

WHAT DOES THE BOOK OF MORMON TEACH?

Class 22



Since The Beginning I Have Told You The End

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- “Beresheit” (Pastor Mark Blitz): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKndRQ-GJrA>
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- “Genesis 1. The First Word in the Bible: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmnUkNT55gU>
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- Jeff Benner: Elohiym—Part 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5MRci6d4Mw>
- Steven Lawson: Predestination: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I3Lh7jybMEw>

Jeff Benner Video

- Beresheit

Head=like a river

- States Elohim=ALL POWERFUL ONE (OMNIPOTENT)
- His translation includes **POWERS** and **ALL POWERFUL.**
- What does the Book of Mormon say?

Mosiah 1:97

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that **with power** the **Lord Omnipotent** **who reigneth**,
which was and is from all eternity to all eternity,
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among the children of men,
And shall dwell in a tabernacle of clay,

Earth and Heavens Elohim Created In Beginning

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God, Cross,
Man

All Eternity/
Creation

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What Does Samuel the Lamanite call 'God?'

Helaman 5:52 Yea, for ye have sought all the days of your lives for that which ye could not obtain; And ye have sought for happiness in doing iniquity, Which thing is contrary to the nature of that righteousness **which is in our great and Eternal Head.**

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.

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Alef 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 א = the ox head, thus strength, power, leader

vav ו = the tent peg, thus add, secure, hook

tav ט = crossed sticks, thus mark, sign, signal, monument

Hebrew Aleph Tav / Greek Alpha Omega



Mark



God's

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.

Revelation 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

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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)



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Earth

and

Heavens

Elohim

Created

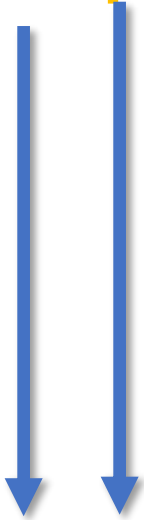
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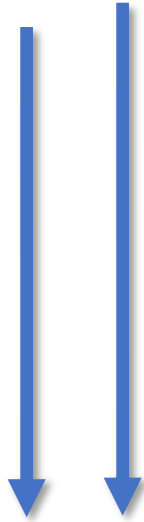


Aleph Tov "Connection"

Earth and Heavens

Elohim Created In Beginning

הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ



Aleph Tov

“Connection”
Also means
“MAN”

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 ולא נאמר ברא ה', שבתחלה עלה במחשבה לבראתו
במדת הדין, ראה שאין העולם מתקיים, הקדים מדת רחמים ושתפה
למה"ד, והיינו דכתיב ביום עשות ה' אלהים ארץ ושמים:

GOD [AS JUDGE] CREATED — It does not state 'ברא ה'
“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'

עַל פְּנֵי תְהוֹם. עַל פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם שֶׁעַל הָאָרֶץ:

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

וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת. כִּסֵּא הַכְּבוֹד עוֹמֵד בְּאֵוִיר וּמְרַחֵף עַל פְּנֵי
הַמַּיִם בְּרוּחַ פִּי שֶׁל הַקָּב"ה וּבְמֶאֱמָרוֹ, כִּיּוֹנָה הַמְּרַחֶפֶת עַל הַקּוֹן,
אֶקוּב "טִיר בִּלְע"ז:

וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS HOVERING —

The throne of Divine Glory was standing in space, hovering over the face of the waters by the breath of the mouth of the Holy One, blessed be He, and by His command, even as a dove hovers over its nest. In old French acoveter.

Where have we heard about
'The Spirit Like a Dove?'

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[John 1:32](#) And John bare record, saying,

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

The 'Spirit' Connected to Water Imagery.

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 ([John 4:14](#)).

https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/stewart_don/faq/the-identity-of-the-holy-spirit/24-why-is-the-holy-spirit-compared-to-water.cfm

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The 'Spirit' Connected to Water Imagery.

Ezekiel 47:1-6—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.

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.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezekiel%2047%3A1-12&version=ESV>

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Ezekiel 47:1-6—Water FLOWING from the Temple

47 ³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ And he said to me, “Son of man, have you seen this?”

John 1

1 **In the beginning** was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

2 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 **In him** was **life**.
and the life was the light of men.

5 And the **light shineth** in **darkness**.
And the **darkness** comprehended it
not.

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5 **And the light shineth in darkness;**
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it not.

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,
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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 came unto his own,
and his own received him not.

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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(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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Genesis

4 And God saw the light that it was good.

Mosiah 8:90

Therefore,
if ye teach the law of Moses, also teach that it is
a shadow of those things which are to come;

John 1

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, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

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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

א בְּרֵאשִׁית, בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים, אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ. 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

ב וְהָאָרֶץ, הָיְתָה תְהוֹמוֹ וְרֵקָה, וְחֹשֶׁךְ, עַל-פְּנֵי תְהוֹמוֹ;
וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים, מְרַקְדָּת עַל-פְּנֵי הַמָּיִם. 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 אֹר; וַיְהִי-אֹר. 3 And God said: 'Let there be light.' And there was light.

