

past, and the people of that time, who inhabited America, and of whom the Book of Ether, in the Book of Mormon is an authentic account. In the art of writing in signs, symbols and hieroglyphics, the Jaredites were the first and greatest of all nations. The especial and high favor bestowed upon Mahonri Moriancumer, the head of the Jaredite nation, by the Almighty, resulted in their rising to a superior order of intelligence, so much so, that the Lord Almighty declared there should be no greater nation upon the earth than they. (Book of Mormon, page 517, v. 2.) Therefore, having the advantage of the light, received by direct communication with the Almighty, and a land entirely isolated from all other lands and nations, retaining the original language, and being educated in all the arts, sciences and mechanical skill of the day, the Jaredites soon became highly intellectual, wealthy and advanced in a high order of architectural skill; and in connection with their manner of recording—their history and events, by a system of hieroglyphical arrangement of signs, symbols, glyphs, moons and stars, comes in the important discovery mentioned as having been made in a pyramid in Lower Egypt something over 30 years ago and about 19 years after the Book of Mormon was published to the world. The glorious light of hidden monuments, which for ages have been entombed and shrouded with a mantle of obscurity have been reserved for the meridian of the nineteenth century to develop as testimony and evidence of the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon.

On entering this pyramid in Lower Egypt, there was discovered in one of its hidden recesses a table of stone, and upon its imperishable surface, was found recorded the knowledge of a country beyond the most distant islands of the eastern seas, and that this country or land was inhabited by a numerous, happy and highly intelligent people, and from whom a knowledge of the arts and sciences and the mysteries of writing by signs and symbols had been obtained. No other country answers to the land thus referred to but America and no other happy and highly educated people but the Jaredites. (See Millennium Star vol. 13, page 91.)

The histories of the times of the nations reaching through a period from the flood to the time that this pyramid was built, and had placed within it this "imperishable hieroglyphical written table of stone," make no claim as being the ones that taught the Egyptians, but on the other hand were taught by them. No history handed down of the above mentioned time reveals the existence of such an isolated, happy and prosperous nation of people, referred to upon this Egyptian table of stone, but the history of the Jaredites, recorded in the book of Ether in the Book of Mormon. To further establish the claim that this North American continent was in possession only of the Jaredites for a period reaching from the building of the tower to their overthrow about 585 years B. C., the Book of Mormon informs us that when Mulek landed on the shores of America and met with the last of the Jaredites, Coriantumr, that Coriantumr dwelt with the colony for the space of nine moons. Some time after this colony had united with the people of Nephi under King Mosiah, there was a stone with hieroglyphical writings upon its surface brought to King Mosiah, who interpreted the same by the gift and power of God. This stone record proved to be a short history of this same Coriantumr and his people, who descended from Jared and Mahonri Moriancumer, and those who at the time of the dispersion of mankind, were brought from the great tower across the water and landed on the shores of America. At the time of Mulek's landing, the whole face of the North American continent was strewn with the ruins of mighty cities, and a complete wreck of the whole land was before him, no trees left standing, no buildings, highways or palaces. Bleaching bones of men and animals met the gaze everywhere, and a silent desolation hovered over what was once a thriving nation and productive soil. North America remained in this condition for a period of 581 years, when in the 37th year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi, and 57 years B. C., the

Nephites, by thousands, took possession of the land northward or as it was called the Land of Desolation. By this it will be seen that the Jaredites inhabited America for some 18 centuries and, as has been stated, were most undoubtedly the builders of some of these seven pyramids mentioned as having been discovered in 1849 in America. The more positive becomes this conviction from the following discovery made upon the examination of one of these seven pyramids, which shows it to have been erected not far from 1,300 years B. C., and nine centuries after the Jaredites left the tower, and were numerous in the land of America.

The discoverer, in the closing of his article to the New York Herald, dated San Diego, California, Dec. 10th, 1849, makes the following assertions: "Enough has already been deciphered from the pyramid of comparatively later origin, to show that it was constructed not far from 1,300 years before the Christian era, and contains the well connected history of at least 100 years before and more than 400 years subsequent to its erection. \* \* \* In this way and in connection with numerous other inscriptions upon tablets, discovered in a place that seems to have been a repository of their records, a chain of incidents identical with, and which in fact, becomes their history, is traced down even to the second century of the Christian era, and closing with a record of events the most startling and truly terrible that ever befel any nation of intelligent, happy, but offensive people."

It is quite probable the Nephites knew of the existence of these pyramids, and added to the records on stone tablets their history during the second and third centuries, or previous to their overthrow, which took place in the 385th year of the Christian era. Fast are the revelations of the times rolling in; the great tidal wave of intellectual research continues to enlighten the people of the age, and brighten the surface of obscurity, and the Book of Mormon, confirmed and proven as it is by the continued discoveries of the times, stands a beacon light, a guide unto all people, the fullness of the everlasting gospel, unto Gentile and Jew, and every nation, kindred, tongue and people. The Book of Mormon, fulfilling as it does, the place prophetically allotted to it all the head of the dispensation of the fullness of times, unlocks the mysteries of the past, predicts events of the future, and in a warning voice appeals to the generations of the present age. Further evidences from the pyramids of Egypt and America will be given in the next chapter, corroborative of the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon.

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