

**Wilt thou suffer that we shall cross this great water in darkness?**

Ether 2:16-25

And the Lord said: Go to work and build, after the manner of barges which ye have hitherto built. And it came to pass that the brother of Jared did go to work, and also his brethren, and built barges after the manner which they had built, according to the instructions of the Lord. And they were small, and they were light upon the water, even like unto the lightness of a fowl upon the water. 17

- A And they were built after a manner that  
 they were exceedingly tight, even that they would hold water like unto a dish;  
 and the bottom thereof was tight like unto a dish;  
 and the sides thereof were tight like unto a dish;  
     and the ends thereof were peaked;  
 and the top thereof was tight like unto a dish;  
     and the length thereof was the length of a tree;  
 and the door thereof, when it was shut, was tight like unto a dish. 18
- B And it came to pass that the brother of Jared cried unto the Lord, saying: O Lord, I have performed the work which thou hast commanded me, and I have made the barges according as thou hast directed me. 19 And behold, O Lord, in them there is no light; whither shall we steer?
- C And also we shall perish, for in them we cannot breathe, save it is the air which is in them;
- D therefore we shall perish. 20
- C And the Lord said unto the brother of Jared: Behold, thou shalt make a hole in the top, and also in the bottom; and when thou shalt suffer for air thou shalt unstop the hole and receive air. And if it be so that the water come in upon thee, behold, ye shall stop the hole, that ye may not perish in the flood. 21 And it came to pass that the brother of Jared did so, according as the Lord had commanded. 22
- B And he cried again unto the Lord saying: O Lord, behold I have done even as thou hast commanded me; and I have prepared the vessels for my people, and behold there is no light in them. Behold, O Lord, wilt thou suffer that we shall cross this great water in darkness? 23
- A a And the Lord said unto the brother of Jared: What will ye that I should do that ye may have light in your vessels? For behold, ye cannot have windows, for they will be dashed in pieces; neither shall ye take fire with you, for ye shall not go by the light of fire. 24
- b For behold, ye shall be as a whale in the midst of the sea; for the mountain waves shall dash upon you.
- c Nevertheless, I will bring you up again out of the depths of the sea;
- d for the winds  
     have gone forth out of my mouth,  
     and also the rains and the floods  
     have I sent forth. 25
- c And behold, I prepare you against these things;
- b for ye cannot cross this great deep save I prepare you against the waves of the sea, and the winds which have gone forth, and the floods which shall come.
- a Therefore what will ye that I should prepare for you that ye may have light when ye are swallowed up in the depths of the sea?