The Book of Joseph
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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.

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 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 shall call his name Joseph. Foe 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 desirous to depart unto mine own land. And Laban said; what shall I give unto thee, that thou will abide with me?

11 And Jacob answered Laban, saying; If thou wilt suffer me this day to pass through thine herds and take of the spotted and speckled and striped cattle, and of the spotted and speckled and striped goats, 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 serve thee. And Laban said; so be it as thou sayest.
12 And so Jacob took possession of all the livestock which Laban had given unto him.

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 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 on 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 fulness 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 Jacob did 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 alter?

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 name 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 the Most High even over all nations and kindred of the earth. For the earth is mine, and the fulness 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 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!

27 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:

28 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.

29 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.
30 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.

31 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.

32 And after the Angel of the Lord 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.

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 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 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.

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 a 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.

CHAPTER 5
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!

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

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.

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.

Suffer not out 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.

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 and cast Joseph into a pit naked for to die.

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

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?

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 befallen Joseph, Jacob said unto him; this thing is by the hand of God.

12 And Jacob wept bitterly. And Jacob bade the servant of Hanok to stay with him.

13 And while Joseph's brothers were eating the evening meat, Reuben said; let us not suffer our brother to die. For the Lord shall surely avenge his death upon our heads and our children.

14 Therefore let us sell him to that yonder band of sons of Ishmael that his blood be not upon us. And so they were agreed as one and bound themselves by an oath.

15 Howbeit when Reuben returned to the pit whereunto they had cast Joseph he saw that Joseph was not there.

16 Then Reuben rent his tunic and said; what hath befallen our brother Joseph? May the Lord forgive us this evil which we have done unto our own brother whom the Lord hath chosen! And Reuben was bitterly sorrowful.

17 And the brothers of Joseph took a goat and slew it. And they took of the blood of the goat and put it on the tunic which Jacob had made for Joseph.
18 And when they had returned to their father, they said unto Jacob that Joseph had been overcome by a wild beast. And when Jacob heard this he rent his tunic, and put on sackcloth, and cast ashes upon his head for many days crying out; O my son, O my son!

19 Howbeit Jacob knew that Joseph had not suffered the evil. And he kept the matter in his heart.

20 And Jacob took Joseph's tunic and folded it up in a cloth and gave it unto the servant of Hanok and said:

21 Deliver unto Joseph this tunic and all shall be well with thee and thine house; for the Most High God hath ordained it so. And the servant of Hanok said; I shall surely do it.

22 And Jacob said; thou must swear an oath that thou keepest the matter in thine heart. And thou must not suffer thine eyes to gaze upon the tunic lest thou be cursed; for it is holy unto the Most High God.

23 And so they took a ram and made a covenant to keep the matter secret. And Jacob said unto the servant of Hanok; so shall it be unto thee if thou shalt break this covenant.

24 And so the servant of Hanok departed and delivered the tunic unto Joseph.

CHAPTER 6

1 And it came to pass, Hanok the Midianite sold Joseph to an Egyptian whose name was Potifar.

2 And Potifar had respect for Joseph seeing that he was a stout man and full of knowledge and wisdom. And so Potifar made Joseph the master over his whole house.
3 And Joseph served Potifar well. And the Lord greatly blessed the house of Potifar on account of Joseph.

4 And Joseph taught wisdom unto Potifar, yea, even in all the ways of the Lord. And Potifar did forsake the gods of Egypt to serve the living God, even the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob.

5 And Joseph taught Potifar the hidden wisdom of the Lord, even of the holy priesthood of God. And Potifar became a priest unto the Most High God at the hand of Joseph.

6 And it came to pass, Shinmin, the wife of Potifar, did set her eyes upon Joseph. And Shinmin said unto Joseph; come and lie with me.

7 And Joseph said unto her; I shall surely not lie with thee, for I have made an oath unto the Lord. Who art thou to tempt the Lord?

8 Howbeit Shinmin relented not. And so Shinmin said unto Joseph; if thou liest not with me, I shall cause thee to be cast into the prison until thou repent.

9 And Joseph said; by my head and by the Lord of Hosts, I shall never lie with thee.

10 And it came to pass, one day while Joseph was walking in Potifar's house, Shinmin seized his garment, saying; I beg thee, lie with me. For my master hath utterly forsaken me.

