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INTRODUCTION

I Samuel Warren Shaffer editor of the Voice of Zion Magazine, have hereby been prompted to make this collection available for the use of The Church of Christ (Patriarchal), The Kingdom of God and all those wishing to enter God's Holy Order. I pray that these Holy scriptures may find a place in your hearts as an additional testimony of the Gospel of Christ. I know their authenticity as testified to me by the power of the Holy Ghost (all except one part: See Disclaimer), and I know that through study and prayer all may come by that same testimony. These books and writings portray a beautiful illustration of the gospel plan as restored in our latter days by the Prophet Joseph Smith and all subsequent Prophets called by him and our Saviour. I know these records are true, and invite all honest seekers to study them out comparing them to the standard works and teachings of the prophets.

And when you have studied them out in your mind, and pondered their meaning remembering how merciful God has been to Adam's children. I would invite all finding themselves in a quiet location to pray and ask God if these things are not true, with real intent, and verify through the power of the Holy Ghost their truthfulness. (Moroni 10:3-5). Wherefore if ye have not the power to ask the Lord a question and get an answer, I would ask you to ponder upon your life and make right those things which are not aligned with God's will until you can get an answer. For my God does not trifle with man, and has always been merciful to me and answered my honest prayers, and has with all those who seek him in sincerity and truth. Now when you have better purified your life and been made worthy for the gift of revelation, wherein you may ask upon any subject and readily receive an answer from the Lord. Then I would ask you to verify these things. Therefore if you find them to be true and faithful, I would ask you to preach this gospel to the ends of the earth, and gather with the saints where ere they may be. That the hearts of the fathers may be turned to the children and the hearts of the children turn to their fathers. That the earth my again receive her Paradise, after the curse spoken of, hath made a destructive confirmation of all prophecy.

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Disclaimer:

The Testimony in the introduction is true with one exception; and that is that there is a mistranslation in the Writings of Abraham regarding Noah's wife Naamah, who is purported to be descended from Cain. I Samuel W. Shaffer do here declare that any who race-mix will reap the Judgments of God, and will not be worthy of the Priesthood of God.

"Wo be unto him that shall say: We have received the word of God, and we need no more of the word of God, for we have enough!"
(2 Nephi 28:29)

The Book of Joseph

Translated by Joseph Smith Jun, and retranslated by Samuel W. Shaffer.

An account of Joseph, the son of Jacob, the son of Issac, the son of Abraham; which account was written by the hand of Moses by the word of the Lord while he dwelt in the house of Jethro the Midianite.

The Book of Joseph - CHAPTER 1

1 And it came to pass, Rachel, the wife of Jacob, was drawing water from a well and suddenly two angels of the Lord with shining garments stood before her saying, Fear not handmaiden of the Lord, for thou art a chosen vessel to bear a choice branch unto the Lord. And Rachel said, I know not what ye say, my lord.

2 And one of the angels said unto her, Jacob shall be a tree of life reaching unto all the earth. Over the high walls shall his branches reach. Even unto the isles of the sea which are afar off. And his seed shall rule all lands and trample down all people, for the Lord God Almighty shall make strong his seed.

3 Rachel, thy reproach is taken away from thee and thou shalt bare a son, and thou shalt call his name Joseph, for the Lord thy God shall make him two great nations, yea, even mighty nations before him.

4 And immediately Rachel ran down unto Jacob and sayeth unto him, the Lord hath taken away my reproach, and openeth my womb, and I shall bare thee a son which shall be two great and mighty nations before the Lord.

5 And when Jacob heard this he rejoiced and did offer a burnt offering unto the Lord saying: O Lord God, yea, even the Most High God of heaven and earth, surely through my seed shalt thou show thyself faithful of the promises made unto my fathers.

6 And as the sweet smelling aroma did ascend unto heaven which did fill the nostrils of the Lord. And the Lord did hear Jacob.

7 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto Jacob over the burnt offering and said: Jacob, Jacob, the Lord is well pleased with thee. Thou shalt be given a son and shalt call his name Joseph. For he shall be a great and mighty nation before the Lord. And out of the loins of Joseph shall the Lord bring many sons into His glory.

8 And it came to pass Jacob said unto Laban, Suffer me to take my wives and my children for whom I have served thee and let me go down and dwell in my own country. For I have served thee well and my time is at hand.

9 And Laban said unto him, I beg thee abide with me, if I have found favor with thee. For I know of a surety that the gods have blessed me and my house for thy sake and for the sake of thy seed.

10 And Jacob said, I am sore desirous to depart unto mine own land. And Laban said, what shall I give unto thee, that thou abide with me?

