

**MORONI'S WORDS ON FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY
AND COMMENTARY ON JOSEPH'S SEED**
Ether 12-13

And it came to pass that the days of Ether were in the days of Coriantumr;
and Coriantumr was king over all the land. 2
And Ether was a prophet of the Lord;
wherefore Ether came forth in the days of Coriantumr,

- A and began to prophesy unto the people,
- B for he could not be restrained
- C because of the Spirit of the Lord which was in him. 3
- B For he did cry from the morning, even until the going down of the sun,
- A a exhorting the people to believe in God unto repentance
 - b lest they should be destroyed,
 - c saying unto them that by faith all things are fulfilled--4
- a Wherefore, whoso believeth in God
 - b might with surety hope for a better world,
 - c yea, even a place at the right hand of God,
which hope cometh of faith,
maketh an anchor to the souls of men,
which would make them sure and steadfast,
always abounding in good works,
being led to glorify God. 5

And it came to pass that Ether did prophesy great and marvelous things unto the people,
which they did not believe,
because they saw them not. 6

- And now, I, Moroni, would speak somewhat concerning these things; I would show unto the
world that faith is things which are hoped for and not seen;
wherefore, dispute not because ye see not,
for ye receive no witness until after the trial of your faith. 7
- a For it was by faith that Christ showed himself unto our fathers, after he had risen from the dead;
 - b and he showed not himself unto them until after they had faith in him;
 - b wherefore, it must needs be that some had faith in him,
- a for he showed himself not unto the world. 8
- a But because of the faith of men he has shown himself unto the world, and glorified the name of the
Father, and prepared a way that thereby
 - b others might be partakers of the heavenly gift,
 - c that they might hope for those things which they have not seen. 9
 - c Wherefore, ye may also have hope,
 - b and be partakers of the gift,
- a if ye will but have faith. 10

- a Behold it was by faith that
 - b they of old were called after the holy order of God. 11
 - c Wherefore, by faith
 - d was the law of Moses given.
 - e But in the gift of his Son
 - d hath God prepared a more excellent way;
 - c and it is by faith that it hath been fulfilled. 12
 - b For if there be no faith among the children of men God can do no miracle among them; wherefore, he showed not himself
 - a until after their faith. 13
- Behold, it was the faith of Alma and Amulek that caused the prison to tumble to the earth. 14
- Behold, it was the faith of Nephi and Lehi that wrought the change upon the Lamanites, that they were baptized with fire and with the Holy Ghost. 15
- Behold, it was the faith of Ammon and his brethren
 - which wrought so great a miracle among the Lamanites. 16
 - Yea, and even all they who wrought miracles wrought them by faith, even those who were before Christ and also those who were after. 17
- a And it was by faith that the three disciples
 - b obtained a promise
 - c that they should not taste of death;
 - b and they obtained not the promise
 - a until after their faith. 18
 - b And neither at any time hath any wrought miracles
 - a until after their faith;
 - a wherefore they first believed in the Son of God. 19 And there were many whose faith was so exceedingly strong, even before Christ came, who could not be kept from within the veil,
 - b but truly saw with their eyes the things which they had beheld with an eye of faith, and they were glad. 20
 - c₁ And behold, we have seen in this record that one of these was the brother of Jared; for so great was his faith in God, that when God put forth his finger
 - c₂ he could not hide it from the sight of the brother of Jared,
 - d₁ because of his word which he had spoken unto him, which word
 - d₂ he had obtained by faith. 21
 - c₁ And after the brother of Jared had beheld the finger of the Lord,
 - d₁ because of the promise which

- d₂ the brother of Jared had obtained by faith,
 - c₂ the Lord could not withhold anything from his sight;
 - b wherefore he showed him all things,
 - a for he could no longer be kept without the veil. 22
- And it is by faith that my fathers have obtained the promise that these things should come unto their brethren through the Gentiles; therefore the Lord hath commanded me, yea, even Jesus Christ. 23
- A And I said unto him: Lord, the Gentiles will mock at these things,
 - B because of our weakness in writing;
 - C₁ for Lord thou hast made us mighty in word by faith,
 - C₂ but thou hast not made us mighty in writing;
 - C₁ for thou hast made all this people that they could speak much, because of the Holy Ghost which thou hast given them; 24
 - C₂ And thou hast made us that we could write but little, because of the awkwardness of our hands.
 - D Behold, thou hast not made us mighty in writing like unto the brother of Jared, for thou madest him that the things which he wrote were mighty even as thou art, unto the overpowering of man to read them. 25
 - C₁ Thou hast also made our words powerful and great,
 - C₂ even that we cannot write them;
 - B wherefore, when we write we behold our weakness, and stumble because of the placing of our words;
- A and I fear lest the Gentiles shall mock at our words. 26
- A₁ And when I had said this, the Lord spake unto me, saying:
 - A₂ Fools mock, but they shall mourn;
 - B₁ and my grace is sufficient for the meek,
 - B₂ that they shall take no advantage of your weakness; 27
 - C And if men come unto me
 - D I will show unto them their weakness.
 - D I give unto men weakness
 - C that they may be humble;
- B₁ a and my grace is sufficient for all men
 - b that humble themselves before me;
 - b for if they humble themselves before me, and have faith in me,
 - a then will I make weak things become strong unto them. 28