11 Howbeit Joseph refused to lie with the woman, that he fled naked out of the house.

12 And after Joseph had fled, Shinmin called for Potifar. And when Potifar had returned to the house, she cried unto him saying:
13 The Hebrew which thou didst bring into this house, seized me saying; lie with me. Howbeit I lied not with him, and he became wroth and did struggle against me; and I seized his tunic that he hath fled naked out of the house.

14 So Potifar commanded his slaves to seek after Joseph and deliver him up.

15 And when Joseph was delivered unto Potifar, he said; I have given thee to be the master over my whole house. Yea, there is save I alone over thee. Why hast thou dealt with me in this manner, to bring shame upon my house?

16 And Joseph said; I have done no evil unto thee, my lord. The wife of thy youth did seize my tunic and did plead with me to lie with her. And for righteousness sake and because of mine oath, I lied not with her.

17 And Potifar said unto Joseph; of a surety, I know the thing which thou speakest is true.

18 And Potifar said; Of a truth, thou hast not sinned. Yet for the sake of reproach, I must deliver thee to prison for a little season, for thou are an Hebrew slave in Egypt, and Pharoah shall be sore displeased if he heareth of the matter, and lest he take away my name and my house I must do this thing.

19 So Potifar delivered Joseph to the prison saying to the master; fear him as thou fearest me, for he is full of the spirit of the living God over all the earth.

20 Inasmuch as thou entreat him like a brother, the living God shall bless thee and thine house.
21 And so the master of the prison feared Joseph. And when the master had perceived that Joseph was full of wisdom he made him chief over all the prisoners.

22 And Joseph became known unto the house of Pharoah.

CHAPTER 7

1 And it came to pass, Pharoah sent for Joseph; for he had become renown in Egypt as one having the spirit of the gods, and an interpreter of dreams.

2 And Pharoah said unto Joseph; I have dreamed a dream, and in all of the land of my kingdom my wise men nor my watchers have been able to tell the meaning thereof.

3 Howbeit I perceive that thou, Joseph, art filled with the wisdom of the lofty ones.

4 I pray thee, tell me the meaning of my dream and thou shalt be greatly rewarded, for verily, all of Egypt lieth in mine hand.

5 And Joseph said; mayest thou live forever, O king. Verily, I am dust and ashes, and there is no wisdom in me. Howbeit the Spirit of the Lord Most High who is with me can tell the meaning thereof.

6 And Pharoah said, this is the dream which I have dreamed:

7 There were seven fatted heifers drinking from a brook. And behold seven sickly heifers appeared and did devour the seven fatted heifers. And thus were the seven fatted heifers no more.

8 The dream hath troubled me that sleep is fled far away from me; and I lay troubled on my bed. Therefore I pray thee, Joseph, shew me the meaning thereof, that I may have peace.
And Joseph said; may peace be unto thee, O king. Thus saith the Lord who is the Most High God over all the earth:

It shall come to pass, there shall be seven years of bounteous harvest. And after the seven years are passed, a fearsome woe shall overtake the land.

And Joseph fell on his face before Pharoah and cried; after the seven years of bounteous harvest are passed, there shall be seven years of famine; yea, even a sore famine in which hath not ever been in Egypt nor in all the earth.

Thus saith the Most High God, take of thy bounteous harvest and lay up unto the seven years of famine, and the life of thee and those of thy kingdom shall not utterly perish.

And if thou heedest not, thy people shall become a great abhorrence unto the whole earth. There shall be death of a man and beast such as there has never been on the face of the whole earth.

And so Pharoah took his seal and placed it upon Joseph.

And there was not anyone in the land of Egypt who was greater than Joseph save Pharoah. Thus did the Lord bless Joseph.

CHAPTER 8

And it came to pass, the Angel of the Lord appeared unto Joseph in a dream saying; Joseph, thou art a chosen vessel from among the children of men and a great blessing unto all the earth.

Thou shalt become two great and mighty nations in the hand of the Lord; for the Lord exalteth whom he will, and the Lord abaseth whom he will. And who can stay his mighty hand?
3 And the Lord performeth this that he may richly reward his faithful among the sons of men with the riches of the earth. For the Lord delighteth in the righteousness of his children, that he may prosper them with all blessing.

4 Therefore walk humbly before thy God; for this day I have ordained thee to be a savior in the land of Egypt, wherein the Egyptians shall bare thee on their shoulders and call thee blessed; Moreover, thou shalt preserve thine house and the holy wisdom of the Lord from destruction.

