

SELECTIONS FROM THE  
BOOK OF MOSES

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CHAPTER 1

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*God reveals Himself to Moses—Moses is transfigured—He is confronted by Satan—Moses sees many inhabited worlds—Worlds without number were created by the Son—God’s work and glory is to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.*

1 The words of God, which he <sup>a</sup>spake unto Moses at a time when Moses was caught up into an exceedingly high <sup>b</sup>mountain,

2 And he <sup>a</sup>saw God <sup>b</sup>face to face, and he <sup>c</sup>talked with him, and the <sup>d</sup>glory of God was upon Moses; therefore Moses could endure his presence.

3 And God spake unto Moses, saying: Behold, I am the Lord God <sup>a</sup>Almighty, and <sup>b</sup>Endless is my <sup>c</sup>name; for I am without beginning of days or end of years; and is not this endless?

4 And, behold, thou art my son; wherefore <sup>a</sup>look, and I will show thee the <sup>b</sup>workmanship of mine <sup>c</sup>hands; but not all, for my <sup>d</sup>works are without <sup>e</sup>end, and also my <sup>f</sup>words, for they never cease.

5 Wherefore, no man can behold all my <sup>a</sup>works, except he behold all my <sup>b</sup>glory; and no man can <sup>c</sup>behold all my <sup>d</sup>glory, and afterwards remain in the flesh on the earth.

6 And I have a work for thee, Moses, my son; and thou art in the <sup>a</sup>similitude of mine <sup>b</sup>Only <sup>c</sup>Begotten; and mine Only Begotten is and shall be the <sup>d</sup>Savior, for he is full of <sup>e</sup>grace and <sup>f</sup>truth; but there is <sup>g</sup>no God beside me, and all things are present with me, for I <sup>h</sup>know them all.

7 And now, behold, this one thing I show unto thee, Moses, my son, for thou art in the world, and now I show it unto thee.

8 And it came to pass that Moses looked, and beheld the <sup>a</sup>world upon which he was created; and Moses <sup>b</sup>beheld the world and the ends thereof, and all the children of men which are, and which were created; of the same he greatly <sup>c</sup>marveled and wondered.

9 And the <sup>a</sup>presence of God withdrew from Moses, that his <sup>b</sup>glory was not upon Moses; and Moses was left unto himself. And as he was left unto himself, he <sup>c</sup>fell unto the earth.

10 And it came to pass that it was for the space of many hours before Moses did again receive his natural <sup>a</sup>strength like unto man; and he said unto himself: Now, for this cause I know that <sup>b</sup>man is <sup>c</sup>nothing, which thing I never had supposed.

11 But now mine own eyes have <sup>a</sup>beheld God; but not my <sup>b</sup>natural, but my <sup>c</sup>spiritual eyes, for my <sup>d</sup>natural eyes could not have <sup>e</sup>beheld; for I should have

<sup>f</sup>withered and <sup>g</sup>died in his presence; but his <sup>h</sup>glory was upon me; and I beheld his <sup>i</sup>face, for I was <sup>j</sup>transfigured before him.

12 And it came to pass that when Moses had said these words, behold, <sup>a</sup>Satan came <sup>b</sup>tempting him, saying: Moses, son of man, worship me.

13 And it came to pass that Moses looked upon Satan and said: Who art thou? For behold, I am a <sup>a</sup>son of God, in the similitude of his Only Begotten; and where is thy <sup>b</sup>glory, that I should worship thee?

14 For behold, I could not look upon God, except his <sup>a</sup>glory should come upon me, and I were transfigured before him. But I <sup>b</sup>can look upon thee in the natural man. Is it not so, surely?

15 Blessed be the name of my God, for his <sup>a</sup>Spirit hath not altogether withdrawn from me, or else where is thy glory, for it is darkness unto me? And I can judge between thee and God; for God said unto me: <sup>b</sup>Worship God, for him only shalt thou <sup>c</sup>serve.

16 Get thee hence, Satan; deceive me not; for God said unto me: Thou art after the <sup>a</sup>similitude of mine Only Begotten.

17 And he also gave me commandments when he <sup>a</sup>called unto me out of the burning <sup>b</sup>bush, saying: <sup>c</sup>Call upon God in the name of mine Only Begotten, and worship me.

18 And again Moses said: I will not cease to call upon God, I have other things to inquire of him: for his <sup>a</sup>glory has been upon me, wherefore I can judge between him and thee. <sup>b</sup>Depart hence, Satan.

