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children of men with the first part of the record which my father, Mormon, and I have made upon these plates of ore.

11 And it came to pass that the Lord made it known unto me that these things shall be withheld from the children of men until the day that they exercise faith in God and his Son, Jesus Christ, even as the Brother of Jared did; that they also may be sanctified by overcoming the sins and temptations of the world.

12 And inasmuch as they shall do these things, the Lord will make manifest unto them all the things which the Brother of Jared beheld, and all the revelations of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the father of heaven and earth, yea even all things which have been given to the children of men from the foundations of the world.

13 And it shall come to pass that when the people of the Lord begin to exercise this faith of which I have spoken, then shall the Lord reveal these things unto them.

14 And it shall come to pass that when these things shall be revealed unto them, there will be none, save a few only, which shall understand them.

15 And it shall come to pass that they shall mock at these things and contend against the word of the Lord. Behold, thus saith the Lord unto those who shall deny these things, Let him be accursed from hence forth and forever. For they have sealed unto themselves eternal damnation, insomuch that I will show no greater things unto them.

16 But those unto whom I shall reveal these things, shall be laid under strict command that they shall only reveal unto men the words which I shall allow them.

17 And it shall come to pass, that those who shall receive the words of the Brother of Jared and accept them with gladness, and harden not their hearts, to them shall be given the greater

portion of the word until they know the mysteries of God in full.

18 And it shall come to pass that they shall receive a new name, which shall only be known and understood by those who receive it; and they shall become my friends and I will be their God.

19 Now I, Moroni, do plead with my brethren, yea, with all those who shall receive these things who are of the house of Israel, and also those among the Gentiles. Yea, I say unto you, Come unto the Lord, even Jesus the Christ, and He will show unto you the great and marvelous things of God which He has caused to be hidden from the eyes of the world because of wickedness and unbelief.

20 Behold, I say unto you, that when ye begin to rend that veil of unbelief which causes the Spirit of the Lord to withdraw from you, yea, when ye shall cast off the chains of the devil which he has bound you with, then my beloved brethren, shall these great and marvelous things which have been hid from the foundations of the world be made manifested unto you.

21 Oh my beloved brethren, how long will the Lord, our God, allow the earth to lie under such bondage of sin? How long can He remain merciful unto you in your wickedness?

22 My soul is harrowed up in sorrow because of the things which the Brother of Jared has written concerning you. Behold, it is because of your wickedness that the Lord has withheld these things from you; and behold, these same things shall condemn you at the last day.

23 At it shall come to pass in that day, that the books shall be opened, and you shall read of your corruptions and deceptions, and you shall weep and wail and gnash your teeth as you behold the wickedness of your ways and the deceptions of your hearts.

24 Even as the Lord requested of the Father, Oh, that the Lord would allow this bitter cup to pass from before my lips that I might not drink thereof and sorrow. Nevertheless, the Lord has commanded me and I must obey.

25 Behold my beloved brethren, the words of the Brother of Jared are great and marvelous, and if ye mock them, ye mock God. For they are the words of Christ given to all those who call upon his holy name with a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

CHAPTER 2

Moroni begins the record of the Brother of Jared-The Brother of Jared is shown the spirit body of Jesus and the kingdoms of the Father.

And now I, Moroni, will proceed with the account of the Brother of Jared, which translation was given to me by the gift and power of God through the Urim and Thummim, which being interpreted is light and perfection.

2 And it came to pass that the Brother of Jared was carried away by the Spirit of the Lord upon the mount called Shamir.

3 And it came to pass that after he had beheld the spirit body of Jesus, the Brother of Jared marvelled exceedingly that his mortal eyes could perceive such things.

4 And it came to pass that the Lord perceived the thoughts of the Brother of Jared and said, Marvel not that this thing has come to pass. For behold, thou canst not see spiritual things with mortal eyes. Nevertheless, I have caused a change to come over thee that thou mightest behold my work and my glory which is the work and glory of my Father whom I serve.

5 And it came to pass that the eyes of his understanding were opened and the Brother of Jared beheld as it were many worlds and kingdoms without end.

6 And it came to pass that the Brother of Jared marvelled and exclaimed, yea his entire soul being filled with the Spirit of God, Oh great God, Lord of all, what are theses worlds which appear to men as the stars in the night sky?

