

## THE FLIGHT OF MORMON

[UNABRIDGED. COMPOSED CA. 381 AD]

And now I, Mormon, seeing that the Lamanites were about to overthrow the land, therefore I did go to the hill Shim, and did take up all the records which Ammaron had hid up unto the Lord.

5 And it came to pass that I did go forth among the Nephites, and did repent of the oath which I had made that I would no more assist them. And they gave me command again of their armies, for they looked upon me as though I could deliver them from their afflictions. But behold, I was without hope, for I knew the judgments of the Lord which should come upon them. For they repented not of their iniquities, but did struggle for their lives without calling upon that being who created them.

And it came to pass that the Lamanites did come against us as we had fled to the City of Jordan. But behold, they were driven back that they did not take the city at that time. And it came to pass that they came against us again, and we did maintain the city. And there were also other cities which were maintained by the Nephites, which strongholds did cut them off that they could not get into the country which lay before us, to destroy the inhabitants of our land. But it came to pass that whatsoever lands we had passed by, and the inhabitants thereof were not gathered in, were destroyed by the Lamanites, and their towns, and villages, and cities were burned with fire. And thus three hundred and seventy and nine years passed away.

And it came to pass that in the three hundred and eightieth year the Lamanites did come again against us to battle, and we did stand against them boldly. But it was all in vain, for so great were their numbers that they did tread the people of the Nephites under their feet. And it came to pass that we did again take to flight, and those whose flight was swifter than the Lamanites' did escape, and those whose flight did not exceed the Lamanites' were swept down and destroyed. And now behold, I, Mormon, do not desire to harrow up the souls of men in casting before them such an awful scene of blood and carnage as was laid before mine eyes.

But I, knowing that these things must surely be made known, and that all things which are hid must be revealed upon the house-tops. And also that a knowledge of these things must come unto the remnant of these people, and also unto the Gentiles, who the Lord hath said should scatter this people, and this people should be counted as naught among them. Therefore I write a small abridgment, daring not to give a full account of the things which I have seen, because of the commandment which I have received, and also that ye might not have too great sorrow because of the wickedness of this people.

And now behold, this I speak unto their seed.

And also to the Gentiles who have care for the House of Israel, that realize  
And know from whence their blessings come.  
For I know that such will sorrow for the calamity of the House of Israel.  
Yea, they will sorrow for the destruction of this people. They will sorrow  
That this people had not repented, that they might have been clasped  
In the arms of Jesus.

Now these things are written unto the remnant of the House of Jacob.  
And they are written after this manner, because it is known of God  
That wickedness will not bring them forth unto them.  
And they are to be hid up unto the Lord that they may come  
Forth in his own due time.  
And this is the commandment which I have received.

And behold, they shall come forth according to the commandment of the Lord,  
When he shall see fit, in his wisdom.  
And behold, they shall go unto the unbelieving of the Jews.  
And for this intent shall they go:

That they may be persuaded that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living god.  
That the Father may bring about, through his most beloved,  
His great and eternal purpose, in restoring the Jews,  
Or all the House of Israel, to the land of their inheritance,  
Which the Lord their god hath given them, unto the fulfilling of his covenant.  
And also that the seed of this people may more fully believe his gospel,  
Which shall go forth unto them from the Gentiles.

For this people shall be scattered, and shall become a dark, a filthy,  
And a loathsome people, beyond the description of that which ever  
Hath been amongst us. Yea, even that which hath been among the Lamanites,  
And this because of their unbelief and idolatry.  
For behold, the Spirit of the Lord hath already ceased to strive  
With their fathers. And they are without Christ and God in the world.  
And they are driven about as chaff before the wind.

They were once a delightsome people, and they had Christ for their shepherd.  
Yea, they were led even by God the Father.  
But now, behold, they are led about by Satan, even as chaff is driven  
Before the wind, or as a vessel is tossed about upon the waves,  
Without sail or anchor, or without anything wherewith to steer her.  
And even as she is, so are they.

And behold, the Lord hath reserved their blessings,  
Which they might have received in the land, for the Gentiles who shall possess  
The land. But behold, it shall come to pass  
That they shall be driven and scattered by the Gentiles.  
And after they have been driven and scattered by the Gentiles, behold,  
Then will the Lord remember the covenant which he made unto Abraham  
And unto all the House of Israel. And also the Lord will remember  
The prayers of the righteous, which have been put up unto him for them.

And then, O ye Gentiles, how can ye stand before the power of God?  
Except ye shall repent and turn from your evil ways?  
Know ye not that ye are in the hands of God?  
Know ye not that he hath all power?  
And at his great command the earth shall be rolled together as a scroll?

Therefore, repent ye, and humble yourselves before him,  
Lest he shall come out in justice against you – lest a remnant  
Of the Seed of Jacob shall go forth among you as a lion,  
And tear you in pieces, and there is none to deliver.

## MORMON FINISHES HIS RECORD

[COMPOSED CA. 384 AD NEAR CUMORAH DAYS BEFORE THE GREAT BATTLE]

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And now I finish my record concerning the destruction of my people, the Nephites.