19 And now, when Moses had said these words, <sup>a</sup>Satan cried with a loud voice, and ranted upon the earth, and commanded, saying: I am the <sup>b</sup>Only Begotten, worship me.

20 And it came to pass that Moses began to <sup>a</sup>fear exceedingly; and as he began to fear, he saw the bitterness of <sup>b</sup>hell. Nevertheless, <sup>c</sup>calling upon God, he received <sup>d</sup>strength, and he commanded, saying: Depart from me, Satan, for this one God only will I worship, which is the God of <sup>e</sup>glory.

21 And now Satan began to tremble, and the earth shook; and Moses received strength, and called upon God, saying: In the name of the Only Begotten, <sup>a</sup>depart hence, <sup>b</sup>Satan.

22 And it came to pass that Satan cried with a loud voice, with weeping, and wailing, and <sup>a</sup>gnashing of teeth; and he departed hence, even from the presence of Moses, that he beheld him not.

23 And now of this thing Moses bore record; but because of <sup>a</sup>wickedness it is <sup>b</sup>not had among the children of men.

24 And it came to pass that when Satan had departed from the presence of Moses, that Moses lifted up his eyes unto heaven, being filled with the <sup>a</sup>Holy Ghost, which beareth record of the Father and the Son;

25 And calling upon the name of God, he beheld his <sup>a</sup>glory again, for it was upon him; and he heard a <sup>b</sup>voice, saying: Blessed art thou, Moses, for I, the Almighty,

have <sup>c</sup>chosen thee, and thou shalt be made stronger than many <sup>d</sup>waters; for they shall obey thy <sup>e</sup>command as if thou wert <sup>f</sup>God.

26 And lo, I am <sup>a</sup>with thee, even unto the end of thy days; for thou shalt <sup>b</sup>deliver my people from <sup>c</sup>bondage, even <sup>d</sup>Israel my <sup>e</sup>chosen.

27 And it came to pass, as the voice was still speaking, Moses cast his eyes and <sup>a</sup>beheld the earth, yea, even all of it; and there was not a particle of it which he did not behold, <sup>b</sup>discerning it by the <sup>c</sup>Spirit of God.

28 And he beheld also the inhabitants thereof, and there was not a <sup>a</sup>soul which he beheld not; and he discerned them by the Spirit of God; and their numbers were great, even numberless as the sand upon the sea shore.

29 And he beheld many lands; and each land was called <sup>a</sup>earth, and there were <sup>b</sup>inhabitants on the face thereof.

30 And it came to pass that Moses called upon God, saying: <sup>a</sup>Tell me, I pray thee, why these things are so, and by what thou madest them?

31 And behold, the glory of the Lord was upon Moses, so that Moses stood in the presence of God, and talked with him <sup>a</sup>face to face. And the Lord God said unto Moses: For mine own <sup>b</sup>purpose have I made these things. Here is <sup>c</sup>wisdom and it remaineth in me.

32 And by the <sup>a</sup>word of my power, have I created them, which is mine Only Begotten Son, who is full of <sup>b</sup>grace and truth.

33 And <sup>a</sup>worlds without number have I <sup>b</sup>created; and I also created them for mine own purpose; and by the <sup>c</sup>Son I <sup>d</sup>created them, which is mine <sup>e</sup>Only Begotten.

34 And the <sup>a</sup>first man of all men have I called <sup>b</sup>Adam, which is <sup>c</sup>many.

35 But only an account of this earth, and the inhabitants thereof, give I unto you. For behold, there are many worlds that have passed away by the word of my power. And there are many that now stand, and innumerable are they unto man; but all things are numbered unto me, for they are mine and I <sup>a</sup>know them.

36 And it came to pass that Moses spake unto the Lord, saying: Be merciful unto thy servant, O God, and <sup>a</sup>tell me concerning this earth, and the inhabitants thereof, and also the heavens, and then thy servant will be content.

37 And the Lord God spake unto Moses, saying: The <sup>a</sup>heavens, they are many, and they cannot be numbered unto man; but they are numbered unto me, for they are mine.

38 And as one earth shall pass away, and the heavens thereof even so shall another come; and there is no <sup>a</sup>end to my works, neither to my words.

39 For behold, this is my <sup>a</sup>work and my <sup>b</sup>glory—to bring to pass the <sup>c</sup>immortality and <sup>d</sup>eternal <sup>e</sup>life of man.

40 And now, Moses, my son, I will speak unto thee concerning this earth upon which thou standest; and thou shalt <sup>a</sup>write the things which I shall speak.