5 And when many days have passed, thy seed shall be cause for a great work if the Lord in the sight of the heathen unto the glory of the Lord.

6 And when Joseph did awaken from his sleep, he was astonished at all the Lord had said unto him.

CHAPTER 9

1 And it came to pass, the Lord gave Asenath the daughter of Potifar to Joseph. And Asenath became the wife of Joseph at the hand of Potifar.

2 And the Lord placed his seal upon them.

3 And it came to pass, Joseph knew his wife and she conceived. And Asenath bare Joseph two sons. And they named the first Manasseh and the second Ephraim according to the word of the Lord.

4 And the Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream saying; thy sons Manasseh and Ephraim shall be two mighty nations before the Lord.
5 And they shall be as two stiffnecked and rebellious goats which runneth away when they heareth the voice of the shepherd. In the latter time they shall be a scourge and a terror and shall fight the Lord when he comes to reward the sons of men.

6 Howbeit, a remnant shall be faithful unto the Lord. And then He shall give them the earth as an inheritance with thee after I have raised up thy bones from the dust.

7 And the Lord spake again unto Joseph saying; Behold, the famine which shall overtake the land is at hand. When the famine hath become a sore burden on thy kindred, thy brothers shall appear unto thee. Be merciful unto them, as I am merciful unto thee, and all shall be well with thee and thy masters house.

CHAPTER 10

1 And it came to pass, according to the word of the Lord, that a famine fell upon the land of Egypt and upon the lands of Jacob.

2 And the sons of Jacob said among themselves; we have little to eat; wherefore shall we suffer ourselves to perish with hunger in this place which hath been forsaken by the Lord?

3 And thus they did murmur against the Lord their God.

4 Howbeit Jacob knew of the honor which the Lord had given unto his son Joseph at the hand of Pharoah.

5 And it came to pass, Jacob said unto his sons; make haste and go down unto Egypt for the Lord hath made known unto me that there is a ruler among the Egyptians who is full of wisdom and knowledge of the Lord.
6 He shall have mercy on our souls, and shall sell grain unto you, that we live and not perish. This hath the Lord provided.

7 And so Jacob sent all of his sons, save the youngest, from their lands; and they went down to the land of Egypt.

8 And when the brothers of Joseph were come to Egypt, they sought to buy grain.

9 And a man by the way said unto them; go and seek ye Joseph the prince, for he selleth grain.

10 And when the brothers of Joseph did find Joseph, they bowed down low to the earth, and said; we beg thee, O prince, sell thy servants grain that we may live and not perish.

11 And immediately Joseph knew that they were his brothers who had left him for to die in the pit.

12 Howbeit the brothers of Joseph knew him not for his appearance and language was according to the Egyptians.

13 And Joseph answered coarsely unto them saying; are ye of the land of Egypt?

14 And they said; no lord, we are twelve brothers save the younger who are come out of the land of Canaan to buy grain at the word of our father, lest we die.

15 And Joseph said unto them angrily; wherefore do you come unto me? Are ye spies come to spy this land? What shall I do with you?

16 And they answered; not so, lord; we have need of grain that we perish not, for this great famine hath reached unto our land, and hath become a scourge unto us.
And Joseph was bitter in his heart, yet he remembered the commandment of the Lord.

Therefore Joseph had pity on his brothers, and forgave them in his heart of the evil which they had done unto him, yet spake he coarsely unto them saying; bring unto me your younger brother and I shall sell you grain.

And the brothers counceled among themselves that they might bring the younger brother unto Joseph. And Joseph heard it, howbeit the brothers knew it not, for Joseph had spoken unto them by his interpreter.

And when Joseph beheld them counciling among themselves, he had compassion on them.

And so Joseph said unto them; go unto thy land and bring thy father and thy brother. Yet Joseph kept Simeon and bound him hand and foot that he should remain.

And Joseph commanded his servants that they should bring unto him sacks of grain for to give his brothers.

And after they had mounted the sacks of grain onto their beasts, he sent them on their way.

CHAPTER 11

And the Angel of the Lord appeared unto Joseph saying; Here I Am!

And when Joseph turned he beheld the Angel of the Lord standing in a flame of fire. And Joseph cried out saying; I am a dead man.
3 And immediately the strength of Joseph left him and he fell to the ground as a dead man.

