

Abraham, these two facts exist, behold thine eyes see it; it is given unto thee to know the times of reckoning, and the set time, yea, the set time of the earth upon which thou standest, and the set time of the greater light which is set to rule the day, and the set time of the lesser light which is set to rule the night.

7. Now the set time of the lesser light is a longer time as to its reckoning than the reckoning of the time of the earth upon which thou standest.

8. And where these two facts exist, there shall be another fact above them, that is, there shall be another planet whose reckoning of time shall be longer still;

9. And thus there shall be the reckoning of the time of one planet above another, until thou come nigh unto Kolob, which Kolob is after the reckoning of the Lord's

time; which Kolob is set nigh unto the throne of God, to govern all those planets which belong to the same order as that upon which thou standest.

10. And it is given unto thee to know the set time of all the stars that are set to give light, until thou come near unto the throne of God.

11. Thus I, Abraham, talked with the Lord, face to face, as one man talketh with another; and he told me of the works which his hands had made;

12. And he said unto me: My son, my son (and his hand was stretched out), behold I will show you all these. And he put his hand upon mine eyes, and I saw those things which his hands had made, which were many; and they multiplied before mine eyes, and I could not see the end thereof.

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discerned the wonderful truths herein recorded. The voice of the Lord accompanied the scenes presented to his vision, describing them to Abraham almost in detail.

The great astronomical truths revealed by God to Abraham are so vast in their extent, so inclusive that the human mind without divine help cannot grasp their import; the knowledge imparted by them so apperceptive, that no uninspired man ever searched out their depths or ascended their glorious heights.

We learn through Abraham's vision that the great planets spoken of in the preceding verses control all others in their revolutions, or in other words are the centers around which the others revolve. As the moon revolves around the earth, and the earth with the other primary and secondary planets belonging to this solar system revolve around the sun, so has the sun a center around which it, with all its earths and moons, revolves, while this grand center has a governing planet also, a sun or world around which it, with all its attendant systems of suns and worlds, revolves, and so on until we reach to Kolob, *the nearest unto the throne of God*, which is the grand center which governs all the suns and systems of suns "which belong to the same order" as our earth and those that move with it.

Concerning the greatest of these celestial orbs, the Book of Abraham teaches us, that,

Kolob is the greatest of all the stars which Abraham saw.

It is so because it is nearest to the residence of God.

It is nigh unto the throne of God.

13. And he said unto me: This is Shinehah, which is the sun. And he said unto me: Kokob, which is star. And he said unto me: Olea, which is the moon. And he said unto me: Kokaubeam, which signifies stars, or all the great lights, which were in the firmament of heaven.

14. And it was in the night time when the Lord spake these words unto me: I will multiply thee, and thy seed after thee, like unto these; and if thou canst count the number of sands, so shall be the number of thy seeds.

It governs all the planets which belong to the same order as the earth.

It is after the reckoning of the Lord's time.

It is after the manner of the Lord according to its times and seasons and the revolutions thereof.

One revolution is one day with the Lord.

One day, in Kolob, is equal to a thousand years according to the measurement of time of this earth.

Kolob signifies first creation.

It is the first in government, and last pertaining to the measurement of time. The measurement according to Celestial time signifies one day to a cubit.

VERSES 13-14. *I will multiply thee, and thy seed after thee, like unto these.* Abraham saw the Lord stretch forth His hand as if to encompass all His Creations. "My son, My son," He said to Abraham, "behold I will show you all these." The number of God's Creations multiplied before Abraham's astonished eyes. Of the stars and their attendant planets he saw no end.

Abraham, no doubt, was profoundly moved by the things which the Lord showed him, and in wonderment looked upon the immensity of God's Creations. However he was undaunted by the perplexities that rose in his mind, but the Lord seeing Abraham's perturbation, hastened to identify and explain to him so that Abraham understood many of the stars and planets that moved in their heavenly courses. First, the Lord drew Abraham's attention to the sun, which He said is *SHINEHAH*; and *KOLOB*, which is star; *OLEA*, the moon, and *KOKAUBEAM*, which signifies stars, or "all the great lights which were in the firmament of heaven."

God's servant was so engrossed in the things he saw and so enrapt with their majesty, that not until that moment did Abraham realize that it was nighttime. In the surrounding darkness which the curtains of night drew about him, he saw God's innumerable Creations as bright shining objects in a dark sky. Abraham could not