41 And in a day when the children of men shall esteem my words as <sup>a</sup>naught and <sup>b</sup>take many of them from the <sup>c</sup>book which thou shalt write, behold, I will raise up

another <sup>d</sup>like unto thee; and they shall be <sup>e</sup>had again among the children of men—among as many as shall believe.

42 (These words were <sup>a</sup>spoken unto Moses in the mount, the name of which shall not be known among the children of men. And now they are spoken unto you. Show them not unto any except them that believe. Even so. Amen.)

- 1a Alma 12:30; Moses 1:42.
- 1b Ex. 19:3; Ezek. 40:2; Rev. 21:10; Moses 1:42.
- 2a Ex. 3:6; 33:20 (11–23); John 1:18; Ether 3:15; Moses 1:11. TG God, Privilege of Seeing; Jesus Christ, Appearances, Antemortal; Vision.
- 2b Num. 12:8; Deut. 34:10; D&C 17:1. TG God, Manifestations of.
- 2c Ex. 25:1. TG Communication.
- 2d Deut. 5:24; Moses 1:14 (13–14, 25). TG Glory; God, Glory of; Transfiguration.
- 3a Rev. 19:6. TG Jesus Christ, Power of.
- 3b Isa. 63:16; D&C 19:10 (9–12); Moses 7:35. TG God, Eternal Nature of.
- 3c Ex. 3:15.
- 4a Moses 7:4.
- 4b Job 9:12.
- 4c Moses 7:32 (32–37).
- 4d Ps. 40:5; 92:5; Morm. 9:16 (16–20); D&C 76:114. TG God, Power of.
- 4e Ps. 111:8 (7–8); 1 Ne. 14:7; D&C 29:33; Moses 1:38.
- 4f Ps. 33:11; 2 Ne. 9:16; D&C 1:38 (37–39).
- 5a TG God, Works of.
- 5b TG Glory; Jesus Christ, Glory of.
- 5c TG God, Privilege of Seeing.
- 5d Ex. 24:17; John 12:41. TG Celestial Glory.
- 6a Gen. 1:26; Deut. 18:15; Acts 3:22; 1 Ne. 22:21; Moses 1:16 (13–16).
- 6b Moses 1:33.
- 6c Moses 6:57.
- 6d 1 Ne. 13:40. TG Jesus Christ, Savior.
- 6e John 1:17 (14, 17); 2 Ne. 2:6; Alma 13:9. TG Grace.
- 6f Moses 5:7.
- 6g Deut. 32:17; 1 Kgs. 8:60; Isa. 44:8; 45:5 (5–22); 46:9.
- 6h Isa. 48:3 (3–7); 1 Ne. 9:6; Moses 1:35. TG God, Foreknowledge of; God, Omniscience of.
- 8a Moses 2:1.  
Moses 1:27.

- 8b Ps. 8:3 (3–4).  
8c
- 9a Job 10:12.
- 9b TG Glory.
- 9c Isa. 6:5; Acts 9:4; JS—H 1:20.
- 10a Dan. 10:8 (8, 17); 1 Ne. 17:47; 19:20; Alma 27:17.
- 10b TG Mortality.
- 10c Job 42:6 (1–6); Dan. 4:35; Hel. 12:7; Ether 3:2. TG Humility.
- 11a Moses 1:2. TG God, Privilege of Seeing.
- 11b Moses 6:36.
- 11c Moses 1:31.
- 11d Ex. 33:20.
- 11e D&C 67:10 (10–13).
- 11f Ex. 19:21; D&C 67:11 (11–13).
- 11g Ex. 20:19.
- 11h TG Glory.
- 11i Gen. 32:30; Moses 7:4.
- 11j Matt. 17:2 (1–8); D&C 137:1. TG Transfiguration.
- 12a Moses 4:4 (1, 4). TG Devil.
- 12b Luke 4:2 (1–13); 2 Cor. 11:14 (13–15); Rev. 12:9 (7–9); 2 Ne. 1:18 (17–18);  
Moses 1:21; 6:49.
- 13a Job 1:6; Isa. 14:12 (12–15).
- 13b D&C 88:24.
- 14a Moses 1:2 (2, 25). TG Glory.
- 14b Rev. 1:17.
- 15a TG God, Spirit of.
- 15b Matt. 4:10. TG Worship.
- 15c 1 Sam. 7:3; 3 Ne. 13:24.
- 16a Moses 1:6. TG God, Body of, Corporeal Nature.
- 17a Ex. 19:3.
- 17b Ex. 3:2 (2–15).
- 17c Moses 5:8.
- 18a TG Glory; Jesus Christ, Glory of.
- 18b Matt. 4:10.
- 19a TG False Christs.
- 19b JS—M 1:6 (5–9).