And it came to pass that we did march forth before the Lamanites. And I, Mormon, wrote an epistle unto the king of the Lamanites, and desired of him that he would grant unto us that we might gather together our people unto the land of Cumorah, by a hill which was called Cumorah, and there we could give them battle. And it came to pass that the king of the Lamanites did grant unto me the thing which I desired.

And it came to pass that we did march forth to the land of Cumorah, and we did pitch our tents around about the hill Cumorah. And it was in a land of many waters, rivers, and fountains. And here we had hope to gain advantage over the Lamanites. And when three hundred and eighty and four years had passed away, we had gathered in all the remainder of our people unto the land of Cumorah.

And it came to pass that when we had gathered in all our people in one to the land of Cumorah, behold I, Mormon, began to be old. And knowing it to be the last struggle of my people, and having been commanded of the Lord that I should not suffer the records which had been handed down by our fathers, which were sacred, to fall into the hands of the Lamanites -- for the Lamanites would destroy them -- therefore I made this record out of the *Plates of Nephi*. And hid up in the hill Cumorah all the records which had been entrusted to me by the hand of the Lord, save it were these few plates which I gave unto my son Moroni.



## FINAL ADDRESS OF MORMON

[COMPOSED CA. 384 AD, NEAR CUMORAH DAYS AFTER THE GREAT BATTLE]

And it came to pass that my people, with their wives and their children, did now behold the armies of the Lamanites marching towards them; and with that awful fear of death which fills the breasts of all the wicked, did they await to receive them. And it came to pass that they came to battle against us, and every soul was filled with terror because of the greatness of their numbers. And it came to pass that they did fall upon my people with the sword, and with the bow, and with the arrow, and with the ax, and with all manner of weapons of war. And it came to pass that my men were hewn down, yea, even my ten thousand who were with me, and I fell wounded in the midst. And they passed by me that they did not put an end to my life. And when they had gone through and hewn down all my people save it were twenty and four of us: among whom was my son Moroni. And we having survived the dead of our people, did behold on the morrow, when the Lamanites had returned unto their camps, from the top of the hill Cumorah, the ten thousand of my people who were hewn down, being led in the front by me.

And we also beheld the ten thousand of my people who were led by my son Moroni. And behold, the ten thousand of Gidgiddonah had fallen, and he also in the midst. And Lamah had fallen with his ten thousand. And Gilgal had fallen with his ten thousand. And Limhah had fallen with his ten thousand. And Joneum had fallen with his ten thousand. And Cumenihah, and Moronihah, and Antionum, and Shiblom, and Shem, and Josh, had fallen with their ten thousand each. And it came to pass that there were ten more who did fall by the sword, with their ten thousand each!

Yea, even all my people, save it were those twenty and four who were with me, and also a few who had escaped into the south countries, and a few who had deserted over unto the Lamanites, had fallen. And their flesh, and bones, and blood lay upon the face of the earth, being left by the hands of those who slew them to molder upon the land, and to crumble and to return to their mother earth. And my soul was rent with anguish, because of the slain of my people, and I cried:

*O ye fair ones!*

*How could ye have departed from the ways of the Lord!*

*O ye fair ones, how could ye have rejected that Jesus,*

*Who stood with open arms to receive you!*

*Behold, if ye had not done this, ye would not have fallen.*

*But behold, ye are fallen, and I mourn your loss.*

*O ye fair sons and daughters, ye fathers and mothers,*

*Ye husbands and wives, ye fair ones, how is it that ye could have fallen!*

*But behold, ye are gone, and my sorrows cannot bring your return.*

*And the day soon cometh that your mortal must put on immortality,*

*And these bodies which are now moldering in corruption*

*Must soon become incorruptible bodies. And then ye must stand before*

*The judgment-seat of Christ, to be judged according to your works,*

*And if it so be that ye are righteous, then are ye blessed*

*With your fathers who have gone before you.*

*O that ye had repented before this great destruction*

*Had come upon you. But behold, ye are gone.*

*And the Father, yea, the Eternal Father of Heaven, knoweth your state.*

*And he doeth with you according to his justice and mercy.*

And now, behold, I would speak somewhat unto the remnant of this people who are spared, if it so be that God may give unto them my words. That they may know of the things of their fathers, yea, I speak unto you, ye remnant of the House of Israel. And these are the words which I speak:

*Know ye that ye are of the House of Israel.  
Know ye that ye must come unto repentance, or ye cannot be saved.  
Know ye that ye must lay down your weapons of war,  
And delight no more in the shedding of blood,  
And take them not again, save it be  
That God shall command you.*

*Know ye that ye must come to the knowledge of your fathers,  
And repent of all your sins and iniquities, and believe  
In Jesus Christ, that he is the Son of God, and that he was slain by the Jews,  
And by the power of the Father he hath risen again,  
Whereby he hath gained the victory over the grave!  
And also in him is the sting of death swallowed up.*

