obtaining control over the remainder of the kingdom. In Com's days, robbers emerged, adopting ancient plans, and seeking to destroy the kingdom. Despite Com's considerable efforts, he did not prevail against them.

Chapter Eleven.

During Com's reign, numerous prophets emerged, foretelling the destruction of the great people unless they repented, turned to the Lord, and abandoned their acts of murder and wickedness. The people rejected these prophets, compelling them to seek refuge with Com for protection, as the populace sought to harm them. Despite the rejection, the prophets conveyed many prophecies to Com, and he was blessed throughout the remainder of his days. Living to a good old age, Com fathered Shiblom, who assumed the throne.

Shiblom's brother rebelled against him, sparking an exceedingly great war across the land. Shiblom's brother orchestrated the execution of all prophets predicting the people's destruction. This led to great calamity, as the prophets had testified about a great curse coming upon the land and the people. They warned of a destruction unprecedented in the history of the earth, with their bones becoming heaps of earth unless the people repented of their wickedness. Ignoring the voice of the Lord due to their wicked combinations, wars, contentions, famines, and pestilences ensued, resulting in a great destruction never before experienced on the face of the earth. All of this occurred during Shiblom's reign. The people began to repent of their iniquity, and as they did so, the Lord had mercy on them.

Shiblom was slain, and Seth was brought into captivity, dwelling in captivity for the rest of his days. Ahah, his son, ascended to the throne, reigning over the people for the entirety of his days. Engaging in all manner of iniquity, he caused the shedding of much blood, and his days were few. Ethem, a descendant of Ahah, succeeded him, continuing the legacy of wickedness during his reign.

In Ethem's days, many prophets again prophesied, warning that the Lord would utterly destroy the people unless they repented of their iniquities. The people, however, hardened their hearts, refusing to listen to the prophets. As a result, the prophets mourned and withdrew from among the people.

Ethem executed judgment in wickedness throughout his life, begetting Moron. Moron, in turn, ruled in wickedness before the Lord. A rebellion emerged among the people due to a secret combination seeking power and gain. A mighty man in iniquity battled against Moron, overthrowing half of the kingdom and maintaining control for many years. Eventually, Moron overthrew this mighty man and regained the kingdom.

Another mighty man arose, a descendant of the brother of Jared. He overthrew Moron and obtained the kingdom, leading Moron to dwell in captivity for the rest of his days.

Coriantor was Moron's son, and dwelt in captivity throughout his life. In Coriantor's days, many prophets predicted great and marvelous things, calling for repentance. If the people did not repent, the Lord God would execute judgment, leading to their utter destruction. The Lord God would send, or bring forth, another people to possess the land, by his power, after the manner by which he brought their fathers. The people rejected the words of the prophets due to their secret society and wicked abominations. Coriantor fathered Ether, then died, having dwelt in captivity all his days.

Chapter Twelve.

During the reign of Coriantumr, the days of Ether unfolded, with Coriantumr as the ruler over the entire land. Ether, identified as a prophet of the Lord, emerged during Coriantumr's era. Unrestrained by the Spirit of the Lord within him, Ether began to prophesy to the people. From morning until sunset, Ether passionately exhorted the people to believe in God, urging them to repent to avoid destruction. He emphasized that by faith, all things are fulfilled. Those who believed in God, according to Ether's teachings, could confidently hope for a better world and even a place at the right hand of God. This hope, rooted in faith, served as an anchor for the souls of individuals, ensuring their steadfastness in good works and leading them to glorify God. Despite Ether's proclamation of great and marvelous things, the people, lacking visible evidence, did not believe in his prophecies.

Now, I, Moroni, wish to elaborate on these matters. I aim to demonstrate to the world that faith pertains to things hoped for but unseen. Therefore, do not dispute due to the absence of visible proof, for you receive no witness until after your faith is tried. Christ revealed Himself to our forefathers by faith after His resurrection. He did not manifest Himself until after they had faith in Him. Thus, it is evident that some had faith, as He did not appear to the world at large. Through the faith of individuals, Christ has shown Himself to the world, glorifying the name of the Father. He paved the way for others to partake in the heavenly gift and hope for unseen blessings. Therefore, you, too, can have hope and share in this gift if you cultivate faith. By faith, individuals of old were called to the holy order of God. The law of Moses was given by faith. However, with the gift of His Son, God prepared a superior way, and it is through faith that this has been fulfilled. Without faith among humanity, God cannot perform miracles. Therefore, He did not reveal Himself until after their faith.