11 And Jacob answered Laban, saying: If thou wilt suffer me this day to pass though thine herds and take of the spotted and speckled and striped cattle; and of the spotted and speckled and striped goats;

12 and of the spotted and speckled and striped sheep, yea, of any speckled and spotted and striped beast which liveth among thy flocks, I shall stay and serve thee. And Laban said, so be it as thou sayest.

13 And so Jacob took possession of all the livestock which Laban had given unto him.

The Book of Joseph - CHAPTER 2

1 And it came to pass, while Jacob was tending his flocks the angel of the Lord appeared unto him saying: take sticks of this tree which The Lord hath prepared and set them before the cisterns of which the livestock drinketh that they may conceive.

2 And so Jacob set the sticks before the cisterns as the angel of the Lord had commanded. And when the flocks were come to drink, they conceived before the sticks.

3 And it came to pass, the flocks brought forth speckled and spotted and striped offspring. And Jacob put his own flocks in a yonder place, and allowed them not to mingle with Laban's flocks.

4 And it came to pass, when the stronger cattle conceived, Jacob did lay the sticks before their eyes one each side of the cistern, that they might conceive between the sticks and bare speckled and spotted and striped offspring according to the word of the Lord.

5 Now when Laban discovered this he was wroth, and came against Jacob saying, why hast thou dealt deceitfully with me, that thou mightest get gain deceitfully? Have I not been a gracious provider unto thee and all thine house?

6 And in this manner did Laban severely accuse Jacob that he might persuade him to give unto him a portion of Jacob's increase.

7 And lo, the angel of the Lord appeared unto them as they were speaking.

8 And Laban fell to the ground and hid his face for he was sore afraid at the sight.

9 And the Angel of the Lord said unto Laban, I have commanded Jacob to do this thing that thou mayest know that The Lord respecteth Jacob and not Laban.

10 For thou hast dealt deceitfully with Jacob. And hast made him serve thee unjustly seven years. And know thou this: that the Lord shall rescue the oppressed and judge the unjust in due season, to reward the righteous and to destroy the wicked.

11 Yea, the righteous shall inherit the wealth of the wicked and the fatness of all the earth: for the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.

12 The wicked shall prosper for a season; howbeit the Lord keepeth his eye on the righteous and on the wicked, and shall judge them in the time which he hath appointed for his own purpose.

13 And in the latter time, the wicked shall be exceedingly prosperous seven years. And then the Lord shall come suddenly and pronounce swift judgment upon them and destroy them all. Yea, the God of heaven and earth shall smite them with the fury of his wrath which shall be poured out upon their heads without mixture. Then shall the wealth of those who do wickedly be given unto the sons of righteousness who shall shine like the stars. And the sons of righteousness shall inherit the earth forever, yea, even shall they shine upon it forever and ever. And the earth shall not pass into the hand of another.

14 When Laban heard this he did heap dust upon his head and said, forgive me this wrong, my Lord. If there is anything which Jacob desireth, the same may he freely take. I pray thee, lord, spare my life and my house.

15 And the Angel of the Lord appeared unto Jacob and said, take thy wives and all thy possessions and return to thine own land. And take the gods of Laban that he may know that the Lord is the Most High God over all the earth. And so did Jacob as the Lord had commanded.

16 And when Laban had perceived that his idols were removed, he was hot with fury. And said to his kindred and slaves, who hath removed the gods from before the altar?

17 And none in Laban's house knew whither they had been taken.

18 And Laban went to the place where Jacob had dwelt, and finding him not, Laban uttered cursings against him in the names of his gods.

19 And Laban and his kin and all of his slaves did pursue Jacob. And when they had found Jacob and his kin, Laban seized Jacob by the throat and said, I have offered thee that thou mayest take any of my possessions. Yea, even of my gold and silver, and mine own daughters mayest thou freely take.

20 Why didst thou dishonor me by taking my gods and thereby bring a curse upon my head and upon my house?

21 And behold the word of the Lord came unto Jacob and Laban in the midst of their disputation and said, the Lord hast commanded Jacob to take thine idols that the house of Laban might know that the Lord is the Most High God over all the earth, yea, even the Most High over the house of Laban.

22 Yea, the Lord is God even over all nations and kindred's of the earth. For the earth is mine, and the fullness thereof, sayeth the Lord. And there is no other. And I, the Lord, exalteth as many as I will, and debaseth as many as I will: for men are as grasshoppers unto me. And none can stay my hand. Who has an arm like unto the

Lord's? Who hath frustrated Him when he hath decreed his decree?

23 And Laban began to tremble exceedingly before the Lord. And his countenance became exceedingly fearful.

24 And the Lord said, Behold thy gods! And the idols of Laban did melt before the eyes of Jacob and Laban as they stood by.