*And he bringeth to pass the resurrection of the dead,  
Whereby man must be raised to stand before his judgment-seat.  
And he hath brought to pass the redemption of the world,  
Whereby he that is found guiltless before him at the judgment day hath it given  
Unto him to dwell in the presence of God in his kingdom, to sing  
Ceaseless praises with the choirs above, unto the Father,  
And unto the Son, and unto the Holy Ghost,  
Which are one God, in a state of happiness which hath no end.*

*Therefore repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus!  
And lay hold upon the gospel of Christ, which shall be set before you,  
Not only in this record but also in the record which shall come  
Unto the Gentiles from the Jews, which record  
Shall come from the Gentiles unto you.*

*For behold, this is written for the intent that ye may believe that.  
And if ye believe that, ye will believe this also.  
And if ye believe this ye will know concerning your fathers,  
And also the marvelous works which were wrought  
By the power of God among them.*

*And ye will also know that ye are a remnant of the seed of Jacob.  
Therefore ye are numbered among the people of the first covenant!  
And if it so be that ye believe in Christ, and are baptized, first with Water,  
Then with Fire, and with the Holy Ghost, following  
The example of our Savior, according to that which he hath  
Commanded us, it shall be well with you in the day of judgment.  
Amen.*

## THE HIDDEN PROPHECY OF ALMA THE HIGH PRIEST

[ABRIDGED CA. 384 AD FROM THE RECORD OF HELAMAN]

Alma.45

And it came to pass in the nineteenth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi, that Alma came unto his son Helaman and said unto him:

*Believest thou the words which I spake unto thee concerning  
Those records which have been kept?*

And Helaman said unto him: *Yea, I believe.*

And Alma said again: *Believest thou in Jesus Christ, who shall come?*

And he said: *Yea, I believe all the words which thou hast spoken.*

And Alma said unto him again: *Will ye keep my commandments?*

And he said: *Yea, I will keep thy commandments with all my heart.*

Then Alma said unto him:

*Blessed art thou!  
And the Lord shall prosper thee in this land!  
But behold, I have somewhat to prophesy unto thee.  
But what I prophesy unto thee ye shall not make known.  
Yea, what I prophesy unto thee shall not be made known,  
Even until the prophecy is fulfilled! Therefore,  
Write the words which I shall say. And these are the words:*

*Behold! I perceive that this very people, the Nephites, according  
To the spirit of revelation which is in me, in  
Four hundred years from the time that Jesus Christ shall  
Manifest himself unto them, shall dwindle in unbelief.*

*Yea, and then shall they see wars and pestilences,  
Yea, famines and bloodshed, even until  
The people of Nephi shall become extinct!*

*Yea, and this because they shall dwindle in unbelief and fall  
Into the works of darkness, and lasciviousness,  
And all manner of iniquities.*

*Yea, I say unto you, that because they shall sin  
Against so great light and knowledge, yea, I say unto you:*

*That from that day, even the fourth generation  
Shall not all pass away before this great iniquity shall come.  
And when that great day cometh, behold, the time very soon cometh  
That those who are now, or the seed of those who are now  
Numbered among the people of Nephi, shall no more be numbered  
Among the people of Nephi.*

*But whosoever remaineth, and is not destroyed  
In that great and dreadful day, shall be numbered among  
The Lamanites, and shall become like unto them!*

*All, save it be a few who shall be called  
The disciples of the Lord, and them shall the Lamanites pursue  
Even until they shall become extinct.*

*And now, because of iniquity, this prophecy shall be fulfilled!*

And now it came to pass that after Alma had said these things to Helaman, he blessed him, and also his other sons. And he also blessed the earth for the righteous' sake. And he said:

*Thus saith the Lord God: Cursed shall be the land!  
Yea, this land, unto every nation, kindred, tongue, and people,  
Unto destruction,  
Which do wickedly,  
When they are fully ripe.*

*And as I have said, so shall it be!  
For this is the cursing  
And the blessing  
Of God upon the land: For the Lord cannot  
Look upon sin  
With the least degree of allowance.*

And now, when Alma had said these words he blessed the church. Yea, all those who should stand fast in the faith from that time henceforth.

And when Alma had done this he departed out of the land of Zarahemla, as if to go into the land of Melek. And it came to pass that he was never heard of more.

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*As to his death or burial we know not of.*

*Behold, this we know: that he was a righteous man.*

*And the saying went abroad in the church*

*that he was taken up by the Spirit,*

*or buried by the hand of the Lord, even as Moses.*

*But behold, the scriptures saith the Lord took Moses unto himself.*

*And we suppose that he has also received Alma in the spirit, unto himself.*

*Therefore, for this cause we know nothing concerning his death and burial.*

**MORONI FINISHES THE RECORD OF MORMON**  
[UNABRIDGED. COMPOSED BETWEEN CA. 385 AND 400 AD]

Mormon.8

Behold I, Moroni, do finish the record of my father, Mormon. Behold, I have but few things to write, which things I have been commanded by my father.

And now it came to pass that after the great and tremendous battle at Cumorah, behold, the Nephites who had escaped into the country southward were hunted by the Lamanites, until they were all destroyed. And my father also was killed by them. And I even remain alone to write the sad tale of the destruction of my people. But behold, they are gone, and I fulfill the commandment of my father. And whether they will slay me, I know not.