Consider the faith of Alma and Amulek, which caused the prison to collapse. Reflect on the faith of Nephi and Lehi, resulting in a transformative change among the Lamanites who were baptized with fire and the Holy Ghost. Contemplate the faith of Ammon and his brethren, which wrought great miracles among the Lamanites. Indeed, all those who performed miracles did so through faith, both before and after the time of Christ. The three disciples obtained a promise through faith that they would not taste of death, but this promise was realized only after their faith. No one has ever worked miracles without faith; hence, they first believed in the Son of God.

Even before Christ's advent, many had exceedingly strong faith. They could not be restrained from within the veil, seeing with their eyes the things they had beheld with an eye of faith, bringing them joy. As evidenced in this record, one such individual was the brother of Jared. His great faith in God allowed him to witness God's finger, fulfilling the promises obtained through faith. After the brother of Jared beheld the finger of the Lord, the promises he obtained through faith compelled the Lord to reveal all things to him. He could no longer be kept behind the veil. Through faith, my fathers

obtained the promise that these things would come to their brethren through the Gentiles. Therefore, the Lord has commanded me, even Jesus Christ.

In response, I said to Him: Lord, the Gentiles may mock these things due to our writing weaknesses. While You have made us powerful in speaking through the Holy Ghost, our writing is limited, and we fear Gentiles may mock our words.

He responded: Fools may mock, but they will mourn. My grace is sufficient for the meek, ensuring they take no advantage of your weakness. If men come to me, I will reveal their weakness. I give men weakness for humility, and my grace is sufficient for all who humble themselves before me. Through humility and faith, I will make weak things become strong for them. I will reveal to the Gentiles their weakness and demonstrate that faith, hope, and charity bring them to Me—the fountain of all righteousness.

After hearing these words, I, Moroni, was comforted, saying: O Lord, let Your righteous will be done, for I know You work with the children of men according to their faith. The brother of Jared said to the mountain Zerin, REMOVE, and it was removed. If he had lacked faith, it would not have moved. Therefore, You work after men have faith. This is how You manifested Yourself to Your disciples. After they had faith and spoke in Your name, You revealed Yourself to them in great power.

I also recall Your statement that You have prepared a house for man among the mansions of Your Father, offering a more excellent hope. Therefore, man must hope, or he cannot inherit the place You have prepared. Again, I remember Your expression of love for the world, even unto laying down Your life for it, to take it again and prepare a place for the children of men. Now I understand that the love You have for the children of men is charity. Without charity, they cannot inherit the place You have prepared in the mansions of Your Father. I realize that if the Gentiles lack charity due to our writing weakness, You will prove them, take away their talent, and give it to those who have more abundantly.

So, I prayed to the Lord to grant grace to the Gentiles, that they might have charity. The Lord said to me: If they lack charity, it matters not to you; you have been faithful. Therefore, your garments shall be made clean. Because you have recognized your weakness, you shall be made strong, even to sitting down in the place I have prepared in the mansions of my Father.

Now, I, Moroni, bid farewell to the Gentiles and my beloved brethren, until we meet before the judgment-seat of Christ. Then, all men shall know that my garments are not stained with your blood. At that time, you shall know that I have seen Jesus, who spoke to me face to face, revealing His truths plainly and humbly in my own language regarding these matters. I have written only a few things due to my weakness in writing.

I recommend that you seek Jesus, whom the prophets and apostles have written about. May the grace of God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, who bears witness of them, be and abide in you forever. Amen.

Chapter Thirteen.

Now, I, Moroni, conclude my account regarding the demise of the people I have been chronicling. Regrettably, they rejected all of Ether's words. He truthfully conveyed the history of humanity, emphasizing that after the waters receded from this land, it became a chosen land above all others—a land favored by the Lord. Consequently, the Lord desired that all inhabitants of this land serve Him. Ether specified that this land was destined to be the location of the New Jerusalem, descending from heaven as the holy sanctuary of the Lord.

Ether, foreseeing the days of Christ, spoke of a New Jerusalem on this land. He also addressed the house of Israel and the Jerusalem from which Lehi would come. Despite its prior destruction, it was to be rebuilt as a holy city for the Lord, not a new Jerusalem but a renewed one for the house of Israel. The remnant of the seed of Joseph, symbolized by the house of Israel, was to build a New Jerusalem on this land. This symbolic act mirrored the historical type of Joseph bringing his father into the land of Egypt. Joseph's remnant was to inherit this land, constructing a holy city resembling the ancient Jerusalem. Their security and permanence would endure until the end of the earth. A new heaven and a new earth would emerge, resembling the old but transformed, as all things would become new.

