

Old Testament Lesson 2

“THOU WAST CHOSEN BEFORE THOU WAST BORN”

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1. We Existed as Intelligences prior to being Born as Spirit Children of God.

A. *D&C 93:29-30*: “Man was also in the beginning with God. Intelligence, or the Light of truth, was not created or made, neither indeed can be. All truth is independent in that sphere in which God has placed it, to act for itself, as all intelligence also; otherwise there is no existence.”

B. *D&C 88:40*: “Intelligence cleaveth unto intelligence. . . .”

C. *D&C 93:36*: “The glory of God is intelligence, or, in other words, light and truth.” [93:29-39]

D. *D&C 130:18*: “Whatever principle of intelligence we attain to in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection.” [130:18-19] Sections 130 and 93 are “definitions” revelations.

E. *Abra. 3:18-19*: “If there be two spirits, and one shall be *more intelligent* than the other, yet these two spirits, notwithstanding one is *more intelligent* than the other, have no beginning; they existed before, they shall have no end, they shall exist after, for they are gnolaum, or eternal.”

F. *Abra. 3:21*: {The Lord God:} “*I dwell in the midst of them all; . . . I rule in the heavens above, and in the earth beneath, . . . over all the intelligences* thine eyes have seen from the beginning; *I came down in the beginning in the midst of all the intelligences* thou hast seen.”

G. *Abra. 3:22*: “Now the Lord had shown unto me, Abraham, the *intelligences that were organized* before the world was; and among all these there were many of the noble and great ones:

H. *Abra. 3:23*: “And God saw these *souls* that they were good, and he stood in the midst of them, and he said: *These I will make my rulers*; for he stood *among those that were spirits*, and he saw that they were good. And he said unto me: Abraham, thou art one of them; *thou wast chosen before thou wast born.*”

1. *Jer. 1:5*: “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.”

2. *Al. 13:1-3*: “The Lord God ordained priests, after his holy order, which was after the order of his Son, to teach these things unto the people. . . . this is the manner after which they were ordained—*being called and prepared from the foundation of the world according to the foreknowledge of God*, on account of their exceeding faith and good works; . . .” [Al. 13:1-13]

3. *D&C 138:36-56*: Many of the “noble and great ones who were chosen at the beginning to be rulers in the Church of God” are listed: (1) Adam, (2) Eve, (3) “many of her faithful daughters,” (4) Abel, (5) Seth, (6) Noah, (7) Shem, (8) Abraham, (9) Isaac, (10) Jacob, (11) Moses, (12) Isaiah, (13) Ezekiel, (14) Daniel, (15) Elias, (16) Malachi, (17) Elijah, (18)

“many

more, even the prophets who dwelt among the Nephites,” (19) Joseph Smith, (20) Hyrum Smith, (21) Brigham Young, (22) John Taylor, (23) Wilford Woodruff, (24) “other choice spirits who were reserved to come forth in the fulness of times to take part in the laying the foundations of the great latter-day work.”

I. **President Ezra Taft Benson**: “God has held you in reserve to make your appearance in the final days before the second coming of the Lord. Some individuals will fall away; but the kingdom of God will remain intact to welcome the return of its head—even Jesus Christ. While our generation will be comparable in wickedness to the days of Noah, when the Lord cleansed the earth by flood, there is a major difference this time. It is that God has saved for the final inning some of His strongest children, who will help bear off the kingdom triumphantly. . . . Make no mistake about it—you are a marked generation. There has never been more expected of the faithful in such a short period of time than there is of us.” [*The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson*, 1988, pp. 104-05]

J. See D.S.Crowther, *Life Everlasting*, revised edition, pp. 81-127, for many profound insights

concerning the nature of intelligences, the birth of spirits, and pre-mortal training we received.

2. God dwells “nigh unto Kolob” and has told us about his dwelling place.

A. *Abra. 3:2*: “I saw the stars, that they were very great, and that one of them was nearest unto the throne of God; and there were many great ones which were near to it.”

B. *Abra. 3:3*: “These are the governing ones; and the name of the great one is *Kolob*, because it is near unto me, . . . I have set this one to *govern all those which belong to the same order as that upon which thou standest.*”

C. *Abra. 3:4*: “Kolob was after the manner of the Lord, according to its times and seasons in the revolutions thereof; that one revolution was a day unto the Lord, after his manner of reckoning, it being one thousand years according to the time appointed unto that whereon thou standest. This is the reckoning of the Lord’s time, according to the reckoning of Kolob.” (See *Abra. 3:3-9, 13, 16, 5:13*)

D. *Abra. 3:5-9*: An explanation of the planetary “gear system of rotations”: (1) Kolob, apparently, is “the planet which is set to rule the day” [vv. 4, 6] (2) there is another “planet which is the lesser light,” [v. 5], which is “set to rule the night” [v. 6] ; (3) “there shall be [yet] another planet whose reckoning of time shall be longer still” [v. 8] {between earth and Kolob?}.

E. *D&C 130:6-8*: “Angels . . . reside in the presence of God, on a globe like a sea of glass and fire, where all things for their glory are manifest, past, present, and future, and are continually before the Lord. The place where God resides is a great Urim and Thummim.” [130:4-11]

3. Astronomical Lessons from “A Facsimile from the Book of Abraham,” No. 2

(following *Abraham*, p. 35)

A. *Fig. 1: Kolob* (1) signifies the first creation. (2) It is the nearest star to the celestial residence of God. (3) It is first in [planetary?] government, the last [slowest revolving?] according to the measurement of time. (4) One day in Kolob is equal to a thousand years on this earth. (5) The Egyptians called [the time measurement?] of this earth Jah-oh-eh.

B. *Fig. 2: Oliblish* (1) is the star nearest to Kolob. (2) It is the “next grand governing creation near to the celestial or the place where God resides.” (3) It also holds the key to power pertaining to other planets. (3) It is equal with Kolob in its revolution and in its measuring of time. [*Fig. 4*]

C. *Fig. 4: Raukeeyang* (1) is the “expanse,” or the “firmament of the heavens.” (2) It functions according to the measuring of the time of Oliblish, which is equal with Kolob in its revolution and measuring of time.

D. *Fig. 5: Enish-go-on-dosh*: (1) One of the governing planets. (2) The Egyptians say it is the Sun, (2) that it borrows its light from Kolob (3) through the medium of Kae-e-vanrash, (4) which is the grand Key, or the governing power, (5) which governs fifteen other fixed planets or stars, (6) as also Floeese or the Moon, the Earth and the Sun in their annual revolutions. (7) This planet receives its power through the stars represented in *Fig. 22 & 23*, receiving light from the revolutions of Kolob.

E. “The Milky-Way Galaxy is an oval 10,000 light-years deep, and 100,000 light-years long, with a potential of 1 million solar systems like ours, and scientists estimate there are probably 100,000,000 galaxies in the universe. Light travels 186,000 miles per second (or 7 ½ times around the equator). A light year is how far light travels at that rate in a year.” [Marginal note written in Jean Crowther’s *Pearl of Great Price*, Moses 1]