Therefore I will write and hide up the records in the earth. And whither I go it mattereth not. Behold, my father hath made this record, and he hath written the intent thereof. And behold, I would write it also if I had room upon the plates, but I have not. And ore I have none, for I am alone. My father hath been slain in battle, and all my kinsfolk, and I have not friends nor whither to go. And how long the Lord will suffer that I may live, I know not.



Behold, four hundred years have passed away since the coming of our Lord and Savior. And behold, the Lamanites have hunted my people, the Nephites, down from city to city and from place to place, even until they are no more. and great has been their fall! Yea, great and marvelous is the destruction of my people, the Nephites. And behold, it is the hand of the Lord which hath done it. And behold also, the Lamanites are at war one with another. And the whole face of this land is one continual round of murder and bloodshed. And no one knoweth the end of the war. And now, behold, I say no more concerning them, for there are none save it be the Lamanites and robbers that do exist upon the face of the land.

And there are none that do know the true god, save it be the disciples of Jesus, who did tarry in the land until the wickedness of the people was so great that the Lord would not suffer them to remain with the people. And whether they be upon the face of the land no man knoweth. But behold, my father and I have seen them, and they have ministered unto us. And whoso receiveth this record, and shall not condemn it because of the imperfections which are in it, the same shall know of greater things than these.

*Behold, I am Moroni; and were it possible, I would make all things known unto you.*

*Behold, I make an end of speaking concerning this people.*

*I am the son of Mormon, and my father  
was a descendant of Nephi.*



And I am the same who hideth up this record unto the Lord. The plates thereof are of no worth, because of the commandment of the Lord. For he truly saith that no one shall have them to get gain. But the record thereof is of great worth. And whoso shall bring it to light, him will the Lord bless. For none can have power to bring it to light save it be given him of God. For God wills that it shall be done with an eye single to his glory, or the welfare of the ancient and long dispersed covenant people of the Lord.

And blessed be he that shall bring this thing to light!  
For it shall be brought out of darkness unto light,  
According to the word of God, yea, it shall be brought out  
Of the earth, and it shall shine forth out of darkness,  
And come unto the knowledge of the people.  
And it shall be done by the power of God.

And if there be faults they be the faults of a man.  
But behold, we know no fault.  
Nevertheless God knoweth all things.  
Therefore, he that condemneth, let him be aware  
Lest he shall be in danger of hell fire.

And he that saith: Show unto me, or ye shall be smitten,  
Let him beware lest he commandeth that which is forbidden  
Of the Lord. For behold, the same that judgeth rashly  
Shall be judged rashly again, for according to his works shall his wages be!  
Therefore, he that smiteth shall be smitten again, of the Lord.  
Behold what the scripture says: Man shall not smite,  
Neither shall he judge. For judgment is mine, saith the Lord,  
And vengeance is mine also, and I will repay.

And he that shall breathe out wrath and strifes against the work of the Lord,  
And against the covenant people of the Lord  
Who are the House of Israel, and shall say: We will destroy  
The work of the Lord, and the Lord will not remember  
His covenant which he hath made unto the House of Israel!  
The same is in danger to be hewn down and cast into the fire.  
For the eternal purposes of the Lord shall roll on,  
Until all his promises shall be fulfilled.

Search the prophecies of Isaiah. Behold, I cannot write them.

Yea, behold I say unto you, that those saints who have gone before me, who have possessed this land, shall cry, yea, even from the dust will they cry unto the Lord! And as the Lord liveth he will remember the covenant which he hath made with them.

And he knoweth their prayers, that they were in behalf of their brethren.  
And he knoweth their faith, for in his name could they remove mountains.  
And in his name could they cause the earth to shake!  
And by the power of his word did they cause prisons to tumble  
To the earth, yea, even the fiery furnace could not harm them,  
Neither wild beasts nor poisonous serpents, because of the power of his word.  
And behold, their prayers were also in behalf of him  
That the Lord should suffer to bring these things forth.  
And no one need say they shall not come, for they surely shall,  
For the Lord hath spoken it. For out of the earth shall they come,  
By the hand of the Lord, and none can stay it!

And it shall come in a day when it shall be said that miracles are done away  
And it shall come even as if one should speak from the dead.  
And it shall come in a day when the blood of saints shall cry  
Unto the Lord, because of secret combinations  
And the works of darkness. Yea, it shall come in a day when  
The power of God shall be denied, and churches become defiled  
And be lifted up in the pride of their hearts!

