# WHAT DOES THE BOOK OF MORMON TEACH?

Class 21



Teaching The Beginning from the Beginning.....'Beresheit' (PART #2)

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#### **Topics**

Video

**Mark Blitz** 

Benner Video:

**Beresheit/Elohyim** 

**Complete Videos** 

The Problem....

Beginning...Gen 1:1

Spirit...Gen 1:2

Light...Gen 1:3

(John 1/Genesis 1)

Gen 1:1-5 English

Ezekiel-Water connected to Spirit

The Language of the Fathers

Alma 8

Mosiah 1

**Omnipotent** 

Lehi's Vision

Lehi Summary compared to

<u>Creation</u>

Nephi Expand how God

Connected Heaven and Earth

What Nauvoo Had Wrong...

One or Many..

#### Further Study—Complete Video Links

- "Beresheit" (Pastor Mark Blitz): <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKndRQ-GJrA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKndRQ-GJrA</a>
- "Torah Parashah Bereshit" Hidden Prophecies in Creation <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QiKZb3LiZsg&t">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QiKZb3LiZsg&t</a>
- "Genesis 1. The First Word in the Bible: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmnUkNT55gU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmnUkNT55gU</a>
- Jeff Benner: Barasheit—Part 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=juZSxrPOd2k
- Jeff Benner: Bara—Part 2: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbcB1puaOyc
- Jeff Benner: Elohiym—Part 3: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5MRci6d4Mw

#### Nephites Knew The Language of the Fathers

#### Mosiah 1

1 And now there was no more contention in all the Land of Zarahemla among all the people which belonged to King Benjamin,

So that King Benjamin had continual peace all the remainder of his days.

2 And it came to pass that he had three sons,

And he called their names Mosiah and Helorum and Helaman;

#### Nephites Knew The Language of the Fathers

#### Mosiah 1

3 And he caused that they should be taught in all the language of his fathers, that thereby they might become men of understanding, And that they might know concerning the prophecies which had been spoken by the mouths of their fathers, which were delivered them by the hand of the Lord.

4 And he also taught them concerning the records which were engraven on the plates of brass, saying: "My sons, I would that ye should remember that were it not for these plates which contain these records and these commandments, We must have suffered in ignorance, even at this present time, not knowing the mysteries of God;

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#### Mosiah 1

5 For it were not possible that our father Lehi could have remembered all these things, to have taught them to his children, except it were for the help of these plates;

6 For he having been taught in the language of the Egyptians, therefore he could read these engravings and teach them to his children, that thereby they could teach them to their children, And so fulfilling the commandments of God, even down to this present time.

Mark Blizt



#### Points from Blitz Video

- Blitz Video
- The light in Genesis had untranslated Aleph Tov—this was the sign of JESUS—left out of translations.
- Genesis 5
- Isaiah—a light will come from Me. JEWS interpreted this as the Law of Moses. BUT Moses said another is coming who will be your law giver. The physical law was Mosaic Law. Like a person it would die. The spiritual Law was JESUS, the one that never dies. HE WAS THE ONE THAT GENESIS AND ISAIAH POINT TO. HE WAS THE ETERNAL LIGHT.
- Isaiah writes 'a Torah is going to proceed from Me.' To Nephites Jesus says 'I am he who gave the law.' in me the law is done away.
- Wasn't just the word 'or' light but Aleph Tov Or (Jesus WAS THE LIGHT)

Benner
Highlights:
Beresheith
Elohiym

#### Benner Video

• Beresheit

• Head=like a river

States Elohim=ALL POWERFUL ONE (OMNIPOTENT)

## Video Explanations

**Tabernacle of God = Comes to Earth** 

**Elohiym** = 'All Powerful' (English = Omnipotent)

**The Head** = Head of a River

**Aleph-Tav** = God. All Creation. From all Eternity. All Words of God.

Aleph-Tav w/Vav (Connection/Man) = God becomes Connection to Heaven/Earth. God connected to Man (flesh).

**Aleph-Tav w/ 'Or' (light)**=The everlasting light of God. God was the Light.

#### Book of Mormon equating space and time...

1 Nephi 3:60 And after that she had been carried away in the Spirit a time, for the space of a time, the angel spake unto me, saying: "Look!"

1 Nephi 5:21 And after that we had traveled for the space of many days, we did pitch our tents for the space of a time, that we might again rest ourselves and obtain food for our families.

1 Nephi 5:43 And after that we had traveled for the space of many days we did pitch our tents again, that we might tarry for the space of a time.

Jarom 1:29 And it came to pass that two hundred and thirty and eight years had passed away, after the manner of wars and contentions and dissensions for the space of much of the time;

Alma 12:86 And the king answered him not for the space of an hour according to their time, for he knew not what he should say unto him.