4 And the Angel of the Lord touched Joseph saying; Joseph, Joseph, stand up on thy feet as a man and fear not.

5 For thou hast been chosen from among all thy brethren; yea, even from all the sons of men which dwelleth on the earth, to be a chosen branch unto the Lord.

6 And through thy seed all the nations shall be blessed with the fruit of bounty; where the wine shall overflow the vats; and where the milk shall overflow unto the dung hills.

7 And after Joseph had risen to his feet the Lord said; Behold the handwork of the Lord!

8 And suddenly a strange and marvelous vision appeared before Joseph. And Joseph began to quake exceedingly, for marvelous and terrible to behold was the vision which the Lord had opened unto him.

9 And the Angel of the Lord said unto Joseph; This is the kingdom which I have created for mine own purpose and it is very great, is it not marvelous to behold?

10 And the vision multiplied before Joseph's eyes. And Joseph said; what is the meaning of this, my Lord? It is great to behold and marvelous in my eyes.

11 And the Lord said; these are the lands upon which my seed abide. The land on which thou standest is one land among all of the lands which I have created by mine own hand. And I set them on nothing, for I the Lord am the foundation of them.
12 Behold, the lands which number more than the sands of the sea. And this is my work and my great glory; to give unto my children that which I have prepared for them, yea, even all I possess.

13 And Joseph said; how great and mighty is the Lord, full of wisdom and strength and mercy; for I have never at any time considered that this could be.

14 And Joseph fell down and worshipped the Lord.

15 And the Lord said; Joseph if thou art faithful to the Lord all the days of thy life, and walk circumspectly before my face, thou shalt be lifted up, even to the throne of God, and thou shalt be a master workman in all wisdom which is the Lord's.

16 And thou shalt inherit, with thy faithful seed with thee, the glory of the Lord. And thus shalt thou have great joy. For the Lord delights to give his children the works of his hands.

17 And thou shalt sit in my throne, yea, even the throne of God. And thou shalt be my son, and I shall be thy father, forever. Yea, even forever and ever.

18 And Joseph fell on his face and cried out; depart from me Lord, for I am not worthy to be called to such a great and marvelous honor.

19 And the Lord said unto Joseph; the Lord hath seen thy great faithfulness. Thou art more faithful than any of the sons of men upon the face of the whole earth;

20 For the Lord said; look up. And when Joseph had looked up, he beheld a great multitude which had the appearance of the sons of men. And they did shine like the sun.
21 And every one of them had a golden crown on his head. And they were singing and praising God around his glorious throne. And there was one in the midst of the throne which had a name written on him; and his name was Jehovah, which interpreted means Wisdom of God.

22 And the Lord said unto Joseph; Joseph, my son, these are those who have glorified my name. They shall be my sons forever. And at the latter time thou shalt rise from the dust and take thy inheritance in the midst of mine holy congregation forever. Even forever and ever. Amen.

CHAPTER 12

1 And it came to pass, Joseph was reasoning with the priests of On.

2 And the priests said unto him; surely hast thou communed with the gods, for there hath never been a wiser man in all of Egypt.

3 And Joseph taught the priests the knowledge of the Lord. And Joseph continued to gain favor in their eyes because of his exceedingly great wisdom which the Lord given unto him.

4 And some of the priests secretly worshipped the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob, and said; if the Lord would have us be an ensample to the people, so be it, for we know that the Lord is God over all the earth.

5 And Joseph said; see that thou do it not. For the time is not fully come. Not many days hence shall you and your children openly serve the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob. Nevertheless, the time is not yet.

6 And Joseph taught unto those faithful to the Lord the hidden wisdom of the fathers saying; of a truth, this wisdom was given to
Adam, and it has come down to us by the hands of my fathers. And many things did Joseph teach unto the faithful which cannot be written.

7 And, yea, it is not to be had among the wicked and unbelieving. For the Lord shall not suffer his holy wisdom to be defiled.

8 And Joseph taught them all things pertaining to the priesthood of the Most High.

9 And Joseph taught them knowledge concerning the sun, the moon, and the stars, saying; they are nothing save merely the works of hands of the Lord God.

10 And they were astonished that the sun was not a god, saying; if the sun being so marvelous is not a god, then surely how strong is the Lord Most High who hath formed it.

11 And Joseph said; not many years hence there shall arise a Pharaoh which hath not respect for my people. They shall be treated with contempt and become slaves unto the people of Egypt. They shall become a stench and an abhorrence in the nostrils of the Most High.