25 And a chariot of the Lord did he cause to pass by. And the noise thereof was like the sound of mighty rushing waters. Awesome and terrible was the sound of it. And the chariot had the appearance of lightning and fire was in his mouth. Awesome and terrible was the sight to behold in the eyes of Jacob and Laban.

26 And the Lord did cause a violent whirlwind to appear which did scatter the ashes of the idols of Laban whereby they could be found no more at all. And Jacob and Laban fell to their faces and cried out: how marvelous and terrible is the hand of the Lord God!

26 And the Lord said unto Laban, Behold, thou and thine house also shall likewise perish if ye do not repent before the Lord this day, and forsake the gods of gold, and the gods of silver, and the gods of wood, and the gods of stone:

27 Gods which are fashioned by the hand of a man when he sayeth in his heart: I shall fashion a god and bring my hand upon it; and use my tools upon it. And I shall bow down before it.

28 Behold, they are gods which can neither see, nor can they hear; neither can they speak. They are gods that are no gods, for the Lord Most High is the one true living God who dwelleth in the heavens and who reigns over all the earth.

29 And He did make the sun, and the moon, and the stars, and yea, even all of the sons of men. And they are merely dust in his hand and breath from his mouth.

30 And Jacob and Laban were astonished at all the things which the Lord had said and done before them. And Laban made a vow that he and his house should serve the true and living God for ever.

31 And after the angel of the Lord had departed, Jacob offered a choice lamb unto the Lord for a sacrifice for the sake of Laban and his house. And Laban returned unto his house.

The Book of Joseph - CHAPTER 3

1 And it came to pass, Rachel did bring forth a son. And she called his name Joseph.

2 And the Angel of the Lord appeared unto Jacob in a dream saying, Joseph shall be two great and mighty nations in the hand of the Lord.

3 These nations shall be greater than any nations upon the face of the earth. Howbeit, only a remnant shall see my face and live.

4 Behold, wisdom shall increase in the latter time. And men shall make weapons of war; yea, even terrible weapons which shall touch the power of the Most High.

5 And the seed of Joseph shall believe a lie, wherein the terrible weapons shall be

for the protection of their lands. And wo unto them, for the people shall be deceived.

6 And the Lord showed Jacob a vision, and said: behold, the mighty men of the earth shall lay an awful scheme by the word of their god, that they should destroy the Lord when he shall visit men at the appointed time when he shall reward the sons of men according to their works.

7 And all nations shall gather together in the heart of the earth to make war with the Lord, even the almighty king of heaven and earth. Wo, wo, wo unto the chief princes of the earth, even unto the seed of Dan, who hath made gold their god and a lie their refuge:

8 Who have said among themselves: the Lord is no god wherein we should fear him, for by our mighty power have we become gods ourselves and have spread abroad ourselves over all the earth. Yet shall they be judged and cut off from among the sons of Jacob.

9 Thus sayeth the Lord: The wicked plot in vain. And they shall drink from the cup of vanity which they have grasped: for the Lord himself shall utterly destroy them all by the brightness of his terrible presence.

10 And lo, those who plot in vain have over them a king; even he whose name is the liar from the beginning, even Azaziel, he who was a guardian of the presence

11 Yea, Azaziel shall be bound; even he who hath granted them their great authority and their seat and who hath whispered lies into their ears like a cunning serpent which lieth in the dust. The Lord himself shall come and bind him with cords which cannot be loosed, and seal him up with a seal which cannot be broken.

12 For Azaziel hath led them astray by his corrupted wisdom which hath become folly in the sight of heaven. Wo unto him for he hath laid waste the cities of the garden of God and made the inhabitants of the earth stumble exceedingly, causing them to be drunk from the cup of blindness, yea, even to feast from the table of rebellion.

13 Comfort thyself with these words, thou beloved Jacob. For verily, the Lord reigns supreme over all the gods and shall swiftly mete out justice which cannot be overthrown. Amen.

14 And Jacob was astonished at all the Lord had shown him: for weak was his understanding, and without strength was his soul in the presence of the Lord.

The Book of Joseph - CHAPTER 4

1 And it came to pass, Joseph, the son of Jacob, grew in stature unto a man. And Joseph was a peculiar child, full of knowledge and wisdom.

2 And it came to pass the angel of the Lord appeared to Jacob and said, make a tunic for thy son Joseph, and place on it the holy emblems of the priesthood of the Lord thy God.

