

Noah. Melchisedec, then, had a channel through which the Priesthood reached back to the days of Noah; Abraham had another channel; and all possibility through which the Priesthood was continued back to the days of Noah. That was two channels. Any other one? Yes, Here is the Book of Mormon. It is the history of a certain righteous branch that lived on the earth in the days of the Tower of Babel after the days of Noah; and rather before the time of Abraham. Then somewhere had the priesthood in this world. Yes. Who was it? A person whose name is not given in the Book of Mormon. He is designated as the brother of a person whose name is Jared. How do you know that what he may have been a righteous man and yet not have had the

Lord though he has made promises to the chosen seed, though He has stated that it is the right of the first born among that chosen seed to claim the Priesthood, yet if they did not do it others might come and through their righteousness obtain it. Amen.

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Priesthood? I answer that without
 Priesthood and the ordinances
 thereof the power of godliness can-
 not be made manifest to man in the
 flesh. Did the power of godliness
 accompany those that were led
 away from the tower? I think so.
 2. What way? The way in which
 the Lord came down and talked with
 the brother of Jared in various ways
 until the Lord condescended to take
 upon him the form of man in the
 vision of Jared and he saw the finger
 of the Lord. He prayed still fur-
 ther, and he saw the personage of
 the Lord, the spirit of Jesus, not his
 flesh and bones, and Jesus appeared
 unto him in his bodily organization
 and said, "I am he that was pre-
 pared from the foundation of the
 world to redeem my people." This
 vision and all the things which
 the brother of Jared saw showed not only his fin-
 ish and redemption, but also his spiri-
 tual person, but also his body. Did
 the brother of Jared behold the
 face of this personage without being
 ministered unto by that everlasting
 light? I think not. And the ordinances
 were given through another channel through
 the Priesthood is handed
 down between the days of the Patri-
 arch Abraham; three different
 channels are here named. How
 the Priesthood that was con-
 ferred upon the brother of Jared
 perhaps upon other male mem-
 bers of the family, was not treated
 further than we read that
 along the various generations of
 Jaredites there were certain
 men whom the Son of Righteous-
 ness did appoint, and those to
 whom He appeared had the Priest-
 hood, otherwise no man could see
 the face of God and live.

But now let us leave the Jaredites
 and return to the days before
 Christ. We find that we find
 the name of Lehi who was
 led with the power of God. Was
 the Priesthood given to him? Why,
 we saw God upon his throne and
 we saw an innumerable com-
 pany of angels. Is not this an in-
 dication that Lehi by the ordination
 of the higher Priesthood had been
 sanctified? Did he feel the face of God
 and live? Did he appear to have
 conferred that Priesthood upon any
 sons? Yes. Nephi came upon the
 stage of action, and we read of
 beholding the Son of God. He
 was a virgin, saw Him when He
 was a child, saw Him in His min-
 istry among the inhabitants of Palestine,
 ministering in power and great glory
 to the land of His fathers. How
 the Redeemer, therefore he
 who have had the Priesthood or the
 ordinances thereof administered
 by the high Priesthood, by Lehi passed
 on. Then two of the brothers of
 Lehi, namely, Joseph and Jacob,
 saw the Redeemer's face as
 he had seen Him and as Lehi
 had seen Him, showing clearly
 that the power of the Priesthood
 administered unto them, and
 they never could have attained
 this blessing. By and by we
 read in the Book of Mormon
 that a Teton was built, and
 it was authorized to consecrate
 Joseph and Jacob, two of his
 brothers, to the Priesthood,
 to the Aaronic but to the high
 Priesthood that led men into the
 power of God. Read still further to
 see of Alma and see what is
 said about this Priesthood,
 the eternal Priesthood, the same as
 was conferred upon our father
 Adam. The same Priesthood was
 continued down upon the Prophets
 and Nephi that lived a little
 before the coming of Christ, by
 a priest who was to shake
 the power of God was clearly
 manifest. The Priesthood
 also conferred upon the twelve
 apostles, not the Aaronic, but the
 higher Priesthood, who conferred it
 upon the twelve apostles, and
 on, until the "days of Mormon
 Prophecy." That traces the Priest-
 hood in this western continent.

Now let us go back to the
 days of Abraham down to the days
 of Adam. The Lord ordained Abra-
 ham after His holy order by the
 power of Melchizedek. Did it stop
 in his lineage? No. It was
 continued down to you as great a name
 as any who could stand in the
 power of God and plead for pro-
 tection or help of you children,
 or you not pleased for the Priest-
 hood to be given to them? I think so.
 The Priesthood then was continued
 among the tribes of Israel
 from the time of Abraham down to
 the time they went in to Egypt.
 While they tarried in Egypt some
 four centuries. Why was
 the Priesthood ordained by that lineage?
 The lineage that led men into the
 power of God had another channel be-
 hind the Israelites. Jethro, the
 brother of Midian, ordained Moses.
 How might he have obtained it under
 the hands of some of his fathers,
 did not do it. Who was
 Melchizedek? They did not
 know to the descendants of Isaac,
 were not the lineage of Jacob,
 were not the children of Abraham,
 through his wife Keturah.
 The Priesthood in another
 another channel beside that
 channel ceased. Yes. Jethro
 ordained the Midianites enjoyed
 the Priesthood and it had been
 continued down through a legal suc-
 cessor not through Abraham,
 never received the Priest-
 hood through Abraham, that we
 have an account of him to be
 the Priesthood from Caleb,
 from Elhan, Elhan from Jere-
 miah from God. God re-
 ceived it under the hand of Elisha,
 under the days of Aba-
 ram received the Priest-
 hood of God, and con-
 ferred upon a succession of indi-
 viduals and finally went down
 through the lineage of the
 Midianite nation, and Jethro
 received this privilege. Jethro
 was a Midianite, a descendant of
 Moses, a descendant of
 Midian in Egypt might have
 been through the other channel,
 but he was a long time sepa-
 rated from his brethren and having
 permission to perform the Law
 of God to give it through
 him, we see that the

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