12 And when the oppression becomes a burden too hard to bare, the Lord God will have mercy on them; and one shall arise at the word of the Lord who shall lead his people out of this place.

13 He shall be a prince in the king's house notwithstanding he shall spring from the loins of my father.

14 When he opens his mouth he shall roar as a lion roareth. And when he standeth up, he shall speak with the voice of God almighty.
15 And he shall shew forth the mighty wonders of God unto you. And he shall confound all of the wisdom of Egypt. And he shall lead you to a land which the Lord shall give unto you as an inheritance.

16 Him must you hear.

17 And there shall be great weeping and wailing in that day, for the Lord shall visit the iniquity of the fathers in Egypt upon the heads of the sons except they repent.

18 And when you are led out of this place, you must bare my bones on your shoulders. For I desire not to stand before the Lord in this place when He shall visit the earth and reward the sons of men according to their works in the great last day. Amen.

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DUE TO THE FRUSTRATIONS OF HIS OPPRESSORS TO THE WORK- JOSEPH SMITH WAS NOT ABLE TO FINISH THE TRANSLATION OF THIS ANCIENT SCRIPTURE. HE WAS MARTYRED BY A MOB ON JUNE 27, 1844.

ENDNOTES: By Elder Todd J. Jumper

I have received this "Book of Joseph" in secrecy from a Professor at BYU. They received it out of the hands of someone who had claimed it was in the possession of the Reorganized LDS church- and that the RLDS church did have many other things which were passed down through the hierarchy- the RLDS church believed that the Prophet's of the true church were to hand down the mantle of "Prophet" from father to son. I have heard storied that there was an entire desk full of revelations which were never published unto the Church- and after the death of Joseph- these things either had become lost or kept in secret by Joseph's wife and her son.

Joseph Smith III did in fact keep some of these things- as he did have
the original daguerreotype of his father Joseph Smith Jr. and a photo was
taken of this- which has recently been released to the public- but was
handed over to the library of congress by Joseph Smith III in 1879. As I
shall include the original document from the library of congress.

"No. 9810 K.

Library of Congress, to wit:

Be it remembered, that on the 25th day of July anno domni 1879,
Joseph Smith of Plano Illinois has deposited in this office the
title of a Photograph the title or description of which is in
the following words, to wit: Joseph Smith (Mormon). The rights
whereof he claims as proprietor, in conformity with the laws of
the United States respecting Copyrights."

~SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES SUPPORTING THIS DOCUMENT~

"For behold, thou art the fruit of my loins; and I am a descendant of Joseph
who was carried captive into Egypt. And great were the covenants of the Lord
which he made unto Joseph.

Wherefore, Joseph truly saw our day. And he obtained a promise of the Lord,
that out of the fruit of his loins the Lord God would raise up a righteous
branch unto the house of Israel; not the Messiah, but a branch which was to
be broken off, nevertheless, to be remembered in the covenants of the Lord
that the Messiah should be made manifest unto them in the latter days, in
the spirit of power, unto the bringing of them out of darkness unto light--
yea, out of hidden darkness and out of captivity unto freedom." (Book
of Mormon: 2 Ne. ch. 3 vs. 4 - 5)

"Moroni said unto them: Behold we are a remnant of the seed of Jacob; yea,
we are a remnant of the seed of Joseph, whose coat was rent by his brethren
into many pieces; yea, and now behold, let us remember to keep the
commandments of God, or our garments shall be rent by our brethren, and we
cast into prison, or be sold, or be slain.

Yea, let us preserve our liberty as a remnant of Joseph; yea, let us remember
the words of Jacob, before his death, for behold, he saw that a part of the
remnant of the coat of Joseph was preserved and had not decayed. And he
sayed -- Even as this remnant of garment of my son hath been preserved, so
shall a remnant of the seed of my son be preserved by the hand of God, and
be taken unto himself, while the remainder of the seed of Joseph shall perish,
even as the remnant of his garment.
Now behold, this giveth my soul sorrow; nevertheless, my soul hath joy in my son, because of that part of his seed which shall be taken unto God.

Now behold, this was the language of Jacob."
(Book of Mormon: Alma ch 46 vs. 23 - 26)

"For Joseph truly testified, saying: A seer shall the Lord my God raise up, who shall be a choice seer unto the fruit of my loins.