B₂ Behold, I will show unto the Gentiles their weakness and I will show unto them that faith, hope and charity bringeth unto me--the fountain of all righteousness. 29

A₁ And I, Moroni, having heard these words, was comforted, and said:

A₂ O Lord, thy righteous will be done,

a for I know that thou workest unto the children of men according to their faith; 30

b For the brother of Jared said unto the mountain Zerin, Remove--and it was removed.

c And if he had not had faith

b it would not have moved;

a wherefore thou workest after men have faith. 31

a For thus didst thou manifest thyself unto thy disciples;

b for after they had faith,

b and did speak in thy name,

a thou didst show thyself unto them in great power. 32

a And I also remember that thou hast said that thou hast prepared

b a house for man, yea, even among the mansions of thy Father,

c in which man might have a more excellent hope;

c wherefore man must hope,

b or he cannot receive an inheritance in the place which

a thou hast prepared. 33

a And again, I remember that thou hast said that thou hast loved the world, even unto the laying down of thy life for the world, that thou mightest take it again to prepare

b a place for

c the children of men. 34

d And now I know that this love which thou hast had for the children of men is charity; wherefore, except men shall have charity

c they

b cannot inherit that place

a which thou hast prepared in the mansions of thy Father. 35

Wherefore, I know by this thing which thou hast said, that if the Gentiles have not charity, because of our weakness, that thou wilt prove them, and take away their talent, yea, even that which they have received, and give unto them who shall have more abundantly. 36

And it came to pass that I prayed unto the Lord that he would give unto the Gentiles grace, that they might have charity. 37

And it came to pass that the Lord said unto me:

If they have not charity it mattereth not unto thee,
thou hast been faithful; wherefore, thy garments shall be made clean. And because thou hast seen thy
weakness thou shalt be made strong, even unto the sitting down in the place which I have prepared in
the mansions of my Father. 38

And now I, Moroni, bid farewell unto the Gentiles, yea, and also unto my brethren whom I love, until we shall
meet before the judgment-seat of Christ, where all men shall know that my garments are not spotted with your
blood. 39 And then shall ye know that I have seen Jesus, and that he hath talked with me face to face, and that
he told me in plain humility, even as a man telleth another in mine own language, concerning these things;
40 And only a few have I written, because of my weakness in writing. 41

And now, I would commend you to seek this Jesus of whom the prophets and apostles have written, that the
grace of God the Father, and also the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, which beareth record of them,
may be and abide in you forever. Amen. 13:1

A And now I, Moroni, proceed to finish my record concerning the destruction of the people of whom I have
been writing. 2

B For behold, they rejected all the words of Ether;

C for he truly told them of all things, from the beginning of man;

D and that after the waters had receded from off the face of this land it became a choice
land above all other lands, a chosen land of the Lord;

E wherefore the Lord would have that all men should serve him

F who dwell upon the face thereof; 3

G And that it was the place of
the New Jerusalem,
which should come down out of heaven,
and the holy sanctuary of the Lord. 4
Behold, Ether saw the days of Christ,
and he spake concerning a New Jerusalem
upon this land. 5

H And he spake also concerning the house of Israel, and the
Jerusalem from whence Lehi should come--
after it should be destroyed it should be built up again, a
holy city unto the Lord;
wherefore, it could not be a new Jerusalem for it had
been in a time of old;
but it should be built up again, and become a holy city of the
Lord;
and it should be built unto the house of Israel. 6

I And that a New Jerusalem should be built upon this land,

J unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph,

K for which things there has been a type. 7

J For as Joseph brought
his father
down into the land of Egypt,
even so he died there;
wherefore, the Lord brought
a remnant of the seed of Joseph
out of the land of Jerusalem,

that he might be merciful unto
the seed of Joseph
that they should perish not,
even as he was merciful unto
the father of Joseph
that he should perish not. 8