ד וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאֹר, כִּי-טוֹב; וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים, בֵּין
הָאֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ. 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 infused such joy into his soul,
the cloud of darkness having been dispelled
And the **light** of **everlasting light** was lit up in his soul,

[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 LIGHT ALSO
MEANS 'SKIN.'

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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3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

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:

ALL OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE GENESIS CREATION ACCOUNT
SYMBOLIZED IN LEHI'S VISION

1 Nephi 2

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.

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1 Nephi 2

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.

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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

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1 Nephi 2

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

FIELD

1 Nephi 2

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

FIELD, TREE

1 Nephi 2

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.

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1 Nephi 2

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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1 Nephi 2

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.

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1 Nephi 2

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.

1 Nephi 2

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.

1 Nephi 2

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.

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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.

1 Nephi 2

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.

1 Nephi 2

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.

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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.

1 Nephi 2

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;

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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.

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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.

1 Nephi 2

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;

1 Nephi 2

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.

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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;

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

74 And their manner of dress was exceeding fine;

1 Nephi 2

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.

1 Nephi 2

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.

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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.

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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.

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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;

1 Nephi 2

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

1 Nephi 2

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;

1 Nephi 2

89 Yea, my father did preach unto them.

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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, Person in White Robe.

The Field

The Head of a River and the River

The Tree/The Fruit/Its Sweetness

The Rod-Along The River

The Path-Along the River

Lehi Sees:

Family not sure where to Go. Lehi CALLS.

The Head of the River Near the Tree

Building on other side of river.

People Press in toward Tree or Building

The Path-Leads Along the River and Rod

Symbols found in Lehi's Vision from Genesis/The Beginning.

Darkness then Light

- Justice/Punishment
- Salvation, The Mercy of God

1 Nephi 2:64 And it also led by the head of the fountain unto a large and spacious field, as if it had been a world;

Symbols found in Lehi's Vision from Genesis/The Beginning.

The Field

The World

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The Head of a River

Symbol for God the Creator

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Also, the River GIVES LIFE to the FIELD

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Symbols found in Lehi's Vision from Genesis/The Beginning.

The Tree and the Fruit

Eternal Life

Salvation

1 Nephi 2:49-52

"And it came to pass that I beheld a tree whose fruit was desirable to make one happy;
And it came to pass that I did go forth and partake of the fruit thereof and beheld that it was
most sweet above all that I ever had before tasted.

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

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

Symbols found in Lehi's Vision from Genesis/The Beginning.

The People

All start at Head of River God the Creator
Suggests all human life came from God

1 Nephi 2:56 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.

Symbols found in Lehi's Vision from Genesis/The Beginning.

The People Press Forward in 1 of 2 Directions

To the Tree or To the Building

1 Nephi 2:65 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.

Symbols found in Lehi's Vision from Genesis/The Beginning.

Lehi Calling

The Word given to Men, the Prophets

1 Nephi 2:57 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.

Symbols found in Lehi's Vision from Genesis/The Beginning.

The River Divides

The building on the other side.

Implicit is people have to Cross over the River

1 Nephi 2:80 And it came to pass that many were drowned
in the depths of the fountain;

Symbols found in Lehi's Vision from Genesis/The Beginning.

The Four Outcomes of the People

1: Some only pressed toward the building (pride of the world)

1 Nephi 2:79 And he also saw other multitudes pressing their way toward that great and spacious building;

Symbols found in Lehi's Vision from Genesis/The Beginning.

The Four Outcomes of the People

2: Some catch hold of the rod,
But lost in mist of darkness and let Go.

1 Nephi 2:65 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 commenced 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 which had commenced in the path did lose their way, that they wandered off and were lost.

Symbols found in Lehi's Vision from Genesis/The Beginning.

The Four Outcomes of the People

3: Some catch hold,
made it to the tree, then left in shame—
Went into FORBIDDEN PATHS.

1 Nephi 2:68 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 mists 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 that they had partaken of the fruit of the tree, they did cast their eyes about as if
they were ashamed. 76 And after that they had tasted of the fruit, they were ashamed because of
those that were a scoffing at them, And they fell away into forbidden paths and were lost."

Symbols found in Lehi's Vision from Genesis/The Beginning.

The Four Outcomes of the People

4: Some catch hold of the rod,
endure the mists,
find and remain at the tree.

1 Nephi 2:77 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;

THE BOOK OF MORMON

The Beginning is EXPLAINED in the END.

EVERY SYMBOL LEHI/NEPHI SEE
AT THE BEGINNING OF NEPHI'S WRITINGS

IS EXPOUNDED BY NEPHI/JACOB
AT THE END OF NEPHI'S WRITING.

NEPHI/JACOB EXPOUND

The Mercy of God

The Plan to Offset the Justice of God was
God's plan to become the Mercy to the World

2 Nephi 6:43 O the greatness of the mercy of our God,
the Holy One of Israel!

For He delivereth His saints from that awful monster the
devil and death and hell,
And that lake of fire and brimstone,
which is endless torment.

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

The Condescension of God

This is the ROD. The Word became Flesh
God would take on Flesh. Sees God born to a woman

1 Nephi 3:58 And he said unto me: "Behold, the virgin which **thou seest is the mother of God**, after the manner of the flesh.

61 And I looked and beheld the virgin again, bearing a Child in her arms;

62 And the angel said unto me:

"Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Eternal Father!"

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

The Condescension of God

This is the ROD. The Word became Flesh
Sees God JUDGED BY HIS CREATION

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;

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

The Condescension of God

Nephi Expands from His Vision

How does The Rod become a connection

God becomes Man

God walks the earth

God is judged by His own Creation

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ABINADI EXPOUNDS

JESUS STANDS BETWEEN US AND JUSTICE

35 "And thus God breaketh the bands of death, Having gained the victory over death, giving the Son power to make intercession for the children of men,

36 Having ascended into heaven, Having the bowels of mercy being filled with compassion toward the children of men,

37 standing betwixt them and justice,

Having broken the bands of death, taken upon Himself their iniquity and their transgressions,

Having redeemed them and satisfied the demands of justice.

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

The Eventual Filthiness of the River

Hell, judgement upon Men.
Becomes a Barrier

1 Nephi 4:44 And I said unto them that the water which my father saw was filthiness,

1 Nephi 4:45 And so much was his mind swallowed up in other things that he beheld not the filthiness of the water.

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

The Eventual Filthiness of the River

Becomes a Barrier

1 Nephi 3:127

And **a great and a terrible gulf divideth them,**

Yea, **even the sword of the justice of the Eternal God
and Jesus Christ which is the Lamb of God,**

of whom the Holy Ghost beareth record from the beginning
of the world until this time,

And from this time henceforth and forever."

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

The Eventual Filthiness of the River-Judged by WORKS

50 And they said unto me: "Doth this thing mean the torment of the body in the days of probation? Or doth it mean the final state of the soul after the death of the temporal body? Or doth it speak of the things which are temporal?"

51 And it came to pass that I said unto them that it was a representation of things both temporal and spiritual,

52 For the day should come that they must be judged of their works, Yea, even the works which were done by the temporal body in their days of probation.

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

The Eventual Filthiness of the River-Judged by WORKS

53 Wherefore, if they should die in their wickedness, they must be cast off also as to the things which are spiritual, which are pertaining unto righteousness;

54 Wherefore, they must be brought to stand before God to be judged of their works;

55 And if their works have been filthiness, they must needs be filthy;

56 And if they be filthy, it must needs be that they cannot dwell in the kingdom of God,

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

The Eventual Filthiness of the River-Judged by WORKS

57 If so, the kingdom of God must be filthy also;

58 But behold I say unto you, the kingdom of God is not filthy, And there cannot any unclean thing enter into the kingdom of God

59 Wherefore, there must needs be a place of filthiness prepared for that which is filthy;

60 And there is a place prepared, yea, even that awful hell of which I have spoken, And the devil is the preparator of it.

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

The Eventual Filthiness of the River-Judged by WORKS

61 Wherefore, the final state of the souls of men is to dwell in the kingdom of God, or to be cast out because of that justice of which I have spoken;

62 Wherefore, the wicked are separated from the righteous,
And also from that tree of life whose fruit is most precious and most desirable of all other fruits;

63 Yea, and it is the greatest of all the gifts of God.

64 And thus I spake unto my brethren. Amen.

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

Catching Hold of the End of the Rod of Iron

This is COMING IN AT THE GATE.

2 Nephi 13:11 And again, it showeth unto the children of men the straitness of the path and **the narrowness of the gate** by which they should enter, He having set the example before them;

2 Nephi 13:23 For, for this cause have they been shown unto me: That ye might know the gate by which ye should enter.

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

Catching Hold of the End of the Rod of Iron

This is COMING IN AT THE GATE.

2 Nephi 13:24 For the gate by which ye should enter is repentance and baptism by water,

And then cometh a remission of your sins by fire and by the Holy Ghost,

2 Nephi 13:25 **And then are ye in this strait and narrow path which leads to eternal life;**

Yea, ye have entered in by the gate, Ye have done according to the commandments of the Father and the Son,

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

The Path by the ROD AND THE RIVER

This is WALKING IN THE WAY.

2 Nephi 13:27 And now my beloved brethren,
after that ye have got into this strait and narrow path,
I would ask if all is done.

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

The Path by the ROD AND THE RIVER

This is WALKING IN THE WAY.

28 Behold, I say unto you, Nay;

For ye have not come thus far save it were by the word of Christ,
with unshaken faith in Him,

Relying wholly upon the merits of Him who is mighty to save.

**(I.E. THIS IS RELYING ON THE WORD MADE FLESH—THIS IS THE
ROD OF IRON)**

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

The Path by the ROD AND THE RIVER

This is WALKING IN THE WAY CLINGING TO THE ROD WHICH IS JESUS.

29 Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, Having a perfect brightness of hope and a love of God and of all men.

30 Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ and endure to the end, "Behold, " thus saith the Father, "ye shall have eternal life."

(THE GUARANTEE OF GOD'S COVENANT OFFERED TO ALL)

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

NOTE: THE PATH, THE ROD AND THE RIVER=THE WAY

THESE SYMBOLIZE THE WORD, THE SPIRIT
AND WALKING IN THE WAY WITH THEM

31 And now behold, my beloved brethren, **this is the way,**
And there is none other way nor name given under heaven
whereby man can be saved in the kingdom of God.

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.

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

THE WAY

The Word, the Spirit, ENDURING.

4 Wherefore, I said unto you:
Feast upon the **words of Christ**,

For behold,
the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do.

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

THE WAY

The Word, the Spirit, ENDURING.

6 For behold, again I say unto you that

if ye will enter in by the way and receive the Holy Ghost,

it will show unto you all things what ye should do..

NEPHI EXPOUNDS

THE END of ALL

Nephi Explains to His Brothers

The Mercy That is Offered

The Justice that Separates

The Kingdom or Cast Out

The Mercy or Justice Only in the End.

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 path 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

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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 **Son of the** Eternal Father

RCE

And the angel said unto
me: "Behold the Lamb of
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Father!

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Behold the Lamb of God yea
even the **^ ^ ^** Eternal
Father

Nephi sees The Creator Judged of (by) the world

1 Nephi 3:86

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"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:

Earth and Heavens
הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ



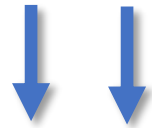
Aleph Tov

'ALL CREATION'

(Like from A to Z)

Genesis 1:

Earth and Heavens
הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ



Aleph Tov “Means Connection
and/or Man”

GOD ON THE CROSS AS MAN would
be THE CONNECTION

between HEAVEN and EARTH

Alma 8

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;

Genesis 1:

Earth and Heavens
הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ

Aleph Tov
All Creation

“Connection/
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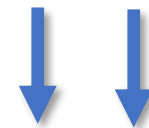
GOD would be THE CONNECTION
between HEAVEN and EARTH

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:

Earth and Heavens
הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ



Aleph Tov

“Connection
or MAN”

GOD would be THE FLESH
CONNECTION

between HEAVEN and EARTH

Earth and Heavens Elohim Created In Beginning

בְּרֵאשִׁית, בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים, אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ

God, Cross,
Man

All Eternity/
Creation

Lord
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,

Earth and Heavens Elohim Created In Beginning

בְּרֵאשִׁית, בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים, אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ

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“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,



Earth and Heavens Elohim Created In Beginning

בְּרֵאשִׁית, בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים, אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ

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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 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) (return)

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

Everlasting (God's) Light Elohiym

וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאוֹר

Mosiah 8:82 (Abinadi)

"He is the **light** and the life of the world.

Yea, a **light that is endless**,
that can never be darkened;

Yea, and also a **life which is endless**,
that there can be no more death.

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

The Lord Omnipotent

[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....

The Lord Omnipotent

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.**

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.**

Mosiah 1:122 And behold, when that time cometh, none shall be found blameless before God, except it be little children, **Only through repentance and faith on the name of the Lord God Omnipotent.**

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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."

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'

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 God Himself 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

Now Zeezrom saith again unto him: “

Is the Son of God The Very Eternal Father?”

And Amulek saith unto him:

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

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.

Which Ancient American Writers Said Jesus ‘was the Very Eternal God?’

2 Nephi 1:23

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

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

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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;

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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, ...

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[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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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;

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Mosiah 1:97

For behold, the time cometh, and is not far distant,
that with power **the Lord Omnipotent who reigneth,**
who 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,

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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.

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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.

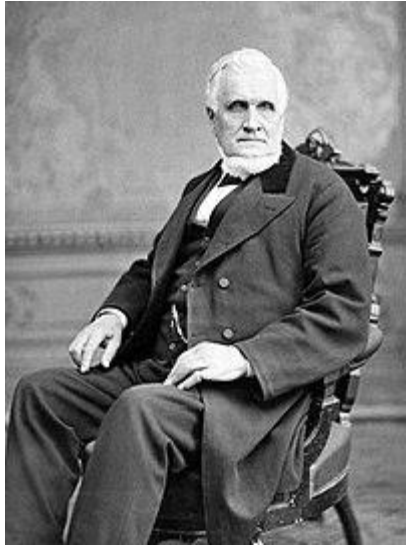
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1844 Nauvoo.....King Follett Sermon

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.

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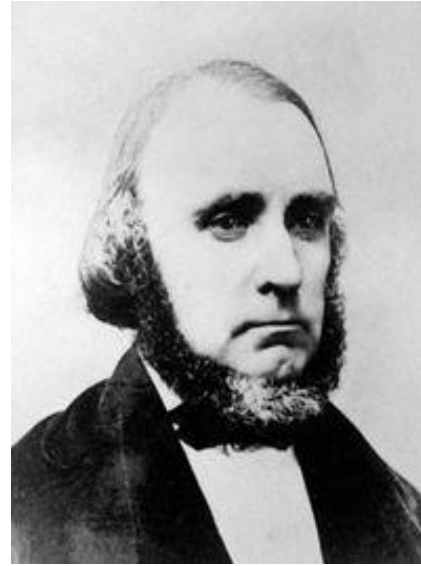
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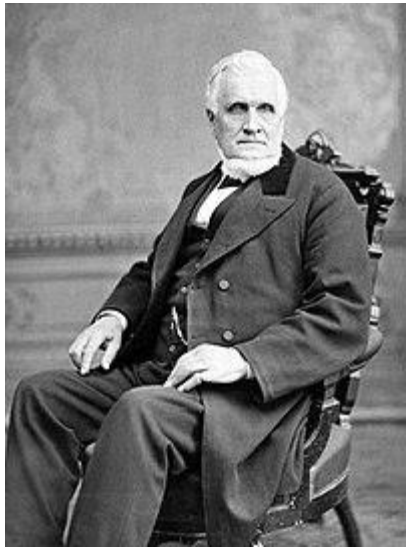


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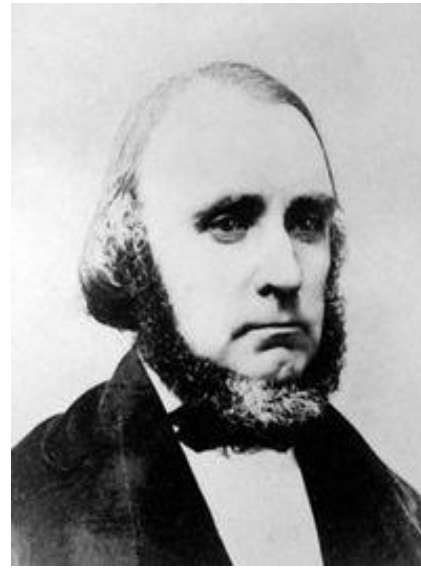
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...All Nauvoo Polygamists...

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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[Source: Times and Seasons Vol. 5 Chapter 15 Page: 614](#)

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.

Source: Times and Seasons Vol. 6 Chapter 3 Page: 809

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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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The Problem...

“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, Eloheim [Elohim], Jehovah, to redeem the earth from under the curse. Hence when the Gods deliberated about the formation of man, it was known that he would fall ...

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The Problem...

'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 Problem...

„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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The Problem...

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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The Problem...

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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"The Next President"

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Who used the phrase 'One God'?

[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.

Who used the phrase 'One God'?

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.

Who used the phrase 'One God'?

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."

Who used the phrase 'One 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.

Notes:

- Predestination

1. What is Milk/Honey?
2. Show the Book Mark
3. Show Lawson Video
4. Show some of the Scriptures from NT.
5. Are these in Conflict?
6. What Does the Book of Mormon Teach (Milk Honey)
7. THIS IS GOD'S OFFERING OF SALVATION TO ALL
8. DOES HE DENY ANY?
9. I SAY UNTO YOU NO.
10. Their misunderstanding is that God's SALVATION WAS INTENDED FOR ALL. BUT THEY MISS THAT THOSE NOT UNDER THE LAW ARE NOT CONDEMNED. THEIR PREMISE IS THAT ALL WILL BE CONDEMNED EXCEPT THOSE WHO GOD HAS CHOSEN. THIS WAS CALVINS PREMISE. ADOPTED BY MANY 'GRACE TEACHING' CHURCHES TODAY.
11. BUT show ALMA 9
12. Then Come back and read ROMANS 9.
13. THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE TRANSLATION. AND WHEN YOU READ IT, YOU CAN SEE WHAT IS WAS SAYING WAS VERY CLOSE TO THE BOOK OF MORMON. HAS BEEN SEEN WITH INCORRECT PARADIGM.
14. Important List—ASSURANCES.

ISAIAH QUIZ

What is MILK and (wine or honey) WITHOUT MONEY or PRICE.

Isaiah 55:1

Ho, every one that thirsteth,
come ye to the waters.

And he that hath no money;
come ye, buy, and eat;
yea, come, **buy wine and milk**
without money and without price.

WORD OF THE WEEK

**The Subject: God ordains certain men to hell
on purpose**

Isalah 64:8 - O Lord, thou art our Father; we are the clay; and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

work - Hebrew: Ma'asah-an action (good or bad); product; transaction; business

Romans 9:20-23 - Who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter the power over the clay of the same lump, to make one vessel unto honour and another unto dishonour - What if God willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much long suffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he hath afore prepared unto glory.

fitted - Greek: katarizo - to complete thoroughly; fit; frame; arrange; prepare. Thayer says this word speaks of men whose souls God has so constituted that they cannot escape destruction; their mind is fixed that they frame themselves.

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lock them up for eternity because it is not his pleasure to draw them to him (John 6:44). This doctrine angers men, though it is taught throughout the pages of God's Holy Book. Men do not have a Biblical view of the living God when they think he is not in control of all things including the minds and hearts of all men. God is not only love to the vessels of mercy, but he is a consuming fire (Deut 4:24) upon the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction. We do not serve a God who is Superman that can only shake mountains, implode blackholes, and explode quasars. The God of the universe can harden and soften the hearts of men at will (Rom 9:18; Ezek. 36:26). He giveth not account of any of his matters (Job 33:13).

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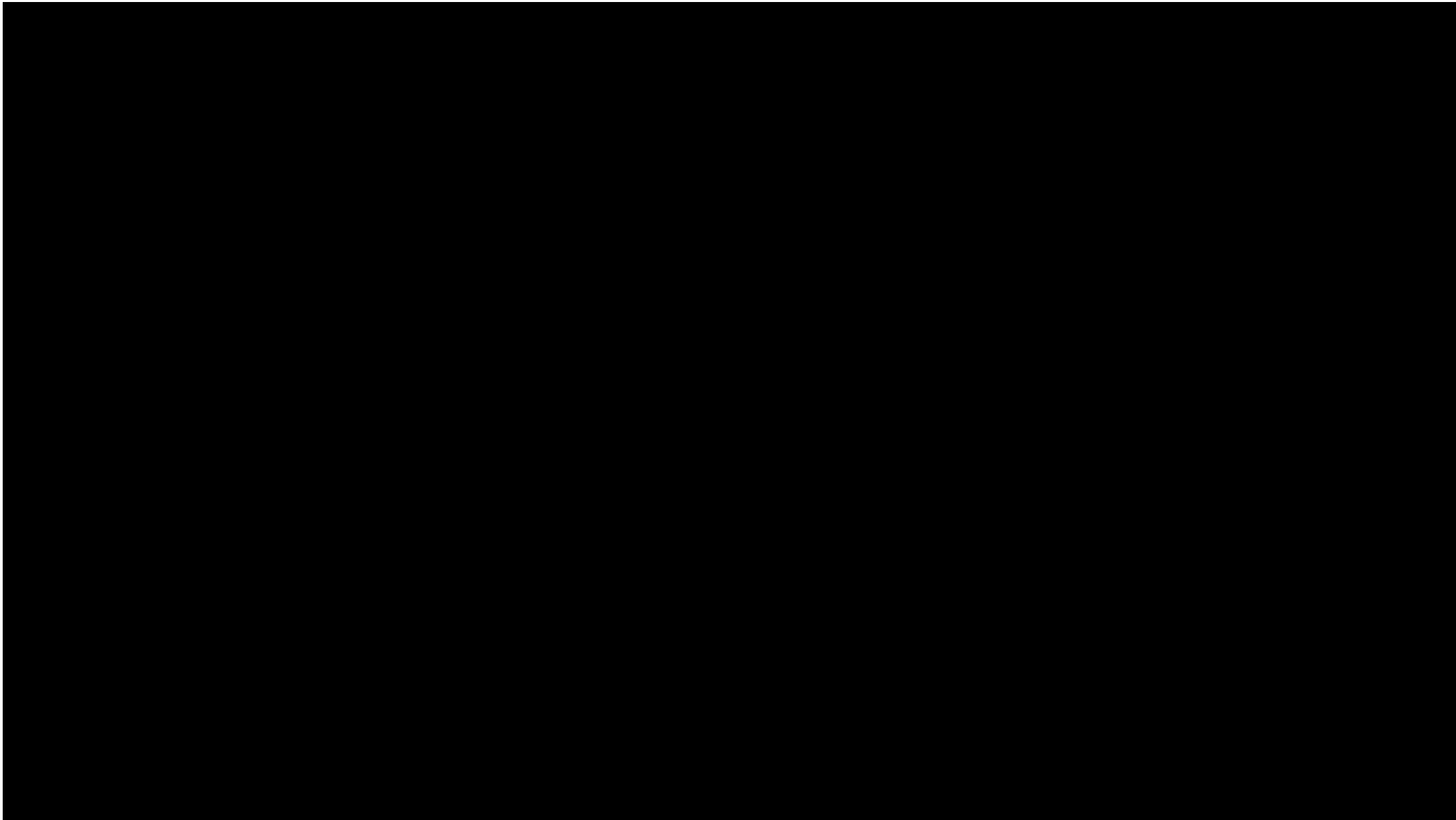
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What kind of Christian Doctrine?

- Paints God as fickle?
- We can't be sure of salvation?
- He only intends to save some?
- Most are intentionally sent to hell?
- Discussion of salvation seems futile IF YOU CAN NOT KNOW, or IF THERE IS NO GUARANTEE.
-then comes the question: Are You Saved?

Steven Lawson

Predestination



Predestination in the New Testament?

Romans 8:29

For whom he did foreknow,

he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son,

that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Predestination in the New Testament?

Romans 8:30

Moreover **whom he did predestinate**, them he also called:
and whom he called, them he also justified:
and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Predestination in the New Testament?

Ephesians 1:5

Having predestinated us unto
the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself,
according to the good pleasure of his will,

Predestination in the New Testament?

Ephesians 1:11

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance,
being predestinated according to the purpose of him
who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Predestination Who What Where

Who—Attributed to John Calvin’s preaching (French theologian, 1509-1564)

[https://en.wikipedia.org › wiki › John_Calvin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Calvin)

What—Predestination—only some are saved based on God’s prior choosing. Likewise he chooses who to send to Hell.

Where—After life. Some pre-chosen to be with God

When—For Eternity

Why-- because ‘That is How God Is.’ Just accept it. (...and you don’t understand how cool this is)

(return)

ISAIAH Explained in Book of Mormon– 2 Nephi 11

95 For behold, my beloved brethren, I say unto you that the Lord God worketh not in darkness;

96 He doeth not anything, save it be for the benefit of the world,
For He loveth the world, even that He layeth down His own life
that He may draw all men unto Him;

97 Wherefore, He commandeth none that they shall not partake of His salvation.

98 Behold, doth He cry unto any, saying, "Depart from Me"?

99 Behold I say unto you, Nay! But He saith: "Come unto Me, all ye ends of the earth, Buy milk and honey without money and without price." (Quoting and explanation of Isaiah)

Assurances

- God is establishing in the OLD testament that ALL WHO CALL UPON HIM WILL HAVE SALVATION, NONE ARE RESTRICTED.

The FALSE understanding of salvation by these is ALSO because they do not understand THOSE WITHOUT THE LAW ARE NOT CONDEMNED.

What Does the Book of Mormon Teach?

3 Nephi 12:18

Have they not read the scriptures which saith, **'Ye must take upon you the name of Christ, ' which is My name? For by this name shall ye be called at the last day.**

And whoso taketh upon him My name and endureth to the end, **the same shall be saved at the last day.**

Concerns about Predestination

- Is this because of inaccurate translation?
- Or is this scripture made unplain as the Book of Mormon indicates did happen?
- Or is this actually true?
- What Does the Book of Mormon teach?

Lawson errors

What he calls the 'God side'

Being Born of God is being confused with 'being singled out or selected' by God.

The scripture 'BORN of GOD' means transformed, chosen of God, NOT that God predestined only some.

In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE

- Thank you God you have saved SOME (i.e. US and not THEM).

In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE

Alma 16:88

Now when they had come into the land, Behold, to their astonishment, they found that the **Zoramites** had built synagogues,

And that they did gather themselves together on one day of the week, which day they did call the day of the Lord;

In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE—Alma 16

89 And they did worship after a manner which Alma and his brethren had never beheld,

For they had a place built up in the center of their synagogue –
a place of standing which was high above the head,
And the top thereof would only admit one person;

In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE—Alma 16

90 Therefore, whosoever desired to worship must go forth and stand upon the top thereof And stretch forth his hands toward the heavens and cry with a loud voice, saying:

Holy, Holy God!

We believe that Thou art God,

And we believe that Thou art holy, and that Thou wast a Spirit, and that Thou art a Spirit, and that Thou wilt be a Spirit forever.

In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE—Alma 16

91

Holy God, we believe that Thou hast separated us from our brethren;
And we do not believe in the traditions of our brethren which
was handed down to them by the childishness of their fathers,

But we believe that Thou hast elected us to be Thy holy children;

In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE—Alma 16

92 And also,

Thou hast made it known unto us that there shall be no Christ,

But Thou art the same yesterday, today and forever;

And Thou hast elected us that we shall be saved,

whilst all around us are elected to be cast by Thy wrath down to hell,

For the which holiness, O God, we thank Thee.

In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE—Alma 16

93

And we also thank Thee that Thou hast elected us
that we may not be led away after the foolish traditions of our brethren
which doth bind them down to a belief of Christ,
which doth lead their hearts to wander far from Thee our God;

In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE—Alma 16

94 And again, we thank Thee, O God,
that we are a chosen and a holy people. Amen.”

100 Now when Alma saw this, his heart was grieved, For he saw that they
were a wicked and a perverse people, Yea, he saw that their hearts were set
upon gold and upon silver and upon all manner of fine goods,

101 Yea, and he also saw that their hearts were lifted up unto great boasting,
in their pride.

In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE—Alma 16

108 "O Lord God, how long wilt Thou suffer that such wickedness and infidelity shall be among this people?

109 "O Lord, wilt Thou give me strength that I may bear with mine infirmities? For I am infirm and such wickedness among this people doth pain my soul.

110 "O Lord, my heart is exceeding sorrowful; Wilt Thou comfort my soul in Christ?

111 "O Lord, wilt Thou grant unto me that I may have strength that I may suffer with patience these afflictions which shall come upon me because of the iniquity of this people?

In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE—Alma 16

114 "O Lord, wilt Thou grant unto us that we may have success in bringing them again unto Thee in Christ?"

115 "Behold, O Lord, their souls are precious and many of them are our near brethren;

Therefore, give unto us, O Lord, power and wisdom that we may bring these our brethren again unto Thee."

How Did Alma Counter this Doctrine?

The point of the word COVENANT regarding God's side of the Covenant:

- God's COVENANT IS a GUARANTEE.
- This is what Nephi labors to describe.

What Does the Book of Mormon Teach?

[2 Nephi 11:99](#) Behold I say unto you, Nay! But He saith:
"**Come unto Me, all ye ends of the earth,** Buy milk and honey without money and without price."

[2 Nephi 12:41](#) Nevertheless, **I will be merciful unto them,** " saith the Lord God, "**if they will repent and come unto Me,** For Mine arm is lengthened out all the day long, " saith the Lord God of Hosts.

What Does the Book of Mormon Teach?

2 Nephi 6:45 And He cometh into the world that He may save all men, if they will hearken unto His voice.

Mosiah 11:195 "But now that they may foresee that He will come and that He remembereth every creature of His creating,

3 Nephi 7:10 "Behold, I Am the law and the light; **Look unto Me** and endure to the end and ye shall live, **For unto him that endureth to the end will I give eternal life.**

So why is scripture then even using this word
'PREDESTINED'???

What was ACTUALLY PREDESTINED??

- Priesthood

What the Book of Mormon Teaches

Alma 9:

60 "And now my brethren, seeing we know these things and they are true, Let us repent and harden not our hearts, that we provoke not the Lord our God to pull down His wrath upon us in these His second commandments which He hath given unto us,

61 But let us enter into the rest of God which is prepared according to His word.

62 "And again my brethren, I would cite your minds forward to the time which the Lord God gave these commandments unto His children;

What the Book of Mormon Teaches

Alma 9:

63 And I would that ye should remember that the Lord God ordained priests after His holy order which was after the order of His Son, to teach these things unto the people;

64 And those priests were ordained after the order of His Son in a manner that thereby the people might know in what manner to look forward to His Son for redemption.

What the Book of Mormon Teaches

Alma 9:65

And this is the manner after which they were ordained,

being called and prepared from the foundation of the world according to the foreknowledge of God,

On account of their exceeding faith and good works, in the first place being left to choose good or evil -

What the Book of Mormon Teaches

Alma 9:66

Therefore they,

having chosen good and exercising exceeding great faith,

are called with a holy calling,

Yea, with that holy calling which was prepared with and according to,

a preparatory redemption for such,

What the Book of Mormon Teaches—Alma 9

[Alma 9:67](#)

And thus they having been called to this holy calling on account of their faith –

"While others would reject the Spirit of God on account of the hardness of their hearts and blindness of their minds,

While, if it had not been for this, they might have had as great privilege as their brethren;

What the Book of Mormon Teaches—Alma 9

Alma 9:68

Or in fine, in the first place they were on the same standing with their brethren –

Thus this holy calling

being prepared from the foundation of the world for such as would not harden their hearts,

Being in and through the atonement of the Only Begotten Son which was prepared;

What the Book of Mormon Teaches—Alma 9

Alma 9:69

And thus being called by this holy calling and ordained unto the high priesthood of the holy order of God, to teach His commandments unto the children of men, that they also might enter into His rest,

70 This high priesthood being after the order of His Son, which order was from the foundation of the world,

What was ACTUALLY PREDESTINED??

- The Calling to Priesthood.
- NOT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SALVATION

Also Note...'From the Foundation of the World'

Applied too generally in New Testament Translations.

One website states should be 'since man was thrust out of heaven'
That is 'The Fall of Man.'

What Does Book of Mormon say?

Revisit new Testament-Compare NT to BOM

So 'Since the Foundation of the World' might not mean from before time began' but since man fell away from God.

The Book of Mormon couples 'Foundation of the world' and 'Fall of man' two different times in the Book of Mormon in near verses. Ties the concepts together.

The Fall of Man—term does not exist in English translations of the Bible.

Insert mis translation explanation here...

Then go back and read New Testament in light of understanding the Book of Mormon.