Following this, the New Jerusalem would emerge, and those dwelling there, with garments purified through the blood of the Lamb, would be blessed—numbered among the remnant of Joseph's seed, part of the house of Israel. Simultaneously, the old Jerusalem would resurface, and its inhabitants, having been washed in the blood of the Lamb, would be blessed. They would be gathered from all corners of the earth, fulfilling the covenant God made with their father, Abraham. These events would fulfill the scripture stating that those who were first shall be last, and those who were last shall be first.

Despite my desire to share more, I am forbidden. Ether's prophecies were great and marvelous, yet he was esteemed as naught and cast out. Hiding in a rock cavity by day, he observed the impending calamities by night.

In that same year of his expulsion, a great war erupted among the people. Mighty men sought to destroy Coriantumr through secret, wicked plans. Coriantumr, skilled in the arts of war and worldly cunning, engaged in battle against those conspiring against him. However, he and his household, along with the sons and daughters of Cohor and Corihor, did not repent. As Ether dwelt in the rock cavity, he continued documenting the destruction.

In the first year of Ether's seclusion, many people were slain by the sword of secret combinations, fighting to obtain the kingdom from Coriantumr. The sons of Coriantumr fought fiercely, with much bloodshed.

In the second year, the Lord instructed Ether to prophesy to Coriantumr, promising him the kingdom and the preservation of his people if he repented. Otherwise, destruction awaited them, with only Coriantumr surviving to witness the fulfillment of prophecies regarding others inheriting the land. Coriantumr and his people did not repent. Wars continued, and attempts were made to kill Ether. He fled and hid again in the rock cavity.

Shared arose, giving battle to Coriantumr, defeating him in the third year and bringing him into captivity. In the fourth year, Coriantumr's sons defeated Shared, regaining the kingdom. War erupted across the land, with every man and his band fighting for their desires. Robbers and various wickedness prevailed. Coriantumr, furious with Shared, engaged in a great battle in the valley of Gilgal. Shared fought against Coriantumr for three days. Coriantumr prevailed and pursued Shared to the plains of Heshlon. Shared once again gave battle on the plains, defeating Coriantumr and driving him back to the valley of Gilgal. Coriantumr retaliated, defeating and slaying Shared. Shared wounded Coriantumr in the thigh, preventing him from participating in battle for two years. During this time, bloodshed prevailed with no restraint on the face of the whole earth.

Chapter Fourteen.

A profound curse afflicted the entire land due to the people's iniquity. If a man placed his tool or sword on a shelf or designated spot, he would discover it missing the next day, such was the severity of the curse. Consequently, people clung to their possessions, refraining from borrowing or

lending. Each man kept the hilt of his sword in his right hand to defend his property, life, and the lives of his wives and children.

After two years and the demise of Shared, Shared's brother rose to battle Coriantumr. Despite Coriantumr defeating him, the brother fled to the wilderness of Akish. In the wilderness, the brother of Shared confronted Coriantumr, resulting in a fierce battle with numerous casualties. Coriantumr laid siege to the wilderness, but the brother of Shared, under the cover of night, attacked Coriantumr's army while they were intoxicated, inflicting casualties. Subsequently, the brother of Shared claimed the throne of Coriantumr after reaching the land of Moron. Coriantumr and his army dwelled in the wilderness for two years, gaining strength.

Meanwhile, Shared's brother, Gilead, also strengthened his army through secret combinations. Gilead's high priest murdered him, and one of the secret conspirators seized the kingdom, named Lib, a man of remarkable stature. In the first year of Lib's reign, Coriantumr battled him, suffering a wound to his arm. Despite this, Coriantumr pressed on, compelling Lib to flee to the borders upon the seashore. Pursuing Lib, Coriantumr engaged him in a seashore battle, resulting in Lib overcoming Coriantumr's army, forcing them back to the wilderness of Akish. The pursuit continued until Coriantumr reached the plains of Agosh, accompanied by the inhabitants of that region. On the plains of Agosh, Coriantumr battled Lib again, ultimately causing Lib's death.

Nevertheless, Lib's brother, Shiz, took up the fight, and Coriantumr once again fled from Shiz's army. Shiz pursued Coriantumr, and initiated a campaign of destruction, conquering cities, slaying women and children, and burning settlements. A fear of Shiz spread across the land, with cries echoing about the unstoppable force of Shiz.