3 And lay thine hands on him and grant unto him to be a priest unto the Most High

God. And instruct him in the hidden wisdom of the Lord, even the hidden treasures of knowledge which have been known among thy fathers:

4 For I shall cause Joseph to go down into the land of the sun, a land full of idolatry and iniquity, and I shall cause him to be a savior among the people for the sake of thy seed.

5 And he shall bare the priesthood of the Most High, and become a mighty ruler among the Egyptians. And the Lord shall bless whomsoever he shall bless, and curse whomsoever he shall curse: for my name shall be in him. And great shall be his name in the land. Wherefore Pharaoh shall know that he is a prince with God.

6 And behold, he shall seal up the blessings of the priesthood for the generations which are afar off, that the Most High may have witness for Himself in the latter time, before the great and final day when the Lord himself shall come and reward the sons of men according to their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil. Even so. Amen.

7 And so Jacob made a tunic according to the word of the Lord. And he did place it upon his son Joseph. And blessed him with all of the hidden blessings of wisdom.

8 And Jacob instructed him in the hidden wisdom of the Lord, whereunto Joseph should be a priest of the Most High God.

9 Now when the brothers of Joseph had discovered that Jacob had made Joseph a priest unto the Most High God they were filled with the spirit of jealousy.

10 And they gathered unto their father Jacob saying, why hast thou given that Joseph should receive a tunic and become a priest unto the Lord and not us also?

11 And Jacob rebuked them saying, Joseph is a chosen vessel whom the Lord hath chosen, and it is according to his purposes. Who are ye that ye dare accuse God?

12 Verily, the Lord hath chosen him for his own purposes and ye shall well abide under it. For this is the word of the Lord.

13 And when Jacob had finished speaking, his sons murmured among themselves.

14 And it came to pass; Joseph dreamed a dream, wherein he saw all of the flocks of his brothers bowing down to his flocks. And Joseph boasted of this before his brothers.

15 And his brothers mocked him saying, shalt thou become a prince over us? And his brothers murmured among themselves.

16 And it came to pass, Joseph dreamed another dream. And said unto his brothers, I have dreamed a dream wherein the sun, and the moon and the stars did bow low before me.

17 And his brothers mocked him saying, as the Lord liveth and as we live, thy blood shall be spilt on the ground before we fear thee.

18 And his brothers murmured among themselves how they might kill Joseph. And a servant of Jacob secretly spied them.

19 And when Jacob heard of this he said unto Joseph: do not fear my son: as the

Lord hath decreed his decree, thou shalt be a prince over me and all mine house.

20 Yet pride hath filled thine heart. Let no boasting be found at all in thy mouth, yea, neither in thine heart, lest thou fall under condemnation: for the Lord God doth hate a proud and boastful heart.

21 Thou didst come into this world naked and thou shalt leave it naked.

22 And remember this, my son, the Lord exalteth whom he will, and the Lord abaseth whom he will. Therefore thou shalt keep thine heart humble before him all the days of thy life.

23 And Joseph was pierced in his heart, and durst not open his mouth again for to boast.

The Book of Joseph - CHAPTER 5

1 And it came to pass, Joseph was in the desert seeking his brethren and they seized upon him, and mocked him, saying: behold, our prince is come unto us. Mayest thou live long, and may thy kingdom be forever!

2 And they worshipped him in mocking fashion, saying, have mercy on us O king! Save us, O mighty one!

3 And they seized upon Joseph to kill him. And Dan drew his sword and thrust it into the side of Joseph, howbeit it pierced not his flesh.

4 And all who stood by were astonished. And Reuben said, Verily, the Lord hath surely chosen him, and the power of the Most High dwelleth with him.

5 Suffer not our hands to shed his blood, for his blood should surely cry up to the Lord against us, and great would be the curse against our children unto seven generations.

6 Yea, rather, let us cast him into a pit wherein he may perish for lack of meat or may be eaten by wild beasts, and thus shall our hands be free of his blood. And so they seized the tunic which Jacob had made for Joseph and cast Joseph into a pit naked for to die.

7 Now, after Joseph's brothers had departed from the pit into which they had cast Joseph, a band of Midianites came nigh unto it.

8 And Hanok, the chief of the Midianites, said unto Joseph, I perceive that a great evil hath befallen thee. What shalt thou give unto me that I remove thee from this pit.

9 And Joseph said unto them, I shall serve thee all the days of my life if thou removest me from this pit. Therefore, I pray thee, go unto my Father's house and tell my father whereunto thou shalt take me, for it is the will of the Most High God that I should go with thee.

10 And Hanok said, so shall it be. And so Hanok commanded his sons to remove Joseph from the pit.

11 And Hanok sent one of his servants to Jacob that Jacob might know of the thing which had befallen Joseph. And after the servant had spoken the thing which had