Yea, even in a day when leaders of churches and teachers shall rise  
In the pride of their hearts, even to the envying of them  
Who belong to their churches. Yea, it shall come in a day when  
There shall be heard of fires, and tempests,  
And vapors of smoke in foreign lands, and there shall also be heard  
Of wars, rumors of wars, and earthquakes in divers places.  
Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be great pollutions  
Upon the face of the earth! There shall be murders, and robbing,  
And lying, and deceivings, and whoredoms,  
And all manner of abominations, When there shall be many who will say,

Do this, or do that, and it mattereth not!  
For the Lord will uphold such at the last day.  
But wo unto such for they are in the gall of bitterness  
And in the bonds of iniquity. Yea, it shall come in a day  
When there shall be churches built up that shall say:

Come unto me, and for your money  
You shall be forgiven of your sins.  
O ye wicked and perverse and stiffnecked people, why have ye  
Built up churches unto yourselves to get gain?

Why have ye transfigured the holy word of God?  
That ye might bring damnation upon your souls? Behold,  
Look ye unto the revelations of God! For behold,  
The time cometh at that day when all these things must be fulfilled.

Behold, the Lord hath shown unto me great and marvelous things  
Concerning that which must shortly come, at that day  
When these things shall come forth among you.

*Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present!*

*And yet ye are not.*

*But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me, and I know your doing.*

*And I know that ye do walk in the pride of your hearts.*

*And there are none save a few only who do not lift themselves up  
In the pride of their hearts, unto the wearing of very fine apparel,  
Unto envying, and strifes, and malice,  
And persecutions, and all manner of iniquities.*

*And your churches, yea, even every one, have become polluted  
Because of the pride of your hearts!*

*For behold, ye do love money!*

*And your substance. And your fine apparel,  
And the adorning of your churches, more than ye  
Love the poor and the needy, the sick and the afflicted.*

*O ye pollutions, ye hypocrites, ye teachers, who sell yourselves  
For that which will canker, why have ye polluted the holy Church of God?  
Why are ye ashamed to take upon you the name of Christ?  
Why do ye not think that greater is the value of an endless happiness  
Than that misery which never dies?  
Because of the praise of the world?*

*Why do ye adorn yourselves with that which hath no life?  
And yet suffer the hungry, and the needy, and the naked,  
And the sick and the afflicted to pass by you, and notice them not?  
Yea, why do ye build up your secret abominations to get gain?  
And cause that widows should mourn before the Lord,  
And also orphans to mourn before the Lord,  
And also the blood of their fathers and their husbands to cry unto the Lord  
From the ground, for vengeance upon your heads?  
Behold, the sword of vengeance hangeth over you!  
And the time soon cometh that he avengeth the blood of the saints upon you,  
For he will not suffer their cries any longer.*

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And now, I speak also concerning those who do not believe in Christ.

*Behold, will ye believe in the day of your visitation?  
Behold, when the Lord shall come, yea, even that great day  
When the earth shall be rolled together as a scroll,  
And the elements shall melt with fervent heat, yea, in that great day  
When ye shall be brought to stand before the Lamb of God,  
Then will ye say that there is no god?  
Then will ye longer deny the Christ?  
Or can ye behold the Lamb of God?  
Do ye suppose that ye shall dwell with him under  
A consciousness of your guilt? Do ye suppose that ye could be  
Happy to dwell with that holy being, when your souls are racked  
With a consciousness of guilt, that ye have ever abused his laws?*

*Behold, I say unto you that ye would be more miserable to dwell  
With a holy and just god, under a consciousness of your filthiness before him,  
Than ye would to dwell with the damned souls in hell.  
For behold, when ye shall be brought to see your nakedness before God,  
And also the glory of God,  
And the holiness of Jesus Christ, it will kindle a flame  
Of unquenchable fire upon you!*

*O then ye unbelieving, turn ye unto the Lord!  
Cry mightily unto the Father in the name of Jesus, that perhaps ye may be  
Found spotless, pure, fair, and white, having been cleansed  
By the blood of the Lamb, at that great and last day.*

*And again I speak unto you who deny the revelations of God,  
And say that they are done away, that there are no revelations,  
Nor prophecies, nor gifts, nor healing,  
nor speaking with tongues, and the interpretation of tongues;*

*Behold I say unto you, he that denieth these things knoweth*

*Not the gospel of Christ.  
Yea, he has not read the scriptures. If so, he does not understand them.  
For do we not read that God is the same yesterday, today,  
And forever, and in him there is no variableness  
Neither shadow of changing?*

*And now, if ye have imagined up unto yourselves a god who doth vary,  
And in whom there is shadow of changing,  
Then have ye imagined up unto yourselves a god who is  
Not a god of miracles. But behold, I will show unto you  
A god of miracles, even the God of Abraham,  
And the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.  
And it is that same god who created the heavens and the earth,  
And all things that in them are.*

*Behold, he created Adam, and by Adam came the fall of man.  
And because of the fall of man came Jesus Christ,  
Even the Father and the Son, and because of Jesus Christ  
Came the redemption of man.*

*And because of the redemption of man, which came by Jesus Christ,  
They are brought back into the presence of the Lord.  
Yea, this is wherein all men are redeemed! Because the death of Christ  
Bringeth to pass the resurrection, which bringeth to pass a redemption  
From an endless sleep, from which sleep all men shall be awakened by  
The power of God when the trump shall sound! And they shall*