7 And it came to pass that the Lord answered him saying, All these are the kingdoms of my Father and his fathers.

8 For behold, the world upon which thou standest is a creation of my Father, who is the father of my spirit and of thy spirit. Behold, our Father has created many such worlds and the

numbers of his creations are numberless, nevertheless, he knows them and they are his.

9 And it came to pass that the Brother of Jared was taken, as it were, to one of the worlds which he beheld.

10 And it came to pass that this world was like unto the world in which we live. Yea, there were many strange and marvelous buildings, the construction of which he had never before beheld.

11 And it came to pass that the Brother of Jared was overcome by the strangeness of these things insomuch that he inquired of the Lord as to the meaning of the things which he saw.

12 And it came to pass that the Lord answered him saying, Behold, this is the kingdom and the glory of our Father. It was on this world that our Father begot his posterity, yea, the spirits of all mankind which live upon the world on which thou standest, and where our Father learned the mysteries and responsibilities of godhood.

13 It is upon this same world where the mothers of the spirits of men reside with the Father.

CHAPTER 3

The Brother of Jared meets the Father and is overcome by the His spirit- He meets his heavenly Mother and is commanded to obey the commandments of the Lord.

And it came to pass that as the Brother of Jared looked, he beheld many people talking and reasoning one with the other. He beheld their dress that it was of a most exquisite whiteness which exceeded any he had beheld before.

2 And as he pondered on the beauty of the people, he noticed plants and vegetation which grew in the likeness of those upon this earth, nevertheless, they grew spontaneously as if they were compelled to grow without the aid and toil of man.

3 And it came to pass that the people came forth and partook of the fruit of the vines and the trees, yea, even all the vegetation produced flowers and fruits which were pleasing to the desires of man.

4 And he beheld the people partaking of this fruit freely, taking only that which they desired to make themselves happy. For behold, the people appeared as though they never hungered, neither did they thirst, or did they lust one towards the

other. They partook of the fruit only to make themselves joyous and fulfill their desires of happiness.

5 And it came to pass that the Brother of Jared continued his description of this world- And I beheld that the moment that one of the fruits was plucked from the vines or from the trees, that another one would immediately begin to grow in the stead thereof, insomuch that the trees and vines were always full of fruit and flowers.

6 And my soul desired that I might also partake of this fruit that my soul might not hunger or thirst.

7 As I approached the people who were partaking of the fruit, I beheld a man among them who was of such familiarity to me that it caused me to be drawn immediately to his presence as a small boy would be drawn to his father.

8 And it came to pass that as the Brother of Jared drew near unto this man of whom he spoke, his heart and soul were filled with an unspeakable love and warmth.

9 And it came to pass that the Brother of Jared continued saying, His radiance filled my entire soul, evensomuch that it did cause me to shrink from his presence. For my tongue seemed bound in that I could not speak. And I did fall to the ground because my limbs could no longer support me; and I became, as it were, a small child who knew not how to move his limbs or use his tongue.

10 And this man reached forth and took me by the hand commanding me to rise. No sooner had I touched his hand, than I immediately received my strength once again and stood before this being.

11 And he spoke unto me saying, My son, from whence comest thou and for what purpose doest thou desirest to speak unto thy father?

12 But I still could not speak, my soul being filled with the spirit which came directly from the soul of my Father. But I did attempt to cry to Jesus that he might assist me in speaking to the Father. For behold, the spirit bore witness unto me that this man was indeed my father and the father of Jesus.

13 And Jesus did appear at my side and spoke unto the Father saying, My Father, this thy son has come to thee to receive the further light and knowledge which thou hast promised unto all those who believe in me and keep my commandments. Yea, all those who come unto thee with a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

14 Behold, my Father, I could not restrain him from beholding these things and coming forth unto thee. For he has manifested the faith which the eternal laws require before any of thy creations can behold thee and come into thy presence. He is of the world which thou hast placed in my power. And he is my disciple.

15 And the Father spoke unto Jesus saying, Well done my beloved Son. There are save a few only who have prepared themselves for this moment; and I say unto thee, that never before has such faith been manifested by any of the inhabitants of the earth which I have place in thy power. Therefore, this, my son, shall know me and thee, for we are one, yea the very Eternal God; and he shall know the things which have been reserved since the beginning for those who belong to our Order, and he shall be one with us.

16 And thou knowest, my Son, that all those who manifest this faith and keep thy commandments shall belong to this same Order, and it is this Order which shall rule and reign forever, worlds without end.

17 Nevertheless, thou shalt command him to keep these things from the rest of my children who reside in thy kingdom, until they, too, repent and work righteousness.