- 20a TG Fearful.
- 20b D&C 76:47 (44–47). TG Hell.
- 20c JS—H 1:16 (15–16). TG Prayer.
- 20d TG God, Power of; Strength.
- 20e TG Glory.
- 21a Moses 1:12.
- 21b Matt. 10:1. TG Spirits, Evil or Unclean.
- 22a Matt. 13:42 (41–42); Mosiah 16:2 (1–3).
- 23a Luke 11:52. TG Record Keeping.
- 23b Moses 1:41.
- 24a 3 Ne. 11:32 (32, 36); Moses 8:24.
- 25a TG Glory.
- 25b Hel. 5:30; 3 Ne. 11:3.
- 25c Abr. 3:23.
- 25d Ex. 14:21.
- 25e TG Priesthood, Authority.
- 25f Ex. 4:16.
- 26a TG Walking with God.
- 26b Ex. 3:10 (7–12). TG Israel, Deliverance of.
- 26c Ex. 20:2; Ps. 80:8; 1 Ne. 17:23 (23–25). TG Israel, Bondage of, in Egypt.
- 26d 1 Kgs. 8:53 (51, 53). TG Israel, Twelve Tribes of.
- 26e Ps. 33:12.
- 27a D&C 88:47 (45–47); Moses 1:8; 7:23; Abr. 3:21 (21–23). TG Vision.
- 27b TG Discernment, Spiritual; Holy Ghost, Mission of.
- 27c TG God, Spirit of.
- 28a Moses 7:23.
- 29a Gen. 1:10. TG Earth, Dividing of.
- 29b 1 Ne. 17:36.
- 30a Moses 2:1.
- 31a Deut. 5:4; Moses 1:11.
- 31b Isa. 45:18 (17–18); Eph. 3:11 (7–12); 2 Ne. 2:15 (14–30). TG Earth, Purpose of.
- 31c TG God, Intelligence of.
- 32a John 1:3 (1–4); Heb. 1:2 (1–3); Rev. 19:13 (13–15); Jacob 4:9; Moses 2:1 (1, 5). TG Jesus Christ, Authority of.

- 32b MOSES 3:1 (1-6). TG Grace.
- 33a Job 9:9 (7-9); Ps. 8:3 (3-4); Amos 9:6; D&C 76:24; Moses 7:30 (29-31).  
TG Astronomy; Creation; God, Works of; World.
- 33b TG God, Creator.
- 33c TG Jesus Christ, Divine Sonship; Jesus Christ, Jehovah.
- 33d TG Jesus Christ, Creator.
- 33e Moses 1:6.
- 34a Moses 3:7.
- 34b Abr. 1:3. TG Adam.
- 34c 1 Cor. 15:45 (45-48); 2 Ne. 2:20 (19-20); D&C 27:11; 76:24; 138:38; Moses 4:26; 6:9.
- 35a 1 Ne. 9:6; D&C 38:2; 88:41; Moses 1:6; 7:36; Abr. 3:2 (1-16). TG God, Omniscience of.
- 36a Moses 2:1.
- 37a Gen. 1:1; Moses 2:1; Abr. 4:1. TG Heaven.
- 38a Moses 1:4.
- 39a Ps. 90:16; Matt. 5:48; Rom. 8:17 (14-21); 2 Ne. 2:15 (14-30); Alma 42:26; D&C 29:43 (42-44). TG God, Works of.
- 39b Micah 2:9; Mosiah 4:12; D&C 81:4 (3-4). TG Glory; Jesus Christ, Glory of.
- 39c Moses 6:59. TG Immortality; Jesus Christ, Mission of; Resurrection.
- 39d TG Eternal Life; Man, Potential to Become like Heavenly Father.
- 39e TG Earth, Purpose of.
- 40a Neh. 13:1 (1-3); 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Ne. 29:11 (11-12).
- 41a Moses 1:23.
- 41b 1 Ne. 13:26 (23-32).
- 41c Ex. 17:14; 1 Ne. 5:11; 19:23.
- 41d 2 Ne. 3:9 (7-19).
- 41e 1 Ne. 13:32, 39-40; D&C 9:2.
- 42a Moses 1:1.