#### Book of Mormon: God's work is one 'Eternal Round'...

1 Nephi 3:32 Wherefore, the course of the Lord is one eternal round.

Alma 5:35 Neither doth He vary from that which He hath said. Neither hath He a shadow of turning from the right to the left, Or from that which is right to that which is wrong, Therefore, **His course is one** eternal round.

Alma 17:42 ... For He doth counsel in wisdom over all His works, And His paths are strait.

And His course is one eternal round.

'Eternal Round' phrase does NOT exist in English Bible Translations

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Earth and Heavens

Elohim Created In Beginning

Earth

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Aleph Tov

=God The Beginning and the End

(Greek: Alpha and Omega)

=ALL CREATION (Like from A to Z)

=EVERLASTING

UNTRANSLATED IN ALL ENGLISH VERSIONS!!

## The Vav Aleph Tav

aleph  $\mathcal{X}$  = the ox head, thus strength, power, leader  $vav \mathbf{I}$  = the tent peg, thus add, secure, hook  $tav \mathbf{J}$  = crossed sticks, thus mark, sign, signal, monument

#### Hebrew Aleph Tav / Greek Alpha Omega



## Revelation—(Greek) The Alpha and Omega

Revelation 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

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Saying (Hebrew) 'I Am the Aleph Tav'

#### I Am the Aleph-Tav: God and Cross

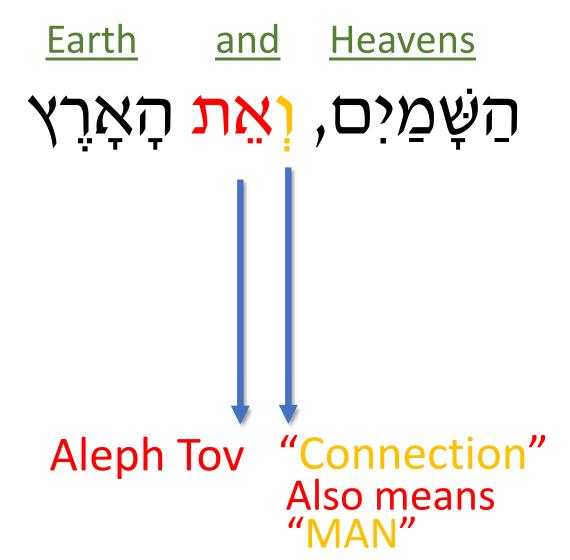
Most people will be shocked to know that 'Jesus' appears ten times (1000%) more in the Old Testament than he does in the New Testament.

In fact Jesus the Aleph-Tav appears 9612 times (uninterpreted) in the Old Testament but only 983 times in the New Testament.

(Samuel Koiki Author)







Elohim Created In Beginning

GOD would be THE HUMAN CONNECTION between HEAVEN and EARTH

## Rashi Says....

- Rabbi Solomon ben Isaac (Shlomo Yitzhaki), known as Rashi
- He was born in France in 1040.
- One of the most influential Jewish commentators in history.

## Rashi—God as Judge (Elohim) Created

ברא אלהים וְלֹא נֶאֱמֵר בָּרָא ה', שֶׁבַּתְּחִלָּה עָלָה בְמַחֲשָׁבָה לִבְראׁתוֹ בְּמִדַּת הַדִּין, רָאָה שָׁאֵין הָעוֹלָם מִתְקַיֵּם, הִקְדִים מִדַּת רַחֲמִים וְשִׁתְּפָה לִמְהַ״דָּ, וְהַיִינוּ דְּכָתִיב בִּיוֹם עֲשׁוֹת ה' אֱלֹהִים אֱרֶץ וְשַׁמַיִם: ברא אלהים GOD [AS JUDGE] CREATED — It does not state 'ברא הים "The Lord (the Merciful One) created, because at first God intended to create it (the world) to be placed under the attribute (rule) of strict justice, but He realised that the world could not thus endure and therefore gave precedence to Divine Mercy allying it with Divine Justice. It is to this that what is written in (Genesis 2:4) alludes — "In the day that the Lord God made earth and heaven".

#### Rashi—The Spirit of God....'LIKE A DOVE'

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על פני תהום ON THE FACE OF THE DEEP — i. e. the waters which were upon the earth.

ורוח אלהים מרחפת. כְּסֵא הַכְּבוֹד עוֹמֵד בְּאֲוִיר וּמְרַחֵף עַל פְּנֵי הַמֵּיִם בְּרוּחַ פִּיו שֶׁל הַקָּבְּ״ה וּבְמַאֲמְרוֹ, כְּיוֹנָה הַמְרַחֶפֶת עַל הַקֵּן, אקוב״טיר בְּלַעַ״ז:

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John 1:32 And John bare record, saying,

I saw the <u>Spirit descending from heaven</u> like a **dove**, and it abode upon him.