In response to the prolonged war, people formed armies, leading to a division where some joined Shiz, and others allied with Coriantumr. The devastating conflict left the entire land strewn with the bodies of the dead, leaving no one to bury the deceased. The stench of death troubled the people day and night due to the vast number of bodies. Undeterred, Shiz continued pursuing Coriantumr, vowing vengeance for the death of his brother and relying on the word of the Lord to Ether regarding Coriantumr's survival. Shiz continued pursuing Coriantumr to the seashore borders, culminating in a three-day battle. Terrified by the destruction, people fled before Shiz's armies, seeking refuge in the land of Corihor. Both armies pitched their tents – Shiz in the valley of Corihor and Coriantumr in the valley of Shurr, near the hill Comnor. Coriantumr summoned Shiz's armies to battle. Shiz's armies advanced but were repelled, repeating the pattern twice more before the battle escalated. Shiz inflicted severe wounds on Coriantumr, causing him to faint from blood loss, and he was carried away as though dead. The extensive loss of life on both sides prompted Shiz to command his people not to pursue Coriantumr, and they returned to their camp.

Chapter Fifteen.

After Coriantumr healed from his wounds, he began recalling Ether's words. He observed that nearly two million of his people, including mighty men, wives, and children, had been slain by the sword, leading to deep sorrow in his heart. Overwhelmed with remorse, Coriantumr repented for his past wrongs, vividly recalling the words spoken by all the prophets and witnessing their complete fulfillment. His soul mourned, rejecting any solace.

Subsequently, he penned a letter to Shiz, pleading for the preservation of lives and offering to relinquish the kingdom. Shiz, upon receiving the epistle, responded with a letter proposing that if Coriantumr surrendered, he would be slain with his own sword, sparing the lives of the people.

Despite these entreaties, the people remained unrepentant, intensifying the animosity between Coriantumr's and Shiz's factions. This animosity culminated in a battle, with Coriantumr fleeing as defeat seemed imminent.

Finding himself at the waters of Ripliancum (interpreted as: expansive), both armies pitched tents. Coriantumr's and Shiz's forces prepared for battle the next day.

The ensuing battle was fierce, resulting in Coriantumr being wounded once more, causing him to faint from blood loss. Coriantumr's forces pressed upon Shiz's armies, forcing them to retreat southward to a place called Ogath. Simultaneously, Coriantumr's forces set up camp by the hill Ramah, where Mormon, Moroni's father, had hidden sacred records.

Over the following four years, Ether observed the gathering of survivors, excluding Ether himself. Both sides prepared for a final confrontation, recruiting all available people, and arming them with weapons, shields, breastplates, and head-plates.

The ensuing battle lasted a full day, resulting in no clear victory. At night, both armies, weary from battle, retired to their camps, initiating a collective howling and lamentation for the fallen. On the next day, they resumed battle, experiencing another great and terrible day, yet without conclusive victory. As night fell, cries, howls, and mournings resounded once more for the fallen.

Coriantumr, driven by desperation, wrote another letter to Shiz, urging him to avoid further battle and take the kingdom, sparing lives. However, the Spirit of the Lord had ceased striving with the people, and they were given over to hardness of heart and blindness of mind, leading them back into battle.

The conflict persisted throughout the entire day, and as night descended, they found rest by sleeping on their swords. The following day, the battle resumed and continued until nightfall. With the onset of night, they became consumed by anger, akin to a person intoxicated with wine. Once more, they slept with their weapons close at hand. On the subsequent day, the fighting recommenced, resulting in the demise of all combatants except fifty-two from Coriantumr's side and sixty-nine from Shiz's. That night, they rested with their swords as makeshift pillows, and on the ensuing day, they engaged once again, fiercely wielding their swords and shields throughout. As darkness fell, thirty-two survivors from Shiz's forces and twenty-seven from Coriantumr's remained on the battlefield.

The remaining warriors, large and mighty, ate, slept, and prepared for the inevitable—death. A final three-hour battle ensued, leaving the combatants exhausted and faint from blood loss.

When Coriantumr's men gained enough strength to flee, Shiz, fueled by wrath, pursued them. The next day, Shiz overtook them, leading to another swordfight where everyone fell except Coriantumr and Shiz.

Shiz, weakened by blood loss, fainted, providing Coriantumr with an opportunity. Leaning on his sword, Coriantumr beheaded Shiz. Shiz briefly revived, struggled for breath, and ultimately died.

Coriantumr fell lifeless to the ground.

The Lord spoke to Ether, instructing him to go forth. Ether witnessed the fulfillment of the Lord's words, concluding his record, with the hundredth part left unwritten, and hid them for the people of Limhi to find.

Ether's final words expressed indifference to whether he would be translated or endure the will of the Lord in the flesh, as long as he was saved in the kingdom of God. Amen.