18 Instruct the Brother of Jared to remember the things which he has seen, and also the things which he shall be shown. Command him to write these things and seal them up to come forth at the time appointed for them, yea, even as thou shalt command.

19 And Jesus answered the Father saying, Thy will be done my Father, as it always has and will be done, and the glory be thine forever.

20 And it came to pass that the Father led the Brother of Jared and the Son forth among the people. And the people were exceedingly beautiful and happy, yea, never were there known to be such a happier people.

21 And the Brother of Jared wrote saying, I beheld their beauty and the peace of their souls and I desired to be a part of them.

22 And there were many women among the people, and some men, but there appeared to be more females than here were males.

23 Nevertheless, there was no lasciviousness, coveting, or promiscuous thoughts among them. For all seemed to know all as they are known and see others as they are seen.

24 As I wandered forth among them, I beheld that some of these women greeted the Father with a kind bow, a handclasp, and a tender kiss. I

marvelled greatly at the tenderness the Father had for each one.

25 And I asked the Father, Who are these women who encompass thee with such admiration and love?

26 And the Father stretched forth his hand and brought forth one of the women and placed her before me. And I beheld her beauty and fairness which surpassed that of any woman I had ever known.

27 And her radiance caused my limbs that they did once more lose their strength that they could not support my body.

28 But behold, my Lord, even Jesus Christ, did support me that I did not fall.

29 And the woman spake unto me saying, Behold my son, I am the mother of thy spirit. I am she that provided the materials necessary so that thy Father and my Lord could create thy spirit.

30 And the woman turned to the Father and said, My Lord, my soul is filled with joy because of this, our son, who has proven himself worthy to know us and become one with us. Alas, my soul sorrows for the majority of our children which inhabit the world which thou hast placed in the authority of his elder brother Jesus, the Christ.

31 I pray my Lord, that thou will bless this our son, that he may continue in righteousness and may one day join our Holy Order which has existed from the beginning to bring about the eternal life and happiness of man.

32 And Father looked upon the woman, and He truly loved this woman with all his soul; and the Father answered her saying, My dearly beloved, I also share thy sorrow and anguish because of the wickedness of our children which belong to the kingdom of our eldest Son.

33 Behold, this our son shall assist us in bringing many of our children to repentance that they may also work righteousness and prepare themselves for their inheritance in our eternal worlds.

34 And it came to pass that the spirit mother of the Brother of Jared did embrace her son, and his heart was filled with exceeding great joy. And the woman blessed him saying, Go my son and do the things which the Lord God, has commanded thee to do. And blessed art thou for that which thou art about to see and write unto the children of men.

35 For behold, it shall shine unto them out of the darkness and shall be brought to the

knowledge of the people according to the wisdom and power of God.

36 And now my son, I would that thou shouldest remember to build thy foundation upon the rock of thy redeemer, even Jesus Christ, thy elder brother, a son of God who has been appointed to rule and reign over the kingdom of the Father to which thou belongest.

37 And if thou shalt do these things and obey his words in all things whatsoever he shall command thee, behold, thou shalt receive eternal life; and one day thou shalt return unto me and thy Father, and then thou shalt sorrow no more, but thou shalt know me as I am and we shall share eternal happiness forever.

38 And this, my son, is salvation and eternal life.

39 And now my son, I bid thee farewell that thou mightest go and do the things which have been commanded of thee.

40 And it came to pass that the woman left the Brother of Jared. Nevertheless, her radiance did not leave him for sometime thereafter; for he felt as though he was apart of her and she a part of him.

41 And the Brother of Jared praised and worshipped his eternal Mother as he did his Father.

CHAPTER 4

The Brother of Jared sees many worlds and kingdoms of the Father- He receives many mysteries and knowledge because of his faithfulness- His mission is outlined by the Father- He distinguishes between the spirit body and the mortal body.

1 And it came to pass that the Brother of Jared continued on his journey accompanied by the Father and the Son.

2 And it came to pass that they did show unto him many great and marvelous things; And they presented before his eyes many kingdoms and worlds. And the eyes of his understanding were opened, and he understood that the worlds which he was beholding appeared as the stars in the night sky from the earth from whence he came.

3 And it came to pass that Jesus spoke unto him saying, My son, and the Brother of Jared was truly the son of Jesus inasmuch as Jesus was appointed to be the God of this world by the Father; and Jesus said, Thou hast beheld that which no mortal has beheld before.