*Come forth, both small and great, and all shall stand before his bar,  
Being redeemed and loosed from this eternal band  
Of death, which death is a temporal death.  
And then cometh the judgment of the Holy One upon them!  
And then cometh the time that he that is filthy shall be filthy still.  
And he that is righteous shall be righteous still.  
He that is happy shall be happy still.  
And he that is unhappy shall be unhappy still.*

*And now, O all ye that have imagined up unto yourselves a god who can  
Do no miracles, I would ask of you, have all these things passed?  
Of which I have spoken? Has the end come yet?*

*Behold I say unto you, Nay. And God has not ceased to be a god of miracles.  
Behold, are not the things that God hath wrought marvelous in our eyes?  
Yea, and who can comprehend the marvelous works of God?  
Who shall say that it was not a miracle that by his word the  
Heaven and the Earth should be! And by the power of his word  
Man was created of the dust of the earth, and by the power of  
His word have miracles been wrought?*

*And who shall say that Jesus Christ did not do many mighty miracles?  
And there were many mighty miracles wrought by the hands of the apostles.  
And if there were miracles wrought then,  
Why has God ceased to be a god of miracles  
And yet be an unchangeable being? And behold, I say  
Unto you he changeth not! If so he would cease to be  
God, and he ceaseth not to be God, and is a god of miracles.*

*And the reason why he ceaseth to do miracles among the children  
Of men is because that they dwindle in unbelief, and depart  
From the right way, and know not the god in whom they should trust.  
Behold, I say unto you that whoso believeth in Christ, doubting nothing,  
Whatsoever he shall ask the Father in the name of Christ  
It shall be granted him!*

*And this promise is unto all, even unto the ends of the earth.  
For behold, thus said Jesus Christ, the Son of God,  
Unto his disciples who should tarry, yea, and also to all his disciples,  
In the hearing of the multitude:*

*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.  
And he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,  
But he that believeth not shall be damned.*

*And these signs shall follow them that believe:  
In my name shall they cast out devils. They shall speak with new tongues.  
They shall take up serpents. And if they drink any deadly thing  
It shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick  
And they shall recover. And whosoever shall believe in my name,  
Doubting nothing, unto him will I confirm all my words,  
Even unto the ends of the earth.*

*And now, behold, who can stand against the works of the Lord?  
Who can deny his sayings? Who will rise up against the almighty  
Power of the Lord? Who will despise the works of the Lord?  
Who will despise the children of Christ? Behold, all ye  
Who are despisers of the works of the Lord, for ye shall wonder and perish.  
O then despise not! And wonder not! But hearken unto  
The words of the Lord, and ask the Father in the name of Jesus  
For whatsoever things ye shall stand in need. Doubt not, but be  
Believing, and begin as in times of old,  
And come unto the Lord with all your heart,  
And work out your own salvation with fear and trembling before him.*

*Be wise in the days of your probation.  
Strip yourselves of all uncleanness.  
Ask not, that ye may consume it on your lusts, but ask  
With a firmness unshaken, that ye will yield to no temptation,  
But that ye will serve the true and living god.  
See that ye are not baptized unworthily.  
See that ye partake not of the sacrament of Christ unworthily.  
But see that ye do all things in worthiness, and do it in the name of Jesus Christ,  
The son of the living god. And if ye do this, and  
Endure to the end, ye will in nowise be cast out.*

[CODA ON PLATES]

*Behold, I speak unto you as though I spake from the dead,  
For I know that ye shall have my words.*

Condemn me not because of mine imperfection, neither my father, because of his imperfection, neither them who have written before him. But rather give thanks unto God that he hath made manifest unto you our imperfections, that ye may learn to be more wise than we have been.

And now, behold, we have written this record according to our knowledge, in the characters which are called among us *the Reformed Egyptian*, being handed down and altered by us, according to our manner of speech. And if our plates had been sufficiently large we should have written in Hebrew. But the Hebrew hath been altered by us also. And if we could have written in Hebrew, behold, ye would have had no imperfection in our record.

But the Lord knoweth the things which we have written, and also that none other people knoweth our language. And because that none other people knoweth our language, therefore he hath prepared means for the interpretation thereof.

And these things are written that we may rid our garments of the blood of our brethren, who have dwindled in unbelief. And behold, these things which we have desired concerning our brethren, yea, even their restoration to the knowledge of Christ, are according to the prayers of all the saints who have dwelt in the land.

*And may the Lord Jesus Christ grant that their prayers may be answered  
According to their faith, and may God the Father remember  
The covenant which he hath made with the House of Israel!  
And may he bless them forever,  
Through faith on the name of Jesus Christ.*

*Amen.*

## THE ABRIDGED HISTORY OF THE JAREDITES

[FROM TWENTY-FOUR PLATES OF GOLD COMPOSED BY ETHER. DATE UNKNOWN.]  
[COMMENTARY AND TRANSLATION, MORONI. COMPOSED BETWEEN CA. 410 AND 415 AD]  
[INTERJECTIONS REGARDING SEALED RECORD GIVEN 1829 AD]

### Ether.1

And now I, Moroni, proceed to give an account of those ancient inhabitants who were destroyed by the hand of the Lord upon the face of this north country. And I take mine account from the twenty and four plates which were found by the people of Limhi, which is called the *Book of Ether*. And as I suppose that the first part of this record, which speaks concerning the creation of the world, and also of Adam, and an account from that time even to the great tower, and whatsoever things transpired among the children of men until that time, is had among the Jews. Therefore I do not write those things which transpired from the days of Adam until that time. But they are had upon the plates, and whoso findeth them, the same will have power that he may get the full account. But behold, I give not the full account, but a part of the account I give, from the tower down until they were destroyed. And on this wise do I give the account:

He that wrote this record was Ether, and he was a *descendant* of Coriantor.