25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

(Ezekiel 36:25-27).

#### The Pouring of Water at the Feast of Tabernacles

At the Feast of Tabernacles, or Booths, the priest would pour water next to the altar as the final ritual of this feast. This event looked forward to the time the Messiah would come. Zechariah wrote of that great day when Messiah would come.

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#### Jesus Gives Life-giving Water to Those Who Believe

But those who drink the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life (<u>John 4:14</u>).

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#### **Ezekiel 47:1-12—Water FLOWING from the Temple**

**47** Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east).

The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. <sup>2</sup> Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

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#### **Ezekiel 47:1-12—Water FLOWING from the Temple**

**47** <sup>3</sup> Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, [a] and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. <sup>4</sup> Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. <sup>5</sup> Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?"

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#### John 1

#### **Genesis**

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- The same was
- 3 in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things were made **by him;**And without him was not any thing made that was made.
- 4 <u>In him was life</u>.

  and the <u>life</u> was the <u>light of men</u>.
- 5 And the **light shineth** in **darkness**.

  And the **darkness** comprehended it not.

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6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

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#### 9 That was the true Light,

which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

- 10 He was in the world and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
- 11 He <u>came unto his own</u>, and <u>his own received him not.</u>
- 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God,

even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

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#### 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

(and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying,

This was he of whom I spake,

He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

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#### <u>John 1</u>

(KJ) 17 For the law was given by Moses,

but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

(Inspired Version) 17 For the law was given through Moses, but life and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18 For the law was after a carnal commandment, to the administration of death; but the gospel was after the power of an endless life, through Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father.

19 And no man hath seen God at any time, except he hath borne record of the Son; for except it is through him no man can be saved.

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4 And God saw the <u>light that it</u> was good.



Mosiah 8:90

=God 'Connected' /Man

Therefore,

if ye teach the law of Moses, also teach that it is

a shadow of those things which are to come;

"613" =God's Light Eternal/ Everlasting Light

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, <u>Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.</u>

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30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

#### Genesis—Rashi (Rabbi 1040 AD)

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#### Aleph-Tov 'LIGHT'

#### Genesis Chapter 1 בְּרֵאשִׁית

- . אָבֶרְץ. וְאֵת הָשְׁמַיִם, וְאֵת הָאָבֶץ. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
  - ב וְהָאָרֶץ, הָיְתָה תֹהוּ וָבֹהוּ, וְחֹשֶׁךְ, עַל-פְּנֵי תְהוֹם; וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים, מְרַחֶפֶת עַל-פְּנֵי הַמְּיִם.
- 2 Now the earth was unformed and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters.
- ג וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים, יְהִי אוֹר; וַיְהִי-אוֹר.
- 3 And God said: 'Let there be light.' And there was light.
- ד וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים <mark>אֶת</mark>-הָאוֹר, כִּי-טוֹב; וַיַּרְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים, בֵּין הַאוֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֵׁךְ.
- **4** And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

# Aleph Tov Light—Implies 'Eternal/Everlasting Light'

Phrase 'Everlasting Light' only appears in Book of Mormon

#### Alma 12:134

Yea, this **light** had <u>infused such joy into his soul</u>, the cloud of <u>darkness</u> having been <u>dispelled</u> And the **light** of **everlasting light** <u>was lit up in his soul</u>,

Alma 14:95 Yea, they were encircled about with everlasting darkness and destruction,
But behold, He hath brought them into His everlasting light, yea, into everlasting salvation.
And they are encircled about with the matchless bounty of His love.

#### HEBREW WORD FOR LIGHT='OR'

The LIGHT SHINED IN THE DARKNESS.

WAS THE SAME HEBREW WORD 'OR' FOR <u>LIGHT</u> ALSO <u>MEANS 'SKIN.'</u>

SOME TODAY MAKE IT POLITICALLY INCORRECT

BLESSING OF NEPHITES=WHITE SKIN

CURSING OF LAMANITES=BLACK SKIN

BUT IF 'SKIN' MEANT 'LIGHT' IN HEBREW ALSO MEANT NEPHITES- BLESSED, BESTOWED LIGHT AND TRUTH LAMANITES- CURSED, REMOVED LIGHT AND TRUTH.

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4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

#### Compare Genesis 1 with Lehi's Vision:

# <u>ALL OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE GENESIS CREATION ACCOUNT SYMBOLIZED IN LEHI'S VISION</u>

43 But behold, Laman and Lemuel, I fear exceedingly because of you; for behold, methought I saw in my dream a dark and dreary wilderness.

RASHI explains the GOD OF CREATION WAS THE GOD OF JUSTICE. LEHI IS EXPERIENCING JUSTICE.