Yea, Joseph truly said: Thus saith the Lord unto me: A choice seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins; and he shall be esteemed highly among the fruit of thy loins. And unto him will I give commandment that he shall do a work for the fruit of thy loins, his brethren, which shall be of great worth unto them, even to the bringing of them to the knowledge of the covenants which I have made with thy fathers.

And I will give unto him a commandment that he shall do none other work, save the work which I shall command him. And I will make him great in mine eyes; for he shall do my work.

And he shall be great like unto Moses, whom I have said I would raise up unto you, to deliver my people, O house of Israel.

And Moses will I raise up, to deliver thy people out of the land of Egypt.

But a seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins; and unto him will I give power to bring forth my word unto the seed of thy loins -- and not to the bringing forth my word only, saith the Lord, but to the convincing them of my word, which shall already have gone forth among them.

Wherefore, the fruit of thy loins shall write; and the fruit of the loins of Judah shall write; and that which shall be written by the fruit of thy loins, and also that which shall be written by the fruit of the loins of Judah, shall grow together, unto the confounding of false doctrines and laying down of contentions, and establishing peace among the fruit of thy loins, and bringing them to the knowledge of their fathers in the latter days, and also to the knowledge of my covenants, saith the Lord.

And out of weakness he shall be made strong, in that day when my work shall commence among all my people, unto the restoring thee, O house of Israel, saith the Lord.

And thus prophesied Joseph, saying: Behold, that seer will the Lord bless; and they that seek to destroy him shall be confounded; for this promise, which I have obtained of the Lord, of the fruit of my loins, shall be fulfilled. Behold, I am sure of the fulfilling of this promise;
And his name shall be called after me; and it shall be after the name of his father. And he shall be like unto me; for the thing, which the Lord shall bring forth by his hand, by the power of the Lord shall bring my people unto salvation.

Yea, thus prophesied Joseph: I am sure of this thing, even as I am sure of the promise of Moses; for the Lord hath said unto me, I will preserve thy seed forever.

And the Lord said unto me also: I will raise up unto the fruit of thy loins; and I will make for him a spokesman. And I, behold, I will give unto him that he shall write the writing of the fruit of thy loins, unto the fruit of thy loins; and the spokesman of thy loins shall declare it.

And the words which he shall write shall be the words which are expedient in my wisdom should go forth unto the fruit of thy loins. And it shall be as if the fruit of thy loins had cried unto them from the dust; for I know their faith.

And they shall cry from the dust; yea, even repentance unto their brethren, even after many generations have gone by them. And it shall come to pass that their cry shall go, even according to the simpleness of their words.

Because of their faith their words shall proceed forth out of my mouth unto their brethren who are the fruit of thy loins; and the weakness of their words will I make strong in their faith, unto the remembering of my covenant which I made unto thy fathers.

And now, behold, my son Joseph, after this manner did my father of old prophesy.

Wherefore, because of this covenant thou art blessed; for thy seed shall not be destroyed, for they shall hearken unto the words of the book." (Book of Mormon: 2 Ne. ch. 3 vs. 6 - 23)

"And Joseph said unto his brethren; I die, and go unto my fathers; and I go down to my grave with joy. The God of my father Jacob be with you, to deliver you out of affliction in the days of your bondage; for the Lord hath visited me, and I have obtained a promise of the Lord, that out of the fruit of my loins, the Lord God will raise up a righteous branch out if my loins; and unto thee, whom my father Jacob hath named Israel, a prophet; (not the Messiah who is called Shilo) and this prophet shall deliver my people out of Egypt in the days of thy bondage.

And it shall come to pass that they shall be scattered again; and a branch
shall be broken off, and shall be carried into a far country; nevertheless they shall be remembered in the covenants of the Lord, when the Messiah cometh; for he shall be made manifest unto them in the latter days, in the Spirit of power; and shall bring them out of darkness into light; out of hidden darkness, and out of captivity unto freedom.

A seer shall the Lord my God raise up, who shall be a choice seer unto the fruit of my loins.

Thus saith the Lord God of my fathers unto me; A choice seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins, and he shall be esteemed highly among the fruit of thy loins; and unto him will I give commandment that he shall do a work for the fruit of thy loins, his brethren.

And he shall bring them to the knowledge of the covenants which I have made with thy fathers; and he shall do whatsoever work I shall command him.