I Wherefore, the remnant of the house of Joseph shall be built
upon this land; and it shall be a land of their inheritance;

H and they shall build up a holy city unto the Lord, like unto the
Jerusalem of old; and they shall no more be confounded, until the
end come when the earth shall pass away. 9

G And there shall be a new heaven and a new earth;
and they shall be like unto the old
save the old have passed away,
and all things have become new. 10
And then cometh the New Jerusalem;

F and blessed are they who dwell therein,

E for it is they whose garments are white through the blood of the Lamb;
and they are they who are numbered among the remnant of the seed of
Joseph,
who were of the house of Israel. 11
And then also cometh the Jerusalem of old;
and the inhabitants thereof,
blessed are they,
for they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb;

D and they are they who were scattered and gathered in from the four quarters of the earth,
and from the north countries, and are partakers of the fulfilling of the covenant which
God made with their father, Abraham. 12 And when these things come, bringeth to pass
the scripture which saith,
there are they
who were first,
who shall be last; and
there are they
who were last,
who shall be first. 13

C And I was about to write more, but I am forbidden; but great and marvelous were the
prophecies of Ether;

B but they esteemed him as naught, and cast him out; and he hid himself in the cavity of a rock by
day,

A and by night he went forth viewing the things which should come upon the people. 14 And as he dwelt
in the cavity of a rock he made the remainder of his record, viewing the destructions which came upon
the people, by night. 15

A And it came to pass that in that same year in which he was cast out from among the people there began
to be a great war among the people,

B for there were many who rose up, who were mighty men,

C and sought to destroy Coriantumr

D by their secret plans of wickedness, of which hath been spoken. 16

- E And now Coriantumr, having studied, himself, in all the arts of war and all the cunning of the world, wherefore he gave battle unto them who sought to destroy him. 17
- F But he repented not,
- G neither his fair sons nor daughters;
neither the fair sons and daughters of Cohor;
neither the fair sons and daughters of Corihor;
- F and in fine, there were none of the fair sons and daughters upon the face of the whole earth who repented of their sins. 18
- E Wherefore, it came to pass that in the first year that Ether dwelt in the cavity of a rock, there were many people who were slain by the sword
- D of those secret combinations,
- C fighting against Coriantumr that they might obtain the kingdom. 19
- B And it came to pass that the sons of Coriantumr
- A fought much and bled much. 20
- A And in the second year the word of the Lord came to Ether, that he should go
- B and prophesy unto Coriantumr that, if he would repent, and all his household, the Lord would give unto him his kingdom and spare the people-- 21
- C Otherwise they should be destroyed, and all his household save it were himself.
- D And he should only live to see the fulfilling of the prophecies which had been spoken concerning another people receiving the land for their inheritance; and Coriantumr should receive a burial by them;
- C and every soul should be destroyed save it were Coriantumr. 22
- B And it came to pass that Coriantumr repented not, neither his household, neither the people; and the wars ceased not;
- A and they sought to kill Ether, but he fled from before them and hid again in the cavity of the rock. 23
- And it came to pass that there arose up Shared, and he also gave battle unto Coriantumr; and he did beat him, insomuch that in the third year he did bring him into captivity. 24 And the sons of Coriantumr, in the fourth year, did beat Shared, and did obtain the kingdom again unto their father. 25
- A Now there began to be a war upon all the face of the land, every man with his band fighting for that which he desired. 26 And there were robbers, and in fine, all manner of wickedness upon all the face of the land. 27
- B And it came to pass that Coriantumr was exceedingly angry with Shared, and he went against him with his armies to battle; and they did meet in great anger, and they did meet in the valley of Gilgal;
and the battle became exceedingly sore. 28 And it came to pass that Shared fought against him for the space of three days.
- C And it came to pass that Coriantumr beat him,
- D and did pursue him until he came to the plains of Heshlon. 29

- D And it came to pass that Shared gave him battle again upon the plains;
- C and behold, he did beat Coriantumr,
- B and drove him back again to the valley of Gilgal. 30 And Coriantumr gave Shared battle again in the valley of Gilgal, in which he beat Shared and slew him. 31
And Shared wounded Coriantumr in his thigh, that he did not go to battle again for the space of two years,
- A in which time all the people upon the face of the land were shedding blood, and there was none to restrain them.