*Coriantor was the son of Moron. And Moron was the son of Ethem.  
And Ethem was the son of Ahah. And Ahah was the son of Seth.  
And Seth was the son of Shiblón. And Shiblón was the son of Com.  
And Com was the son of Coriantum. And Coriantum was the son of Amnigaddah.  
And Amnigaddah was the son of Aaron. And Aaron was a descendant of Heth,  
Who was the son of Hearthom. And Hearthom was the son of Lib.  
And Lib was the son of Kish. And Kish was the son of Corom.  
And Corom was the son of Levi. And Levi was the son of Kim.  
And Kim was the son of Morianton. And Morianton was a descendant of Riplakish.  
And Riplakish was the son of Shez. And Shez was the son of Heth.  
And Heth was the son of Com. And Com was the son of Coriantum.  
And Coriantum was the son of Emer. And Emer was the son of Omer.  
And Omer was the son of Shule. And Shule was the son of Kib.  
And Kib was the son of Orihah, who was the son of Jared.*

Which Jared came forth with his brother and their families, with some others and their families, from the Great Tower, at the time the Lord confounded the language of the people. And swore in his wrath that they should be scattered upon all the face of the earth, and according to the word of the Lord the people were scattered.

And the Brother of Jared being a large and mighty man, and a man highly favored of the Lord, Jared, his brother, said unto him:

*Cry unto the Lord,  
That he will not confound us  
That we may not understand our words.*

And it came to pass that the Brother of Jared did cry unto the Lord, and the Lord had compassion upon Jared. Therefore he did not confound the language of Jared. And Jared and his brother were not confounded. Then Jared said unto his brother:

*Cry again unto the Lord,*

*And it may be  
That he will turn away  
His anger from them who are our friends,  
That he confound not their language.*

And it came to pass that the Brother of Jared did cry unto the Lord, and the Lord had compassion upon their friends and their families also, that they were not confounded. And it came to pass that Jared spake again unto his brother, saying:

*Go and inquire of the Lord  
Whether he will drive us out of the land,  
And if he will drive us out of the land,  
Cry unto him whither we shall go.*

*And who knoweth but the Lord will carry us  
Forth into a land which is  
Choice above all the earth?*

*And if it so be, let us be  
Faithful unto the Lord, that we  
May receive it for our inheritance.*

And it came to pass that the Brother of Jared did cry unto the Lord according to that which had been spoken by the mouth of Jared. And it came to pass that the Lord did hear the Brother of Jared, and had compassion upon him, and said unto him:

*Go to and gather together thy flocks!  
Both male and female, of every kind.  
And also of the seed of the earth of every kind  
And thy families, and also Jared thy brother  
And his family, and also thy friends and  
Their families, and the friends of Jared and their families.*

*And when thou hast done this thou shalt go at the head of them  
Down into the valley which is northward. And there will I meet thee,  
And I will go before thee into a land which is  
Choice above all the lands of the earth.*

*And there will I bless thee and thy seed,  
And raise up unto me of thy seed, and of the seed  
Of thy brother, and they who shall go with thee,  
A great nation. And there shall be none greater than the nation  
Which I will raise up unto me of thy seed,  
Upon all the face of the earth. And thus I will do unto thee  
Because this long time ye have cried unto me.*

And it came to pass that Jared and his brother, and their families, and also the friends of Jared and his brother and their families, went down into the valley which was northward. And the name of the valley was Nimrod, being called after the mighty hunter. With their flocks which they had gathered together, male and female, of every kind. And they did also lay snares and catch

fowls of the air. And they did also prepare a vessel, in which they did carry with them the fish of the waters. And they did also carry with them *deseret*, which, by interpretation, is a *honey bee*. And thus they did carry with them swarms of bees, and all manner of that which was upon the face of the land, seeds of every kind. And it came to pass that when they had come down into the Valley of Nimrod, the Lord came down and talked with the Brother of Jared. And he was in a cloud, and the Brother of Jared saw him not.

And 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. And it came to pass that the Lord did go before them, and did talk with them as he stood in a cloud, and gave directions whither they should travel.

And it came to pass that they did travel in the wilderness, and did build barges, in which they did cross many waters, being directed continually by the hand of the Lord. And the Lord would not suffer that they should stop beyond the Sea in the Wilderness, but he would that they should come forth even unto the Land of Promise, which was choice above all other lands, which the Lord God had preserved for a righteous people. And he had sworn in his wrath unto the Brother of Jared, that whoso should possess this Land of Promise, from that time henceforth and forever, should serve him, the true and only god. Or they should be swept off when the fullness of his wrath should come upon them.