And I will make him great in mine eyes, for he shall do my work; and he shall be great like unto him whom I have said I would raise up unto you, to deliver my people, O house of Israel, out of the land of Egypt; for a seer will I raise up to deliver my people out of the land of Egypt; and he shall be called Moses. And by this name he shall know he is of thy house; for he shall be nursed by the king's daughter, and shall be called her son.

And again, a seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins, and unto him will I give power to bring forth my word unto the seed of thy loins; and not to the bringing forth of my word only, saith the Lord, but to the convincing them of my word, which shall have already gone forth among them in the last days;

Wherefore the fruit of thy loins shall write, and the fruit of the loins of Judah shall write; and that which shall be written by the fruit of thy loins, and also that which shall be written by the fruit of the loins of Judah, shall grow together unto the confounding of false doctrines, and laying down of contentions, and establishing peace among the fruit of thy loins and bringing them to a knowledge of their fathers on the latter days; and also to the knowledge of my covenants, saith the Lord.

And out of weakness shall be made strong, in that day when my work shall go forth among all my people, which shall restore them, who are of the house of Israel, in the last days.

And that seer will I bless, and they that seek to destroy him shall be confounded; for this promise I give unto you; for I will remember you from generation to generation; and his name shall be called Joseph, and it shall be after the name of his father; and he shall be like unto you; for the thing
which the Lord shall bring forth by his hand shall bring my people unto salvation.

And the Lord swears Joseph that he would preserve his seed forever, saying; I will raise up Moses, and a rod be in his hand, and he shall gather together my people, and he shall lead them as a flock, and he shall smite the waters of the Red Sea with his rod.

And he shall have judgment, and shall write the word of the Lord. And he shall not speak many words, for I will write unto him my law by the finger of mine own hand. And I will make a spokesman for him, and his name shall be called Aaron.

And it shall be done unto thee in the last days also, even as I have sworn. Therefore, Joseph said unto his brethren, God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land, unto the land which he sware unto Abraham, and unto Issac, and to Jacob.

And Joseph confirmed many other things unto his brethren, and took an oath of the children of Israel, saying unto them; God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

So Joseph died when he was an hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and they put him in a coffin in Egypt; and he was kept from burial by the children of Israel, that he might be carried up and laid in the sepulcher with his father. And thus they remembered the oath which they sware unto him. 

~The tunic given to Joseph by his father Jacob was quite possibly like unto the modern day garments the Elders receive in the temple of the Lord after their endowments are performed. For Joseph received the emblems of the priesthood in his tunic (garment) and was taught the hidden wisdom of the Lord, as therefore the Elders are also taught hidden wisdom and sacred things concerning the Holy Priesthood in the temple of the Lord. This may very well have been the only record of Joseph's endowment.

~The chariot of the Lord which passed by Jacob and Laban is also mentioned throughout the Old Testament. Elijah and Elias were both taken unto God by a chariot- most Christian's depict this chariot like unto ours- but it is not like unto our chariots- These chariots were referred to in the ancient Hebrew as "Macaba" and were referred to in the Apocrypha- God had given these ancient flying craft to his angels and servants of old to travel from planet to planet to preach the gosp. And if were you to see one of these chariots you would think it to be a UFO. This is most likely the case- for Satan had in the early days of this world captured the hearts
of 200 fallen angels- these angels left their first estate to mingle with men and become married to women- which by them were created terrible offspring- They taught men the wonders of Heaven and technology, thus the reason for the Flood. The leader of these angels is mentioned in the Ethiopic record of the Book of Enoch- in chapter 10 his name is called Azazyel- The angel Raphael was told to take Azazyel and cast him deep into the earth under a desert and on top of him to be placed jagged stones and mountains "All the earth has been corrupted by the teaching of the work of Azazyel. To him therefore ascribe the whole crime" (Enoch ch 10 - vs 12)

This desert is quite possilby upon the American Continent and could be the within the western United States- for many alien abduction accounts claim they were taken into underground tunnels in the west- as I was during oneof my encounters.

Notice in the Book of Joseph in chapter 3, verses 10 - 12, Azaziel is mentioned and I feel quite possibly this is the same being who was mentioned in the Book of Enoch.

With all due respect to the church authority- I can not claim this book as Scripture- though I feel it is authentic and the Spirit has told me that it is true- yet for it to be accepted as revealed scripture- the leaders of the church must ordain it as such- but until that time arrives- let your own conscience tell you what is true and what is not of God.

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