44 And it came to pass that I saw a man, and he was dressed in a white robe; and he came and stood before me.

45 And it came to pass that he spake unto me, and bade me follow him.

46 And it came to pass that as I followed him, I beheld myself that I was in a dark and dreary waste.

47 And after I had traveled for the space of many hours in darkness
I began to pray unto the Lord,
that he would have mercy on me
according to the multitude of his tender mercies.

DARKNESS PRAYS FOR MERCY

48 And it came to pass after
I had prayed unto the Lord,
I beheld a large and spacious field.

**FIELD** 

49 And it came to pass that I beheld a tree, whose fruit was desirable to make one happy.

FIELD, TREE

50 And it came to pass that I did go forth and partake of the fruit thereof; and I beheld that it was most sweet above all that I ever before tasted.

FIELD, TREE, FRUIT.
SWEET ABOVE ALL.

51 Yea, and I beheld that the fruit thereof was white, to exceed all the whiteness that I had ever seen.

FIELD, TREE, FRUIT.
SWEET ABOVE ALL. WHITE ABOVE ALL.

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52 And as I partook of the fruit thereof, it filled my soul with exceeding great joy;

FIELD, TREE, FRUIT.
FRUIT FILLS SOUL WITH JOY.

53 Wherefore I began to be desirous that my family should partake of it also; for I knew that it was desirable above all other fruit.

54 And as I cast my eyes round about, that perhaps I might discover my family also, I beheld a river of water; and it ran along, and it was near the tree of which I was partaking the fruit.

FIELD, TREE, FRUIT. RIVER. RAN BY TREE.

#### ADD JEFF BENNER HEAD OF RIVER.

55 And I looked to behold from whence it came; and I saw the head thereof a little way off;

FIELD, TREE, FRUIT.
RIVER. RAN BY TREE. SEES 'HEAD' OF THE RIVER.

#### Symbols:

FIELD= WORLD

TREE GOD'S MERCY

FRUIT= GODS LOVE AS SAVATION.

RIVER = GOD'S SPIRIT, GIVES LIFE TO THE FIELD (WORLD). RAN BY TREE.

HEAD OF RIVER=ELOHIM (GENESIS 1).

MEANS GOD AS THE BEGINNING OF ALL.

56 And at the head thereof I beheld your mother Sariah, and Sam, and Nephi; and they stood as if they knew not whither they should go.

57 And it came to pass that I beckoned unto them; and I also did say unto them with a loud voice that they should come unto me and partake of the fruit, which was desirable above all other fruit.

58 And it came to pass that they did come unto me, and partake of the fruit also.

59 And it came to pass that I was desirous that Laman and Lemuel should come and partake of the fruit also;

60 Wherefore, I cast mine eyes towards the head of the river, that perhaps I might see them.

61 And it came to pass that I saw them, but they would not come unto me, and partake of the fruit.

62 And I beheld a rod of iron; and it extended along the bank of the river, and led to the tree by which I stood.

63 And I also beheld a straight and narrow path, which came along by the rod of iron, even to the tree by which I stood;

64 And it also led by the head of the fountain unto a large and spacious field, as if it had been a world;

65 And I saw numberless concourses of people, many of whom were pressing forward, that they might obtain the path which led unto the tree by which I stood.

66 And it came to pass that they did come forth and commence in the path which led to the tree.

67 And it came to pass that there arose a mist of darkness; yea, even an exceeding great mist of darkness, insomuch that they who had commenced in the path did lose their way, that they wandered off and were lost.

68 And it came to pass that I beheld others pressing forward, and they came forth and caught hold of the end of the rod of iron;

69 And they did press forward through the mist of darkness, clinging to the rod of iron, even until they did come forth and partake of the fruit of the tree.

70 And after they had partaken of the fruit of the tree they did cast their eyes about as if they were ashamed.

71 And I also cast my eyes round about, and beheld on the other side of the river of water a great and spacious building;

72 And it stood as it were in the air, high above the earth;

73 And it was filled with people, both old and young, both male and female;

74 And their manner of dress was exceeding fine;

75 And they were in the attitude of mocking and pointing their fingers towards those who had come at, and were partaking of the fruit.

76 And after they had tasted of the fruit they were ashamed, because of those that were scoffing at them; and they fell away into forbidden paths and were lost.

77 And now I, Nephi, do not speak all the words of my father.

78 But, to be short in writing, behold, he saw other multitudes pressing forward; and they came and caught hold of the end of the rod of iron; and they did press their way forward, continually holding fast to the rod of iron, until they came forth and fell down and partook of the fruit of the tree.

79 And he also saw other multitudes feeling their way towards that great and spacious building.

80 And it came to pass that many were drowned in the depths of the fountain;

81 And many were lost from his view, wandering in strange roads.

82 And great was the multitude that did enter into that strange building.

83 And after they did enter into that building they did point the finger of scorn at me, and those that were partaking of the fruit also; but we heeded them not.