*And now, we can behold the decrees of God concerning this land, that it is a land of promise. And whatsoever nation shall possess it shall serve God, or they shall be swept off when the fullness of his wrath shall come upon them. And the fullness of his wrath cometh upon them when they are ripened in iniquity. For 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 decree of God. And it is not until the fullness of iniquity among the children of the land, that they are swept off.*

*And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may know the decrees of God. That ye may repent, and not continue in your iniquities until the fullness come, that ye may not bring down the fullness of the wrath of God upon you as the inhabitants of the land have hitherto done. Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under Heaven, if they will but serve the god of the land, who is Jesus Christ, who hath been manifested by the things which we have written.*

And now I proceed with my record. For behold, it came to pass that the Lord did bring Jared and his brethren forth even to that great sea which divideth the lands. And as they came to the sea they pitched their tents, and they called the name of the place *Moriancumer*. And they dwelt in tents, and dwelt in tents upon the seashore for the space of four years.

And it came to pass at the end of four years that the Lord came again unto the Brother of Jared, and stood in a cloud and talked with him. And for the space of *three hours* did the Lord talk with the Brother of Jared, and chastened him because he remembered not to call upon the Name of the Lord. And the Brother of Jared repented of the evil which he had done, and did call upon the Name of the Lord for his brethren who were with him. And the Lord said unto him:

*I will forgive thee and 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.  
And these are my thoughts upon the land which I shall*

*Give you for your inheritance. For it  
Shall be a land choice above all other lands.*

And the Lord said:

*Go to work, and build after the manner of barges which ye have hitherto built.*

And it came to pass that the Brother of Jared did go to work, and also his brethren, and built barges after the manner which they had built, according to the instructions of the Lord.

*And they were small, and they were light upon the water, even like  
Unto the lightness of a fowl upon the water.  
And they were built after a manner that they were exceedingly tight,  
Even that they would hold water like unto a dish.  
And the bottom thereof was tight like unto a dish.  
And the sides thereof were tight like unto a dish.  
And the ends thereof were peaked, and the top thereof  
Was tight like unto a dish, and the length thereof was  
The length of a tree, and the door thereof, when it was shut,  
Was tight like unto a dish.*

And 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,  
And I have made the barges according as thou hast directed me.*

*And behold, O Lord, in them there is no light.  
Whither shall we steer? And also we shall perish,  
For in them we cannot breathe, save it is  
The air which is in them, therefore we shall perish.*

And the Lord said unto the Brother of Jared:

*Behold, thou shalt make a hole in the top,  
And also in the bottom.  
And when thou shalt suffer for air thou shalt unstop the hole  
And receive air. And if it be so that the water come in upon thee,  
Behold, ye shall stop the hole, that ye may not perish in the flood.*

And it came to pass that the Brother of Jared did so, according as the Lord had commanded. And he cried again unto the Lord saying:

*O Lord, behold I have done even as thou hast commanded me.  
And I have prepared the vessels for my people, and  
Behold there is no light in them. Behold, O Lord,  
Wilt thou suffer that we shall cross this great deep in darkness?*

And 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 pieces.  
Neither shall ye take fire with you, for ye shall not go by the light of fire.*

*For 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,  
And also the rains and the floods have I sent forth.*

*And behold, I prepare you against these things.  
For ye cannot cross this great deep save I prepare you against the waves of the sea,  
And the winds which have gone forth, and 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?*

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And it came to pass that the Brother of Jared -- now the number of the vessels which had been prepared was eight -- went forth unto the mount, which they called the mount *Shelem*, because of its exceeding height, and did molten 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 upon the top of the mount, and cried again unto the Lord, saying:

*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 commandment 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,  
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 thine 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 molten out of the rock.*

*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.*

*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.*

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. And the Lord saw that the Brother of Jared had fallen to the earth, and the Lord said unto him:

*Arise.*

*Why hast thou fallen?*

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.*

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?*

And he answered:

*Nay.*

*Lord, show thyself unto me.*

And the Lord said unto him:

*Believest thou the words which I shall speak?*

And he answered:

*Yea, Lord.  
I know that thou speakest the truth,  
For thou art a god of truth, and canst not lie.*

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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

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. 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. 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. Wherefore, having this perfect knowledge of God, he could not be kept from within the veil. Therefore he saw Jesus, and 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  
And 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  
And heard, and show it to no man.*

*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.*

*And behold, these two stones will I give unto thee,  
And 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 my own due time that these stones  
Shall magnify to the eyes of men these things which ye shall write.*

And when the Lord had said these words, he showed unto the Brother of Jared all the inhabitants of the earth which had been, and also all that would be, and he withheld them not from his sight, even unto the ends of the earth. For he 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 shown unto him. Therefore the Lord could not withhold anything from him, for he knew that the Lord could show him all things. And the Lord said unto him: