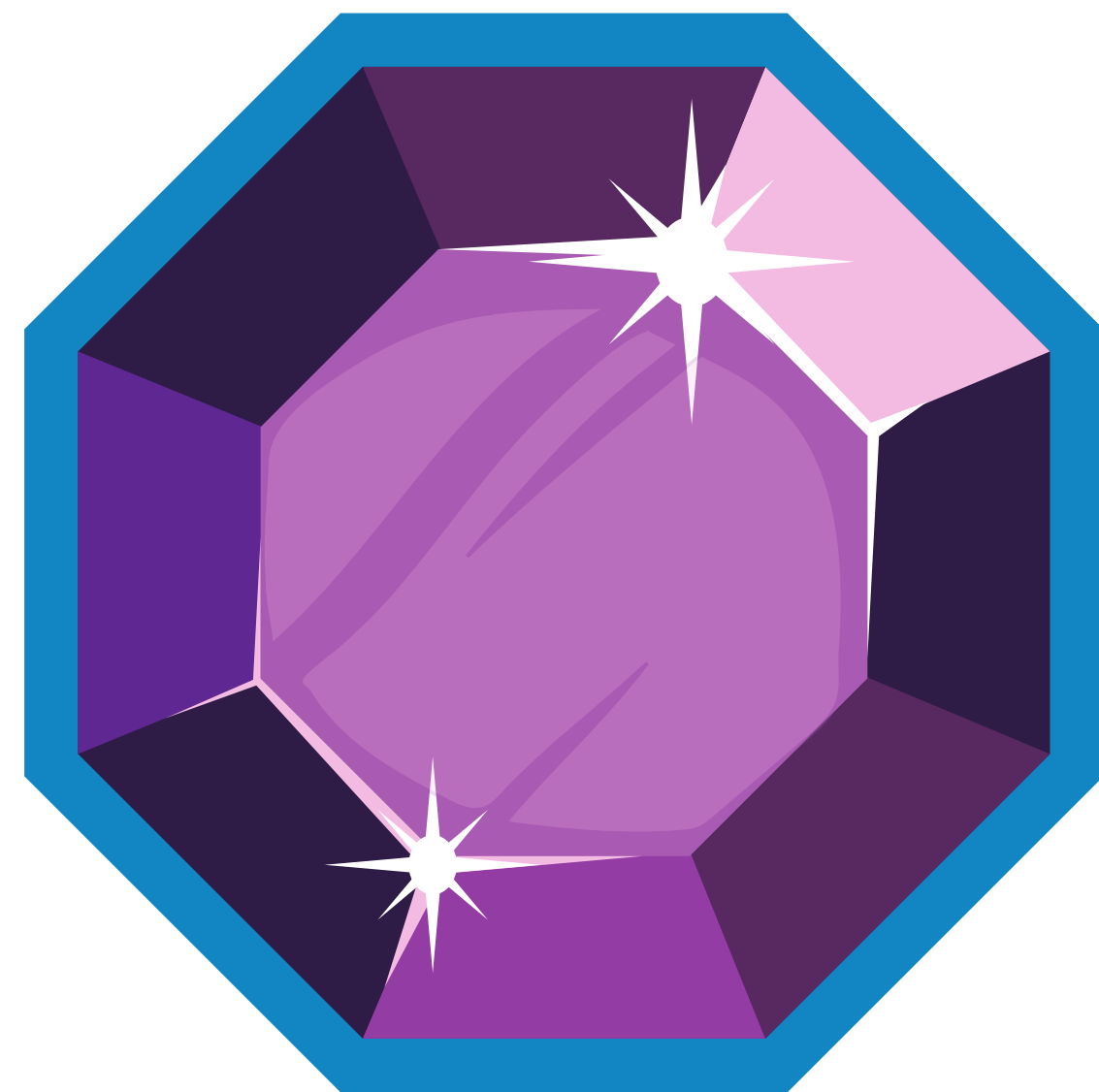
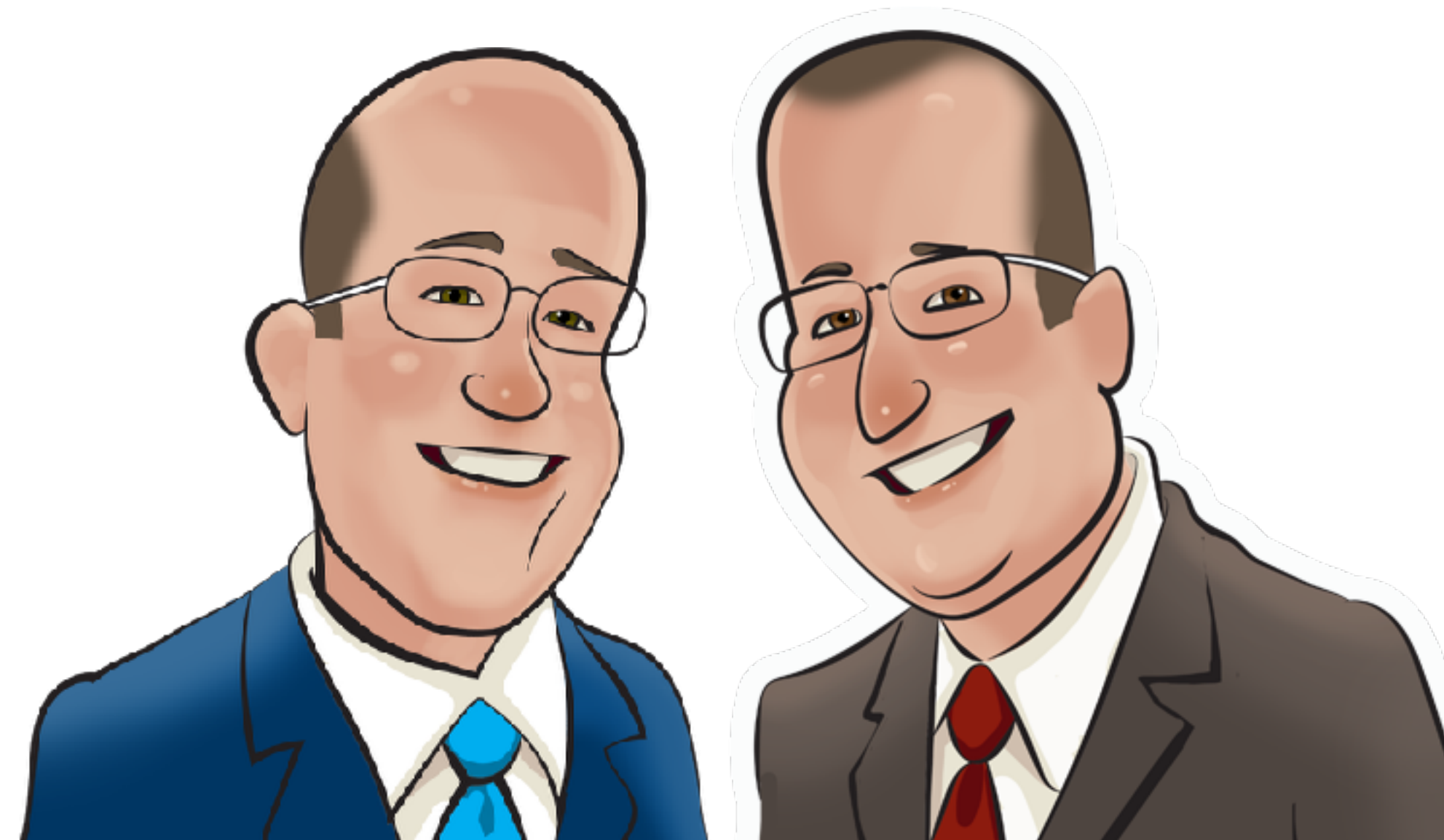
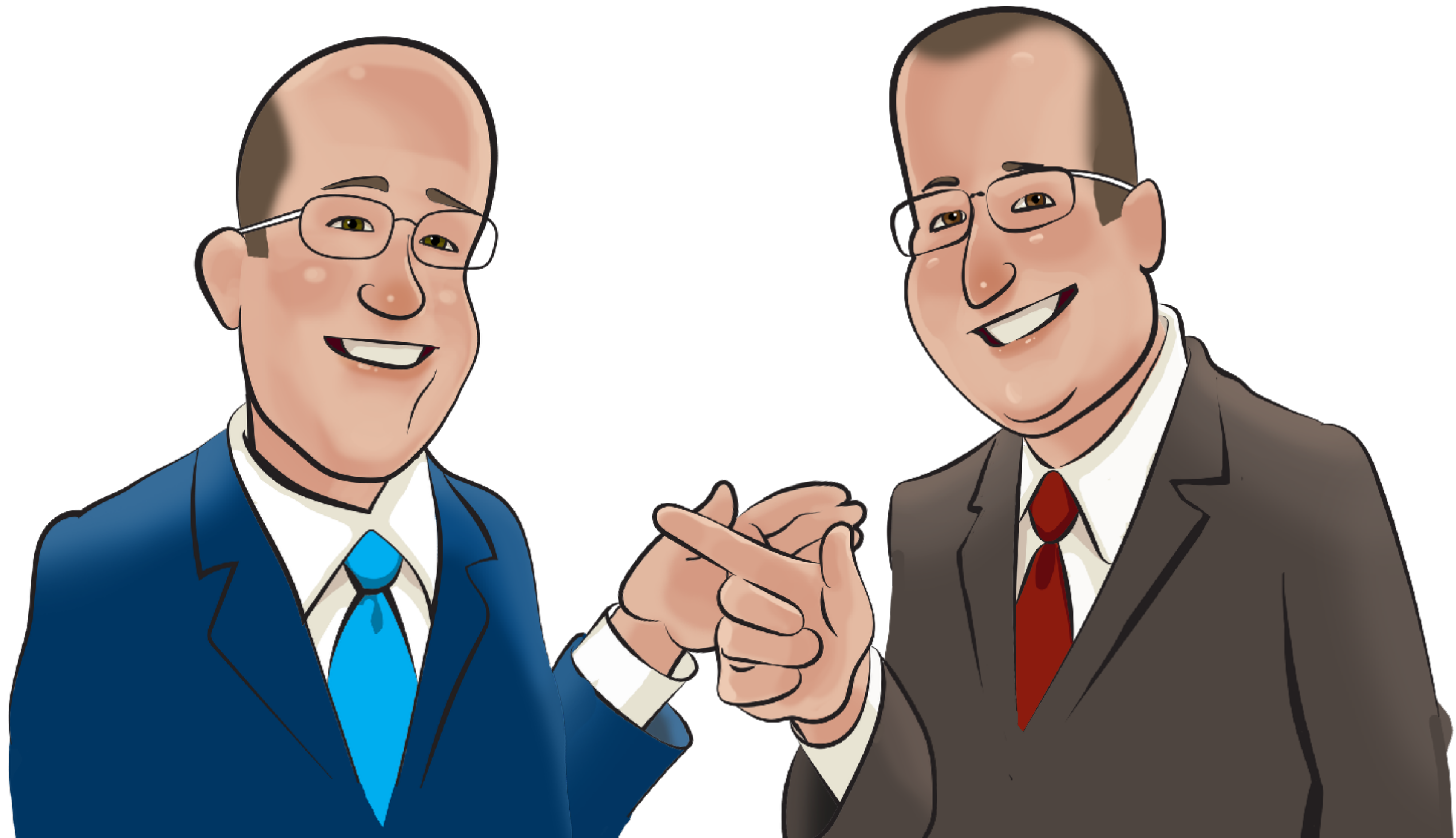


Episode 43



# Scripture GEMS

*November 9-15, 2020: **Ether 1-5***



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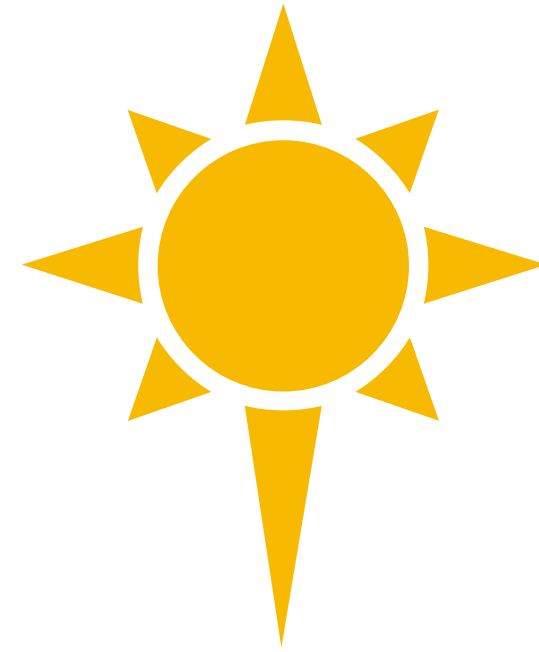
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# **The Plates of Ether - The Book of Mormon to the Book of Mormon People**



- **Tells the story of a people from a biblical time and place**
- **They are led from a wicked city through the wilderness**
- **They are brought across the great sea to a promised land in the Americas**
- **Tells of their righteousness and wickedness**
- **Introduces the danger of secret combinations**
- **The people become wicked and are destroyed in a massive civil war**
- **The last prophet writes the account on gold plates**
- **Hides them up**
- **Another nation led by God finds them and they are translated by the gift and power of God**



# Where did the Book of Ether come from?

The first account of the Jaredites was given in the book of Omni. The people of Zarahemla brought king Mosiah the stone of Coriantumr which he translated by the gift and power of God (see Omni 1:20-22).



Mosiah 8:7-9; 21:25-27





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Limhi sent a group to find Zarahemla and get help to rescue them from bondage to the Lamanites. The group discovers the ruins of a destroyed nation and **24 gold plates**. (See Mosiah 8:7–9; 21:25–27.)



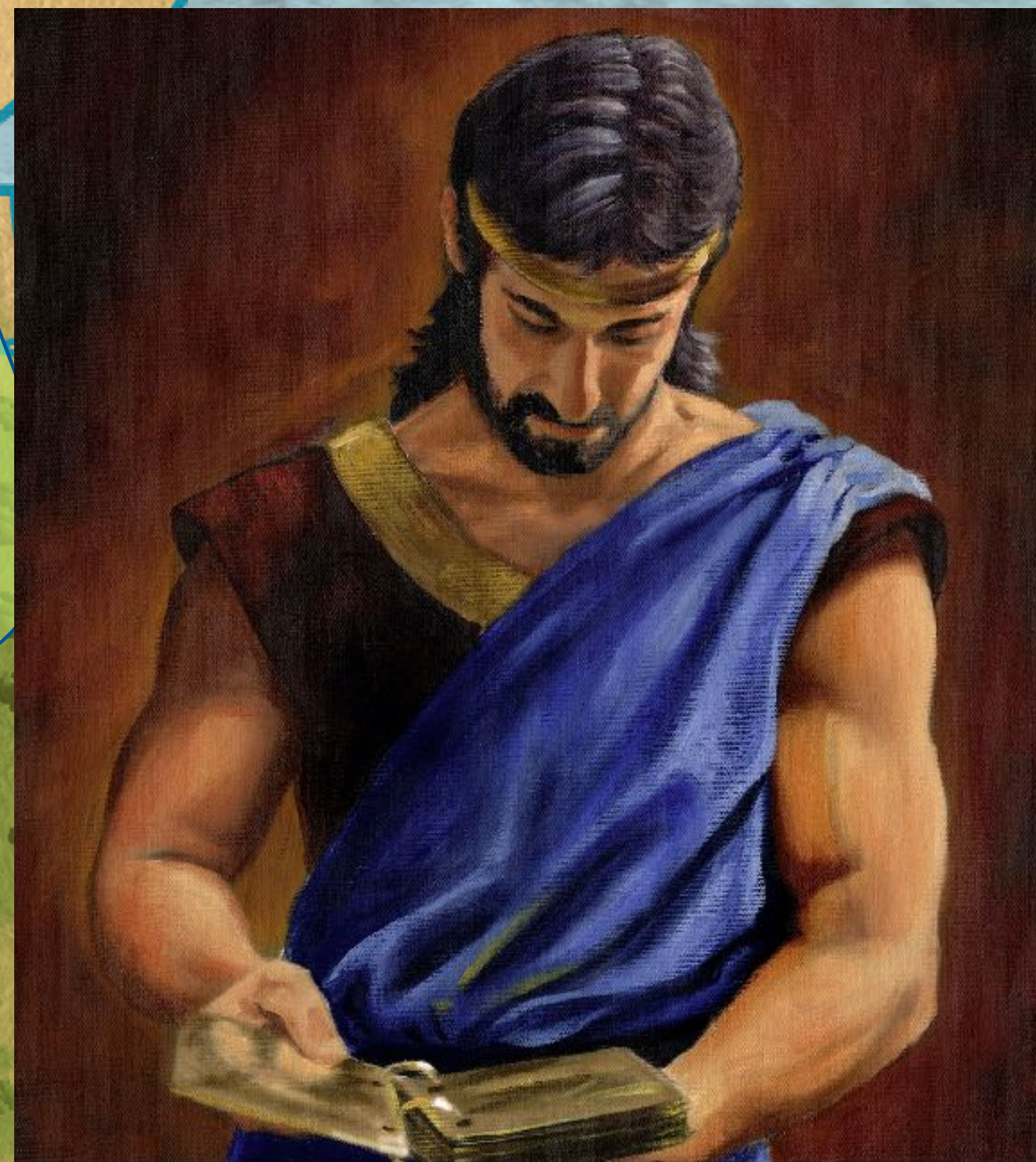
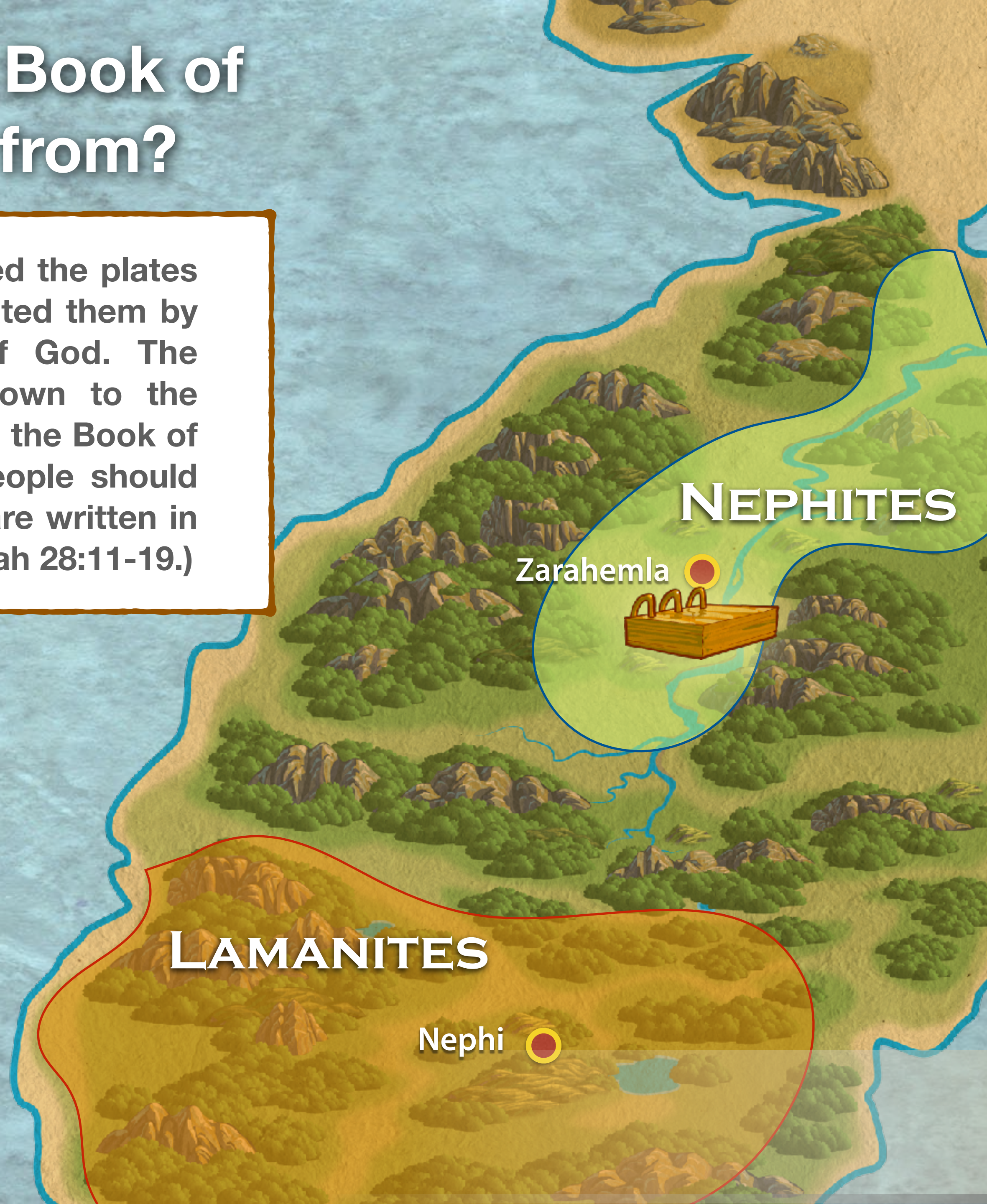
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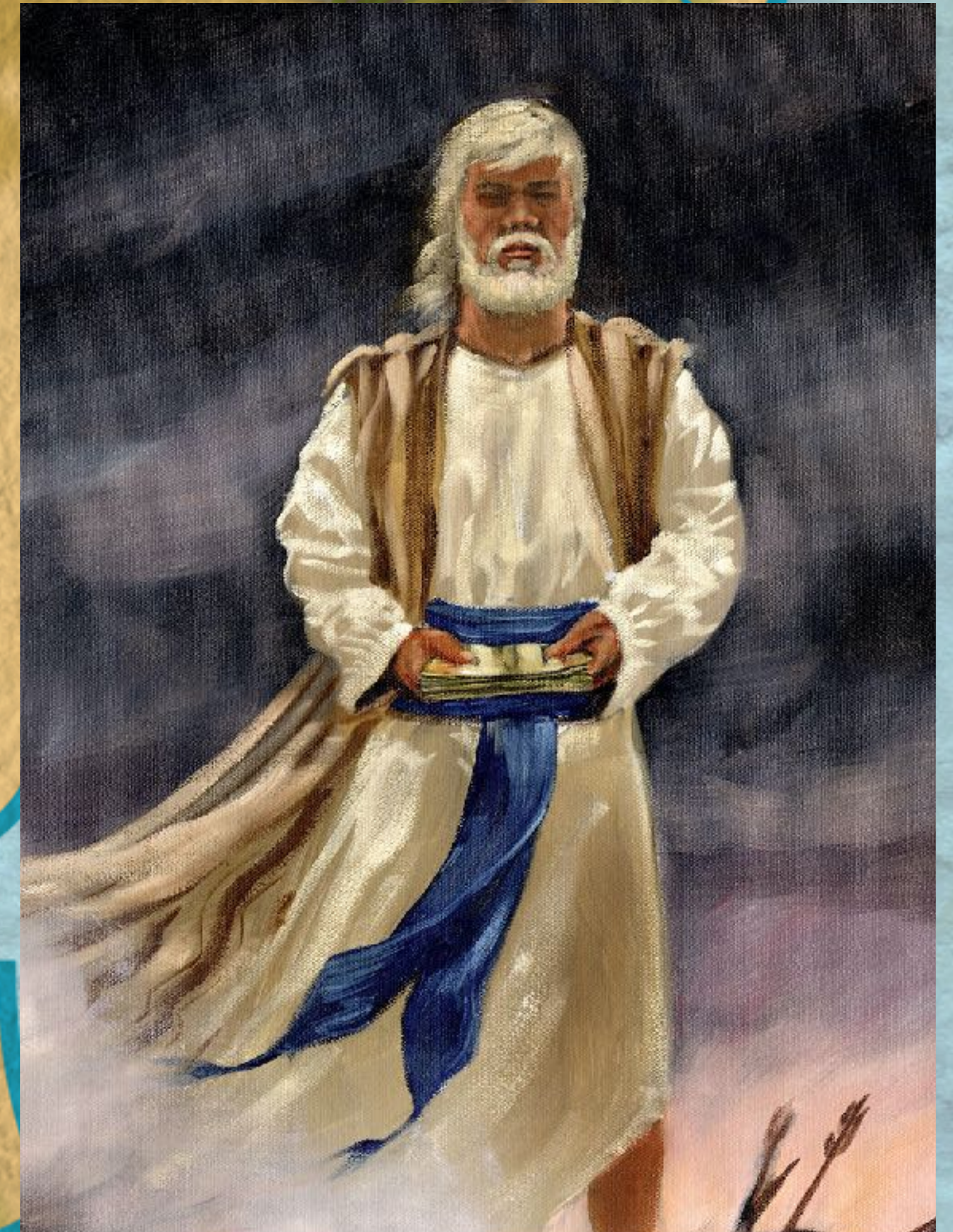




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The book is named for the prophet Ether, who was the last prophet of the Jaredites and who created a record of their history (see Ether 15:33–34).

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Ether 15:33-34





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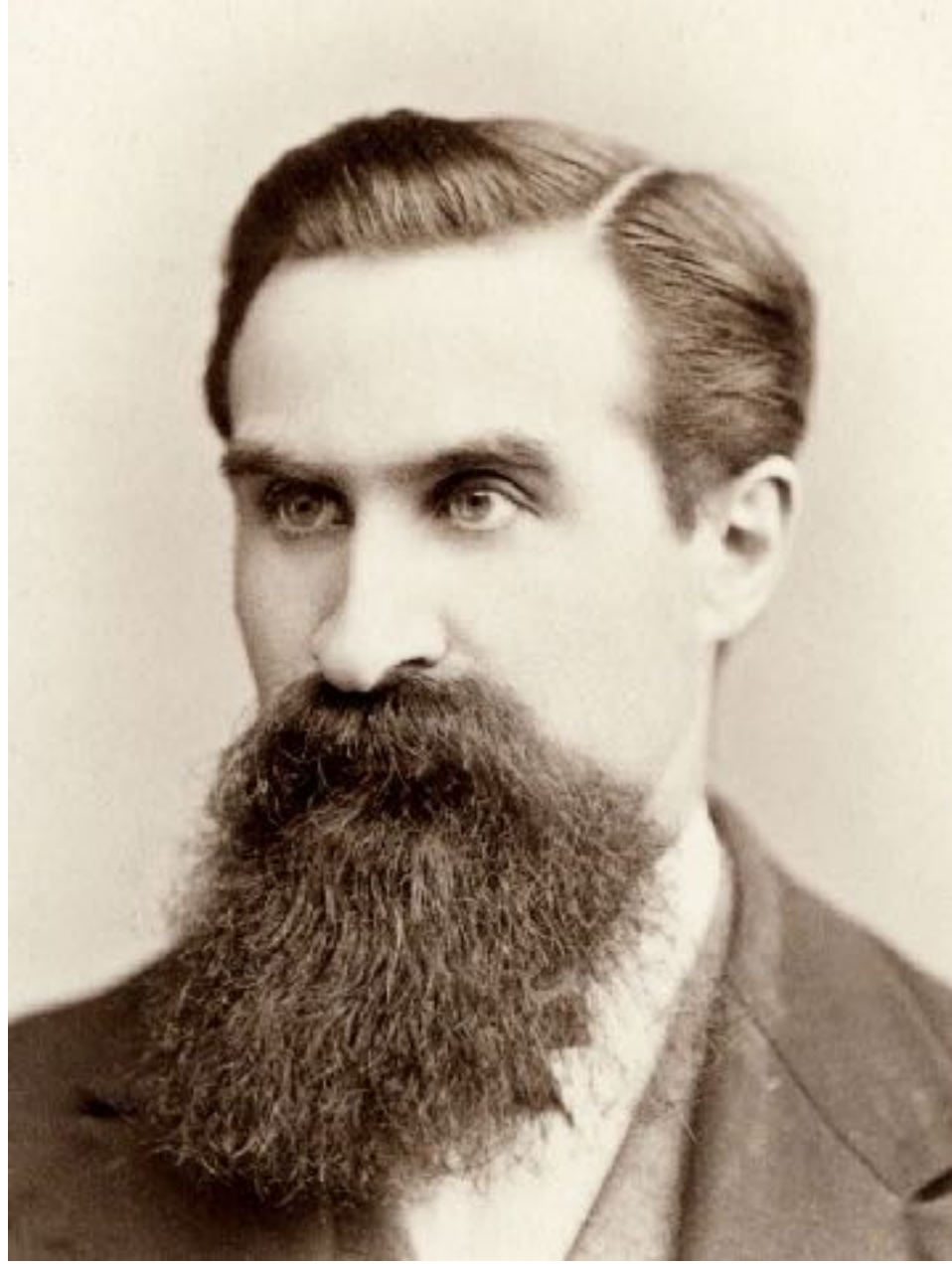
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39 And it came to pass that the brother of Jared did cry unto the Lord according to that which had been spoken by the mouth of Jared.

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42 And when thou hast done this thou shalt <sup>a</sup>go at the head of them down into the valley which is northward. And there will I meet thee, and I will go <sup>b</sup>before thee into a land which is <sup>c</sup>choice above all the lands of the earth.

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CHAPTER 2

*The Jaredites prepare for their journey to a promised land—It is a choice land whereon men must serve Christ or be swept off—The Lord talks to the brother of Jared for three hours—The Jaredites build barges—The Lord asks the brother of Jared to propose how the barges will be lighted.*

AND it came to pass that Jared and his brother, and their families, and also the <sup>a</sup>friends of Jared and his brother and their families, went down into the valley which was northward, (and the name of the valley was <sup>b</sup>Nimrod, being called after the mighty hunter) with their <sup>c</sup>flocks which they had gathered together, male and female, of every kind.

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3 And they did also carry with them deseret, which, by interpretation, is a honey bee; and thus they did carry with them <sup>a</sup>swarms of bees, and all manner of that which was upon the face of the land, <sup>b</sup>seeds of every kind.

4 And it came to pass that when they had come down into the valley of Nimrod the Lord came down and talked with the brother of Jared; and he was in a <sup>a</sup>cloud, and the brother of Jared saw him not.

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into that quarter where there never had man been. And it came to pass that the Lord did go before them, and did talk with them as he stood in a <sup>b</sup>cloud, and gave <sup>c</sup>directions whither they should travel.

6 And it came to pass that they did travel in the wilderness, and did <sup>a</sup>build <sup>b</sup>barges, in which they did cross many waters, being directed continually by the hand of the Lord.

7 And the Lord would not suffer that they should stop beyond the sea in the wilderness, but he would that they should come forth even unto the <sup>a</sup>land of promise, which was choice above all other lands, which the Lord God had <sup>b</sup>preserved for a righteous people.

8 And he had sworn in his wrath unto the brother of Jared, that whoso should possess this land of promise, from that time henceforth and forever, should <sup>a</sup>serve him, the true and only God, or they should be <sup>b</sup>swept off when the fulness of his wrath should come upon them.

9 And now, we can behold the decrees of God concerning this land, that it is a land of promise; and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall serve God, or they shall be <sup>a</sup>swept off when the fulness of his <sup>b</sup>wrath shall come upon them. And the fulness of his wrath cometh upon them when they are <sup>c</sup>ripened in iniquity.

10 For behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands; wherefore he that doth possess it shall serve God or shall be <sup>a</sup>swept off; for it is the everlasting decree of God. And it is not until the <sup>b</sup>fulness of iniquity among the children of the land, that they are <sup>c</sup>swept off.

11 And this cometh unto you, O ye <sup>a</sup>Gentiles, that ye may know the decrees of God—that ye may repent, and not continue in your iniquities until the fulness come, that ye may not bring down the fulness of the <sup>b</sup>wrath of God upon you as the inhabitants of the land have hitherto done.

12 Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be <sup>a</sup>free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will but <sup>b</sup>serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ, who hath been manifested by the things which we have written.

13 And now I proceed with my record; for behold, it came to pass that the Lord did bring Jared and his brethren forth even to that great sea which divideth the lands. And as they came to the sea they pitched their tents; and they called the name of the place <sup>a</sup>Moriancumer; and they dwelt in <sup>b</sup>tents, and dwelt in tents upon the seashore for the space of four years.

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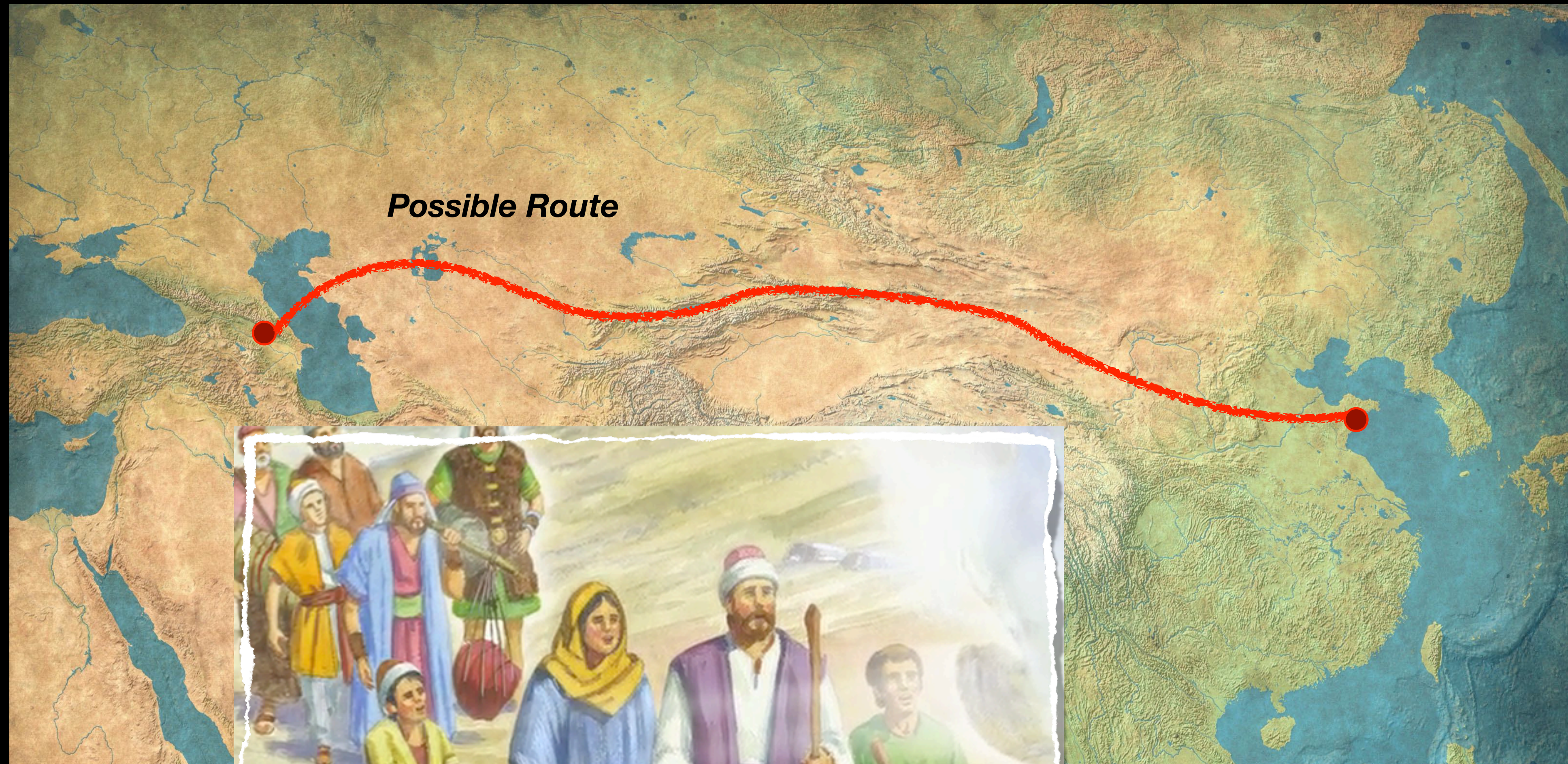
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### CHAPTER 3

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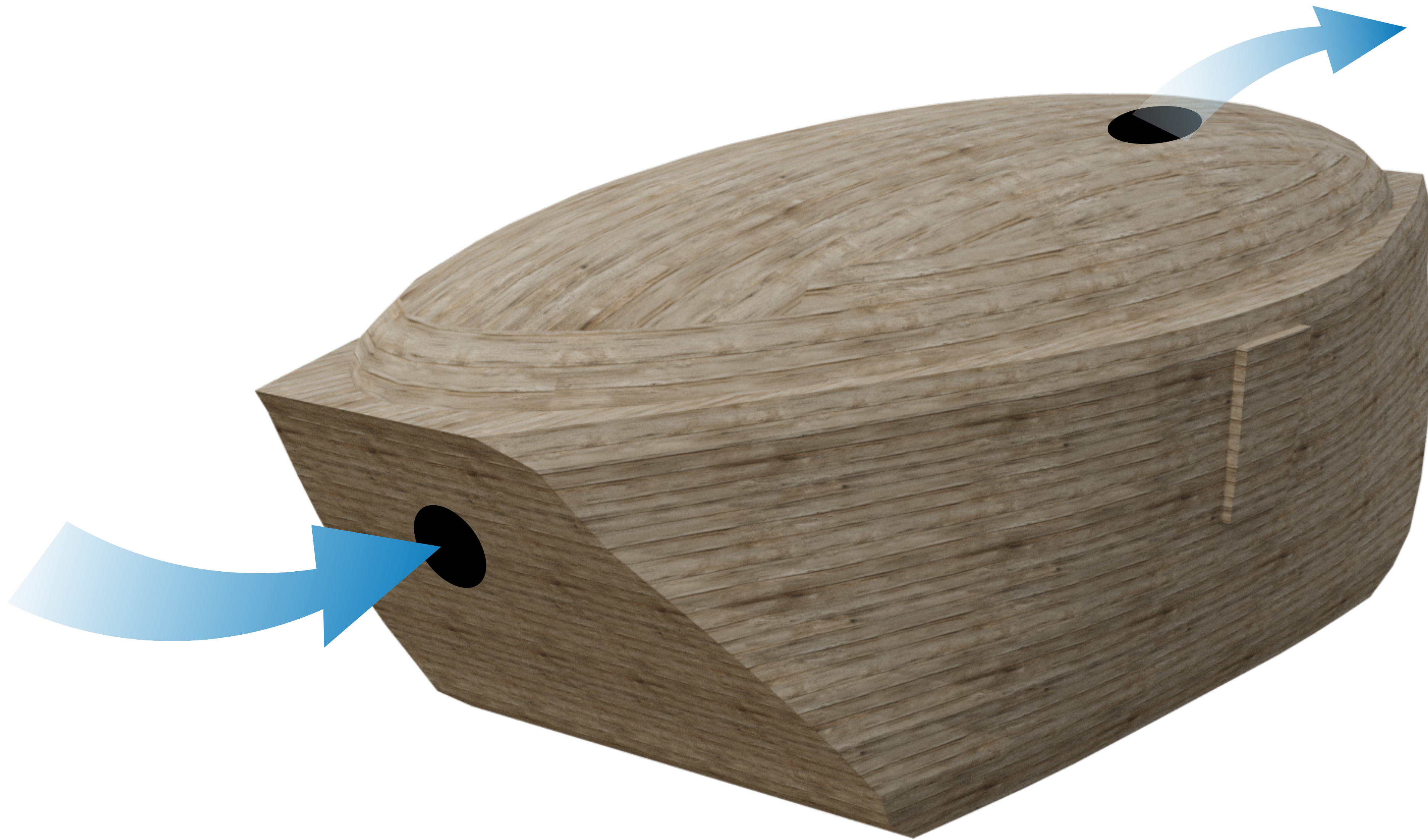
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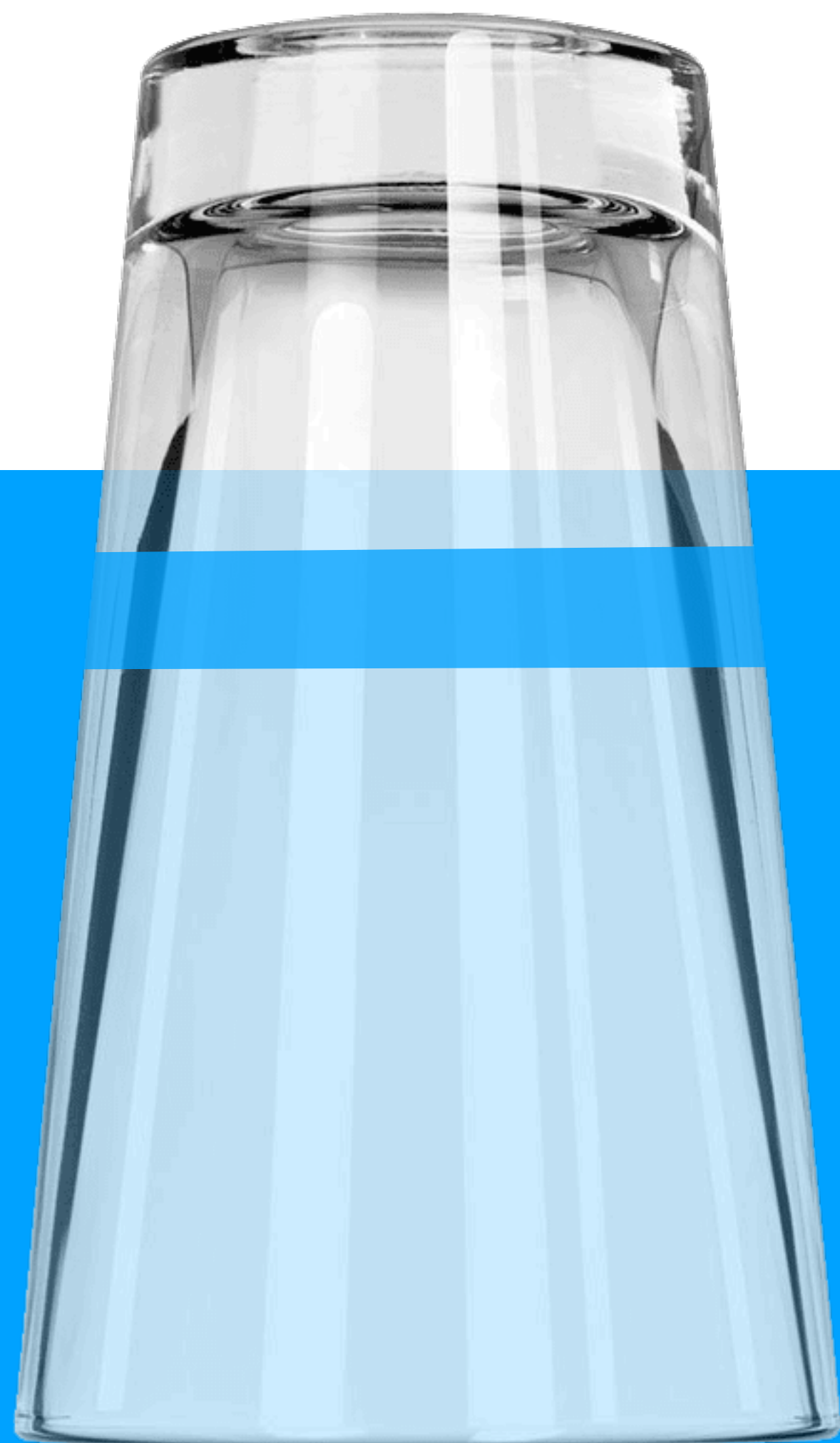
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*(in Conference Report, Oct. 1997, 18; or Ensign, Nov. 1997, 16).*





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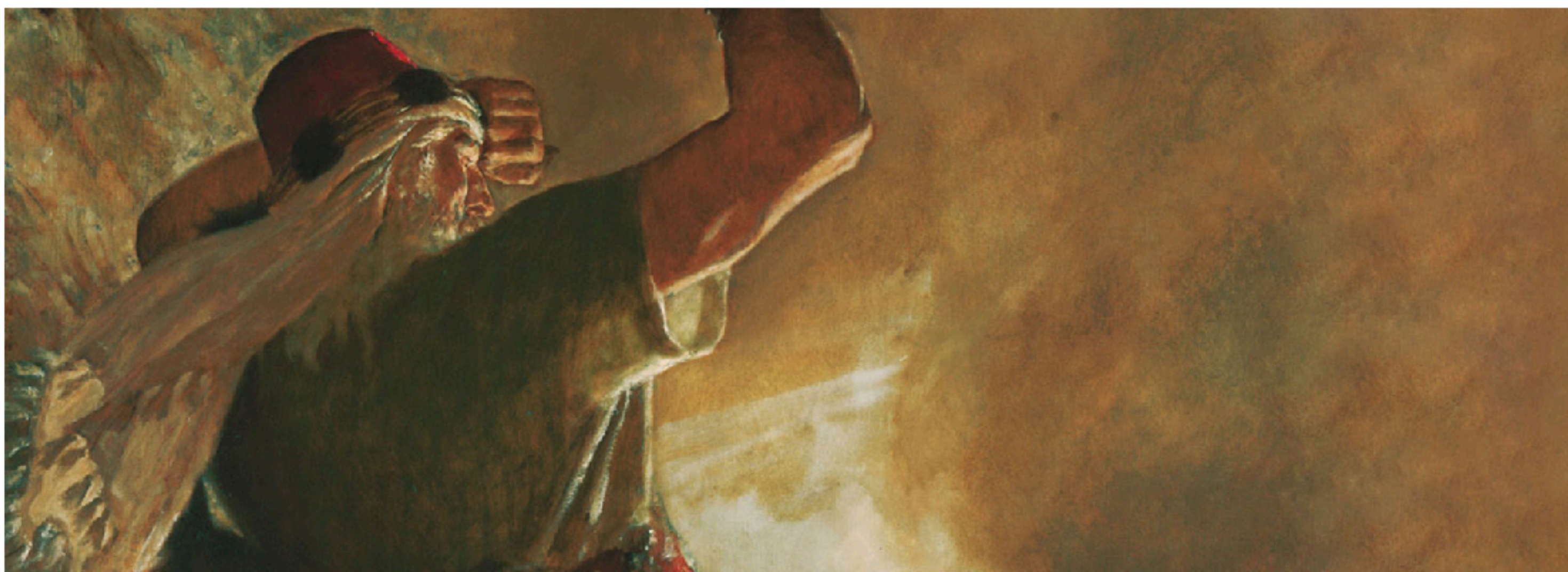




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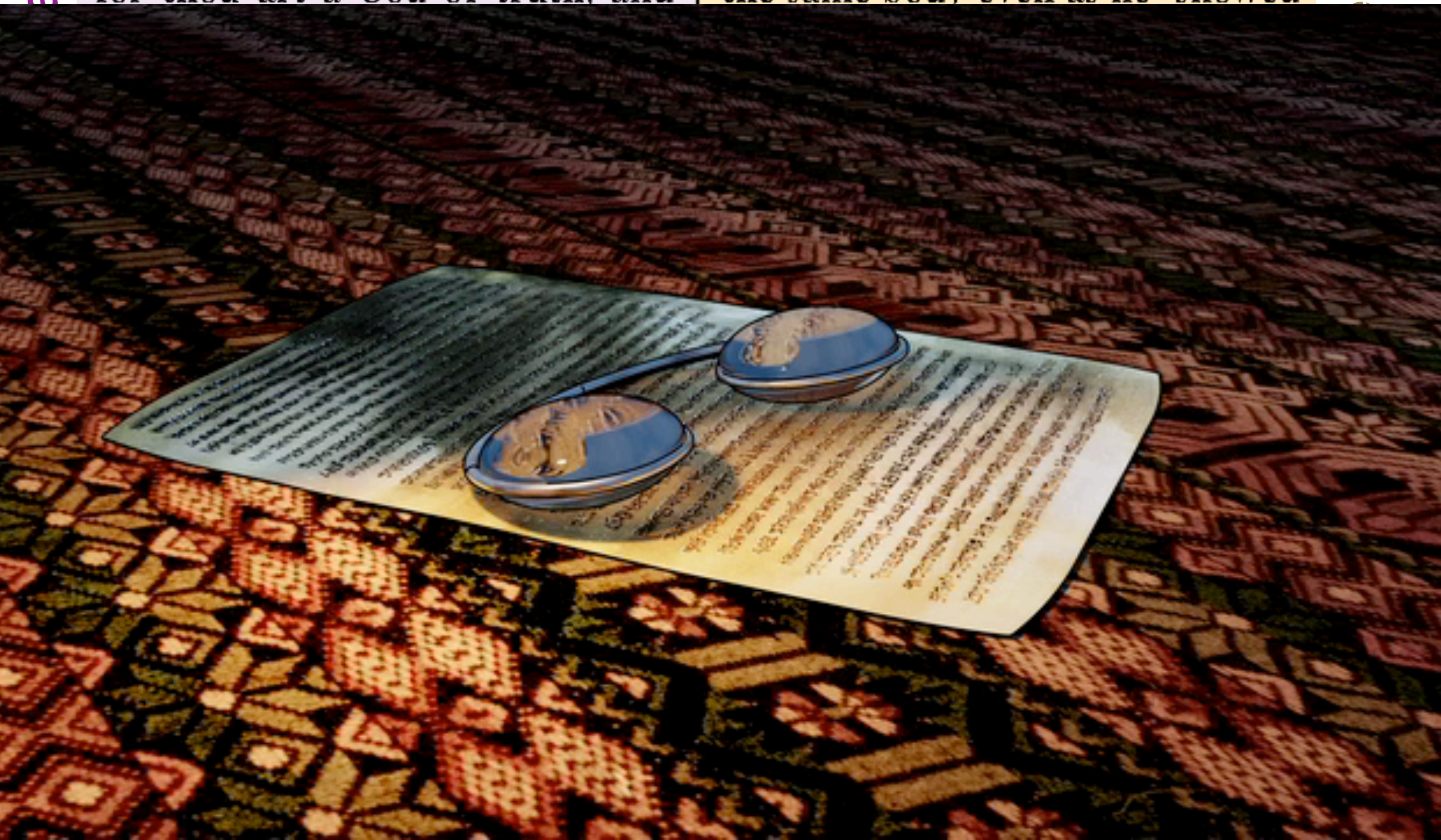
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me that I should seal them up; and he also hath commanded that I should seal up the interpretation thereof; wherefore I have sealed up the interpreters, according to the commandment of the Lord.

6 For the Lord said unto me: They shall not go forth unto the Gentiles until the day that they shall repent of their iniquity, and become clean before the Lord.

7 And in that day that they shall exercise faith in me, saith the Lord, even as the brother of Jared did, that they may become sanctified in me, then will I manifest unto them the things which the brother of Jared saw, even to the unfolding unto them all my revelations, saith Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of the heavens and of the earth, and all things that in them are.

8 And he that will contend against the word of the Lord, let him be accursed; and he that shall deny these things, let him be accursed; for unto them will I show no greater things, saith Jesus Christ; for I am he who speaketh.

9 And at my command the heavens are opened and are shut; and at my word the earth shall shake; and at my command the inhabitants thereof shall pass away, even so as by fire.

10 And he that believeth not my words believeth not my disciples; and if it so be that I do not speak, judge ye; for ye shall know that it is I that speaketh, at the last day.

11 But he that believeth these

things which I have spoken, him will I visit with the manifestations of my Spirit, and he shall know and bear record. For because of my Spirit he shall know that these things are true; for it persuadeth men to do good.

12 And whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do good is of me; for good cometh of none save it be of me. I am the same that leadeth men to all good; he that will not believe my words will not believe me—that I am; and he that will not believe me will not believe the Father who sent me. For behold, I am the Father, I am the light, and the life, and the truth of the world.

13 Come unto me, O ye Gentiles, and I will show unto you the greater things, the knowledge which is hid up because of unbelief.

14 Come unto me, O ye house of Israel, and it shall be made manifest unto you how great things the Father hath laid up for you, from the foundation of the world; and it hath not come unto you, because of unbelief.

15 Behold, when ye shall rend that veil of unbelief which doth cause you to remain in your awful state of wickedness, and hardness of heart, and blindness of mind, then shall the great and marvelous things which have been hid up from the foundation of the world from you—yea, when ye shall call upon the Father in my name, with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, then shall ye know that the Father hath

5a Dan. 12:9; 3 Ne. 26:9 (7-12, 18); Ether 5:1; D&C 17:6; 35:18; JS—H 1:65.

8a Job 9:3 (1-4); 3 Ne. 29:5 (1-9); Morm. 8:17. b 2 Ne. 27:14; 28:29 (29-31); 3 Ne. 28:34.

c TG Testimony. d Alma 3:12; Ether 5:3 (1-4); Moro. 10:4 (1-5). 12a Omni 1:25; Alma 5:40;

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remembered the covenant which he made unto your fathers, O house of Israel.

16 And then shall my revelations which I have caused to be written by my servant John be unfolded in the eyes of all the people. Remember, when ye see these things, ye shall know that the time is at hand that they shall be made manifest in very deed.

17 Therefore, when ye shall receive this record ye may know that the work of the Father has commenced upon all the face of the land.

18 Therefore, repent all ye ends of the earth, and come unto me, and believe in my gospel, and be baptized in my name; for he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned; and signs shall follow them that believe in my name.

19 And blessed is he that is found faithful unto my name at the last day, for he shall be lifted up to dwell in the kingdom prepared for him from the foundation of the world. And behold it is I that hath spoken it. Amen.

CHAPTER 5

Three witnesses and the work itself will stand as a testimony of the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon.

AND now I, Moroni, have written the words which were commanded me, according to my memory; and I have told you the things which I have sealed up; therefore touch them not in order that ye may translate; for that thing is forbidden

16a Rev. 1:1; 1 Ne. 14:23 (10-27)

the Name of. b Morm. 3:19

you, except by and by it shall be wisdom in God.

2 And behold, ye may be privileged that ye may show the plates unto those who shall assist to bring forth this work;

3 And unto three shall they be shown by the power of God; wherefore they shall know of a surety that these things are true.

4 And in the mouth of three witnesses shall these things be established; and the testimony of three, and this work, in the which shall be shown forth the power of God and also his word, of which the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost bear record—and all this shall stand as a testimony against the world at the last day.

5 And if it so be that they repent and come unto the Father in the name of Jesus, they shall be received into the kingdom of God.

6 And now, if I have no authority for these things, judge ye; for ye shall know that I have authority when ye shall see me, and we shall stand before God at the last day. Amen.

CHAPTER 6

The Jaredite barges are driven by the winds to the promised land—The people praise the Lord for His goodness—Orihah is appointed king over them—Jared and his brother die.

AND now I, Moroni, proceed to give the record of Jared and his brother.

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b D&C 5:25. c Ether 4:11 (6-11)





**“Furthermore, their testimony stands uncontradicted by any other witnesses. Reject it one may, but how does one explain three men of good character uniting and persisting in this published testimony to the end of their lives in the face of great ridicule and other personal disadvantage? Like the Book of Mormon itself, there is no better explanation than is given in the testimony itself, the solemn statement of good and honest men who told what they saw. ...**

**“... Witnesses are important, and the testimony of the Three Witnesses to the Book of Mormon is impressive and reliable”**

*(Elder Dallin H. Oaks in Conference Report, Apr. 1999, 46, 49; or “The Witness: Martin Harris,” Ensign, May 1999, 35–37).*