84 These are the words of my father: For as many as heeded them, had fallen away.

85 And Laman and Lemuel partook not of the fruit, said my father.

86 And it came to pass after my father had spoken all the words of his dream or vision, which were many, he said unto us, because of these things which he saw in a vision, he exceedingly feared for Laman and Lemuel;

87 Yea, he feared lest they should be cast off from the presence of the Lord;

88 And he did exhort them then with all the feeling of a tender parent, that they would hearken to his words, that, perhaps the Lord would be merciful to them, and not cast them off;

89 Yea, my father did preach unto them.

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- Person in White Robe
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Who shares this same description?? Alma Jr.

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The plan of redemption unfolding. In the grasp of justice until we call for mercy.

#### Lehi sees....

Darkness-the plight of all humanity

Salvation--

Lehi finds the tree first. Calls to others

#### Lehi sees:

- The Beginning of a river (God—judgement)
- The River (life to the field) Spirit connected to water
- The rod (The connection from the field to the tree Period and a padths paralleled it and it paralleled water.)
- It was the connection between the field and the tree (The Word made Flesh becomes the connection of the world and salvation.)
- The path (walking in the way)
- The field (the world)
- The filthiness of the river (judgment)
- The mercy (explained by NEPHI in His vision)
- The tree (God's love to offer salvation—sweet above all that is sweet, white above all that is white).

# Nephi's Final words explain all of Lehi's first words.

- Final chapters explain the meaning of it all
  - The word. But MORE than just your three in one. This is holding onto the word made flesh. The Connection between heaven and earth.
  - The Spirit
  - The way
  - The gate (latching hold of the rod of iron)

#### Nephi's Vision adds something important

- The commandment to testify of this thing was.....JESUS.
- BUT...
- NEPHI is shown to understand the MERCY OF GOD.
- NEPHI IS SHOWN HOW GOD WOULD BECOME THE CONNECTION BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH.
- LEHI IS SHOWN SALVATION AND THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD.

# How did God become the Connection to Earth? Nephi sees his BIRTH.

54 And it came to pass that I saw the heavens open and an angel came down and stood before me; And he saith unto me: "Nephi, what beholdest thou?"

55 And I saith unto him: "A virgin most beautiful and fair above all other virgins."

56 And he saith unto me: "Knowest thou the Condescension of God?"

# How did God become the Connection to Earth? Nephi sees his BIRTH.

1 Nephi 3:62

#### <u>1908</u>

And the angel said unto me,
Behold the Lamb of God, yea,
even the Son of the Eternal
Father!

#### Verse Differences

And the angel said unto me Behold the Lamb of God yea even the <u>Son</u> of the Eternal Father

#### **RCE**

And the angel said unto me: "Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Eternal Father!

And the angel said unto me Behold the Lamb of God yea even the ^ ^ Eternal

#### Nephi sees The Creator Judged of (by) the world

#### 1 Nephi 3:86

And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me again, saying: "Look!"

And I looked and beheld the Lamb of God,

that He was taken by the people.

Yea, the Everlasting God was judged of the world;

And I saw and bear record;

#### Alma 8

93 Now Zeezrom saith again unto him: Is the Son of God the Very Eternal Father?

#### Genesis 1:

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and Heavens
 Earth
רַשָּׁמִים, וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ
    Aleph Tov
    'ALL CREATION'
    (Like from A to Z)
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#### Genesis 1:



GOD ON THE CROSS AS MAN would be THE CONNECTION

between HEAVEN and EARTH

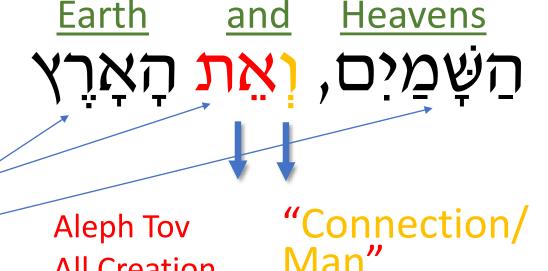
#### Alma 8

#### Genesis 1:

**All Creation** 

94 And Amulek saith unto him:

Yea, He is the Very **Eternal Father** of heaven and of earth and all things which in them is;

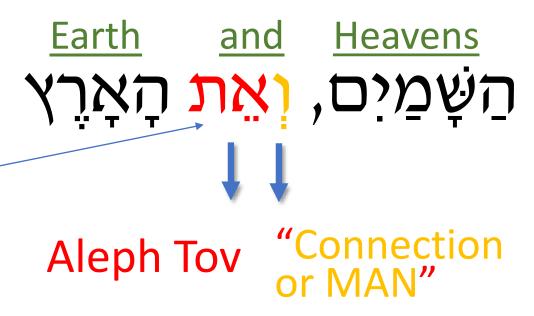


GOD would be THE CONNECTION between HEAVEN and EARTH

#### Alma 8

95 He is
the beginning and the end,
the first and the last;
96 And He shall come into
the world to redeem His
people;

### Genesis 1:



GOD would be THE FLESH CONNECTION

between HEAVEN and EARTH

## בָּרֵאשִׁית, בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים, אֵת הַשְּׁמֵיִם, וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ

God, Cross, Man All Eternity/

Lord

Creation Omnipotent

#### **Mosiah 1:97**

..the time cometh and is not far distant,

that with power the Lord Omnipotent who reigneth,

which was and is from all eternity to all eternity,

Shall come down from heaven

among the children of men,

And shall dwell in a tabernacle of clay,

## בָּרֵאשִׁית, בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים, אֵת הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֵתְ הָאָרֵ

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All Eternity/ Creation

Lord Omnipoten

"Crown of Thorns"

#### Mosiah 1

102 'And He shall be called Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of heaven and of earth, the Creator of all things from the beginning; And His mother shall be called Mary;

103 And lo, He cometh unto His own that salvation might come unto the children of men, even through faith on His name.

104 'And even after all this, they shall consider Him as a man and say that He hath a devil, And shall scourge Him and shall crucify Him,



## בָראשִׁית, בָּרָא אֵלֹהַים, אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֵת הָאָרֵץ

God, Cross, Man

All Eternity/

Omnipotent

Lord

Mosiah 3:3 And also we know of their surety and truth because of the Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent which hath wrought a mighty change in us, or in our

Creation

hearts, That we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually. (Gen 1:2 the Spirit)

Mosiah 3:21 "Therefore, I would that ye should be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in good works, That Christ, the Lord God Omnipotent, may seal you His, That you may be brought to heaven, (Gen 1:1 God as Man)

That ye may have everlasting salvation and eternal life through the wisdom and power and justice and mercy of Him who created all things in heaven and in earth, who is God above all. Amen." (Gen 1:1 God Creator of All)

#### Gen 1:4 And God Saw that 'The Light' was Good

Everlasting (God's) Light Elohiym



#### Mosiah 8:82 (Abinadi)

"He is the **light** and the life of the world.
Yea, a **light that is endless**,
that can <u>never be darkened</u>;
Yea, and also a **life which is endless**,
that there <u>can be no more death</u>.

Isaiah 60:19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee:
but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light,
and thy God thy glory.

## Endless Light only in Book of Mormon Everlasting Light only By Abinadi and by Isaiah

Revelation 19:6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Of course Lord God 'Omnipotent' would certainly refer to 'Elohiym' And it is used once in the English Bible, .... But look what it is connected to in the Book of Mormon....

Mosiah 1:97 'For behold, the time cometh and is not far distant, that with power the Lord Omnipotent who reigneth, which was and is from all eternity to all eternity, Shall come down from heaven among the children of men, And shall dwell in a tabernacle of clay,

Mosiah 1:116 'And moreover, I say unto you that there shall be no other name given, nor no other way nor means whereby salvation can come unto the children of men - Only in and through the name of Christ, the Lord Omnipotent.

Mosiah 1:118 But men drinketh damnation to their own souls, except they humble themselves and become as little children, And believeth that salvation was and is and is to come, in and through the atoning blood of Christ, the Lord Omnipotent.

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#### Nauvoo Era Incorrect Understandings led to False Teachings

#### Elohim—'Gods'

False teaching in Nauvoo...

Council of many Gods...

#### **Truth**

God of Justice—Singular God of many powers.

All the other names (Adonai, el Shaddai, etc) were also plural.

#### Nauvoo Era Incorrect Understandings led to False Teachings

#### Resh—'Head'

#### False teaching in Nauvoo...

Head of many Gods...

#### **Truth**

Head meant 'like the beginning of a river'

#### Was Either The God or A God.

Because says 'with' the father in the beginning.

#### Jehova witness video

- Min 48-49. A God or The God.
- Refers to LDS 'becoming gods' Min 54

## Why did they rage?

- At Jesus—I AM?
- At Abinadi
- Zeezrom at Amulek?
- ....and Stephen???

### Stephen

- Seeing on the right hand of the Father.....
- What did this mean?
- This wasn't a vision of two personages...
- This was a Hebrew expression.
- On the right hand meant had full blessing, power and authority.
- If it meant only 'God approved' of him, they wouldn't have raged.
- BUT THEY RAGED. WHY?
- BECAUSE HIS LAST WORDS was saying Jesus WAS God.

### Stephen—Acts 7 Context

- Stephen is calling them out for historically worshipping other (idol) Gods.
- And then says their forefathers 'stoned the prophets' when they were called out for this.
- Then says the temple built by man could not be his home.
- Then says Moses prophesied of the "Just One"
- THIS JUST ONE WOULD BE THE TEMPLE OF GOD.
- THIS ONE WHO THEY CRUCIFIED WAS THE TEMPLE OF GOD.
- WHEN HE SAYS ON THE RIGHT HAND it was a symbol used through out scripture. MEANING MORE THAN HE HAD THE FULL POWER AND BLESSING OF GOD, BUT THAT HE WAS GOD.

### Stephen—Acts 7 Context

43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

45 Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;

46 Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

47 But Solomon built him an house.

48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

49 Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

50 Hath not my hand made all these things?

51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.

54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

#### Incorrect Translations....

#### The Fall of Man...

- Foundation of the world.
- Can mean the beginning, but this was used in English translations loosely, not always differentiating the 'beginning' of all from the time that men 'fell from God.'
- NOTICE THE BOOK OF MORMON uses 'FALL OF MAN' in parallel with FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.

### Mosiah 8:5

And moreover,

I say unto you that salvation doth not come by the law alone;

And were it not for **the atonement which <u>God Himself</u> shall make** for the sins and iniquities of His people, that they must unavoidably perish, notwithstanding the law of Moses.

### Abinadi...

Mosiah 8:13 Have they not said that God Himself should come down among the children of men and take upon Him the form of man and go forth in mighty power upon the face of the earth?

Mosiah 8:28 And now Abinadi saith unto them: "I would that ye should understand that God Himself shall come down among the children of men and shall redeem His people;

29 And because He dwelleth in flesh, He shall be called the Son of God;

### **The VERY ETERNAL Father**

Mosiah 8:31 And They are one God, yea, the Very Eternal Father of heaven and of earth

Mosiah 8:91 Teach them that redemption cometh through Christ the Lord, which is the Very Eternal Father. Amen."

#### Alma 8:93-94

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### Killing Abinadi Justified Because why??

#### Mosiah 9:10-11

And he said unto him: "Abinadi, we have found an accusation against thee and thou art worthy of death,

For thou hast said that God Himself should come down among the children of men;

### Killing Abinadi, Stephen, Jesus Because...

They all said that JESUS WAS THE GOD.

NOT "A" GOD.

#### 2 Nephi 1:23

Behold, I say, If the day shall come that they will reject the <u>Holy One of Israel, the true Messiah</u>, <u>their Redeemer and their God</u>,

behold, the judgments of him that is just shall rest upon them;

1 Nephi 3:70 And the angel said unto me again: Look and behold the Condescension of God....

86 And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me again, saying: Look.

And I looked and beheld

the Lamb of God, that He was taken by the people,

Yea, the Everlasting God was judged of the world;

And I saw and bear record;

#### 2 Nephi 11:21

....and when the day cometh that
the Only Begotten of the Father,
yea, even the Father of heaven and of earth
shall manifest himself unto them in the flesh,
behold, they will reject him, ...

- 2 Nephi 5:40 And they shall know that the Lord is God, the Holy One of Israel:
- 2 Nephi 5:24 And He also hath shown unto me that the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, should manifest Himself unto them in the flesh;
- 2 Nephi 6:10 For it behooveth the great Creator that he suffereth himself to become subject unto man in the flesh, and die for all men, that all men might become subject unto him

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The Creator of all things from the beginning.

And His mother shall be called Mary;

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#### Title Page 1:7

...to the convincing of the Jew and Gentile

that Jesus is the Christ,

the Eternal God,

manifesting himself unto all nations.

#### **Ether 1:77**

Behold, I am he who was prepared

from the foundation of the world to redeem my people.

Behold, I am Jesus Christ.

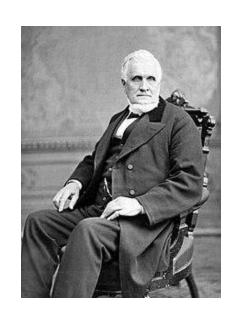
I am the Father and the Son.

### 1844 Nauvoo.....King Follett Sermon

Supposed introduction of Plurality of Gods in Creation (although not historically accurate). 'Witnesses' testimonies by 4 men attending funeral service for King Follett, testify of Statements of Joseph Smith.

Premise seems to hinge on interpretation of Hebrew Genesis 1.

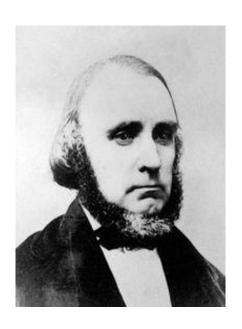
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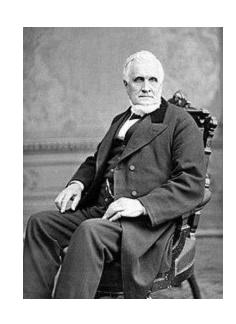


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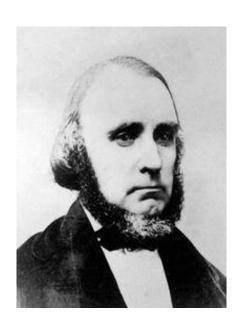
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### ...All Nauvoo Polygamists...

### Brigham Young.....

"I will make a comment on the very first sentence of the history of in the Bible, Berosheit.

I want to analyze the word; baith, in, by, through, in, and every thing else.

Rosh, the head.

Sheit, gramatical [grammatical] termination.

When the inspired man wrote it, he did not put the baith there. A man, a Jew without any authority, thought it too bad to begin to talk about the head.

It read first, 'The head one of the Gods brought forth the Gods,' that is the true meaning of the words.

Baurau, signifies to bring forth. If you do not believe it, you do not believe the learned man of God. No man can learn you more than what I have told you.

Thus the head of God brought forth the Gods in the grand council. I will simplify it in the English language."

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### Brigham Young.....

"... first **Baith** (which was added by the Jews,) would read:-**Rosheit** (the head) **baurau**, (brought forth,)

Eloheim (the Gods) ate (with) hah-shau-mahyiem (the heavens) veh-ate, (and with) hauaurates, (the earth.) In simple English.

#### "The Head brought forth the Gods, with the heavens and with the earth. "

The 'Head' must have meant the 'living God,' or Head God: Christ is our head.

The term 'Eloheim,' plural of Elohah, or ale, is used alike in the first chapter of Genesis, for the creation, and the quotation of Satan....The Hebrew reads so.

#### Brigham Young.....

"The grand counsellors [counselors] sat in yonder heavens, and contemplated the creation of the worlds that were created at that time"

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"You have got to learn how to be Gods yourselves; to be kings and priests to God, the same as all gods have done; by going from a small degree to another, from grace to grace, from exaltation to exaltation, until you are able to sit in glory as doth those who sit enthroned in everlasting power;"

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...while this earth was one dark chaotic mass, before God said "let there be light, and it was so," or ever this world rolled into existence, or the morning stars sung together for joy a plan was formed in the councils of heaven,

it was contemplated by the great Author of our existence, <u>Eloheim</u> [Elohim], Jehovah, to redeem the earth from under the curse. <u>Hence when the Gods deliberated about the formation of man,</u> it was known that he would fall ...

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'Their Father's name,' bless me! that is GOD!

Well done for Mormonism; one hundred and forty four thousand GODS, among the tribes of Israel, and, two living Gods and the Holy Ghost, for this world!

Such knowledge is too wonderful for men, unless they possess the spirit of Gods.

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",the servants of God, the innumerable multitude, are crowned, and, are perfect men and women in the Lord, one in glory, one in knowledge, and one in image: they are like Christ, and he is like God:

then, O, then, they are all 'Living Gods,'

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Thou art the Son of the living God, meaning our Father in heaven, who is the Father of all spirits, and who with Jesus Christ, his first begotten son, and the Holy Ghost, are one in power, one in dominion, and one in glory, constituting the first presidency of this system, and this eternity.

But they are as much three distinct persons as the sun, moon, and earth are three different bodies.

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Without going into the full investigation of the history and excellency of God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in this article,

let us reflect that Jesus Christ, as Lord of Lords, and king of kings, must have a noble race in the heavens, or upon the earth, or else he can never BE as great in power, dominion, might, and authority as the scriptures declare.

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1 Nephi 3:197 For there is one God and one Shepherd over all the earth;

2 Nephi 13:32 And now behold, this is the doctrine of Christ, And the only and true doctrine of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, which is one God without end. Amen.

Mosiah 8:31 And They are one God, yea, the Very Eternal Father of heaven and of earth –

Mosiah 8:32 And thus the flesh becoming subject to the Spirit, or the Son to the Father, being one God, suffereth temptation and yieldeth not to the temptation, But suffereth Himself to be mocked and scourged and cast out and disowned by His people.

#### Alma 8:81-82

Now Zeezrom saith: "Is there more than one God?"

And he answered: "No."

Alma 8:89 Now Zeezrom saith unto the people:

See that ye remember these things, for he saith there is but one God;

**Yet he saith that the Son of God shall come**, but He shall not save His people,

as though he had authority to command God."

Alma 16:174 Now after Alma had spoken these words, they sent forth unto him desiring to know whether they should believe in one God, that they might obtain this fruit of which he had spoken, Or how they should plant the seed, or the word of which he had spoken, which he said must be planted in their hearts, Or in what manner they should begin to exercise their faith.

Mormon 3:29 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 them 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 is one God, in a state of happiness which hath no end.