

Discussion 2

Purpose of the Plates of Brass

(According to the Plates of Brass)

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Objectives:

- Become informed about the method of translation and other events surrounding the coming forth of the plates of brass
- Read and consider the Title Page (which was translated from the ancient record)

Reading:

Revelation on the Plates of Brass	
Doctrines of Saints - Section 126	Discussion Ideas
<p><i>Revelation given to David Ferriman, June 21, 2021. David had prayed, asking for witnesses to the plates of brass he had been called to translate. The Lord responded with the following.</i></p>	
<p>1. My son, Thus saith the Lord unto His people, even Israel: When thou did covenant to keep my Torah and my mitzvah thou did so as one, my child, and thou came to life, being filled with my Breath, yea, even the Holy Spirit;</p>	<p>Torah is usually translated as "Law" but could also be translated "way of life".</p>
<p>2. And as thou moved forward ye did abandon my Torah and my mitzvah for the calf of gold that came from out of that fire:</p>	<p>Mitzvah is usually translated as "commandment(s)"</p>
<p>3. And behold! Ye did repent, yet not out of faith but by fear; yea, I did give thee of that which is good, and ye did spit it out, and turned it away as ye thought it bitter and ye longed for the fine things of Egypt.</p>	
<p>4. But not all, for I did send my prophets to teach thee, and to guide thee, and to save thee, O my rebellious child;</p>	
<p>5. For the love of a parent is unconditional, and so it is that I will always make for thee a way back.</p>	
<p>6. And now behold, here in the last days I have sent mine angel, Moroni, to sound the trump and to bring forth the everlasting gospel,</p>	

<p>7. That it may be preached unto all that dwell upon the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people: for the whole earth, she is mine.</p> <p>8. And what is this good news? Behold, it is the very same Gospel that thou, my Israel, did speak and say, with one voice: All that YHVH hath spoken we will do.</p>	
<p>9. And thus I did make thee a nation of kings and queens, and a nation of priests and priestesses; yea, even so did I make thee a holy nation,</p> <p>10. And from thee I was born, even Jesus Christ: the King of kings, the Creator of the heavens and of the earth:</p> <p>11. But ye did not keep my Torah, nor my mitzvah, for ye sought out the vain things of this world; and ye did seek for the treasures of this world, and the knowledge of this world, and the wisdom of this world:</p> <p>12. Yea, ye did not leave Egypt behind.</p>	
<p>13. Wherefore, I did create a way back for thee, for I love Israel, my child; and so did I send ye out into that world that ye desired, yet I prepared a way back for thee that thou might come home;</p> <p>14. And thus was the record of the Lehites kept, even the Book of Mormon, that my Gospel should be restored at the last days.</p>	
<p>15. And some have asked: why then should they keep this record if my servant Joseph Smith Jr. should not read it, but keep it covered by his side and gather its words from visions I did give him by means of a stone that shone brightly in the darkness of his hat?</p> <p>16. Yea, the record was kept as a testimony of that people, and that the gifts of my Spirit, that of prophecy and revelation, should be restored again upon the earth;</p> <p>17. Yea, the plates of gold were given to those who were witnesses of the book, and others have seen it since, and others shall see it also, for there is more written upon it than my servant was sent to give.</p> <p>18. And now the Gospel hath been restored, and with it that spirit of prophecy and revelation, that all the gifts of the spirit might be enjoyed by my people, even Israel;</p> <p>19. And there is more yet to come, but these could not come until my people were blessed with my Spirit, even the power of the Holy Ghost, and given that gift of prophecy and revelation; for my people must be a prophetic people.</p>	
<p>20. And now, wherefore thou, David, have asked of me for witnesses of the plates of brass, that men and women should know and testify that thou art my servant, and of these records which I have given</p>	

<p>thee to translate by the gift and power of God, even as did my servant Joseph:</p> <p>21. I say unto thee that I am thy witness, and that those that I have called, those that have read the Book of Mormon and know it to be true by the power of the Holy Ghost, and by the spirit of prophecy and revelation shall know, even as my Israel did know to answer together as one, saying: All that YHVH hath spoken we will do;</p> <p>22. So too will these be thy witnesses, for they shall testify of me, and that the work that I have given thee is mine:</p> <p>23. Yea, they shall read it and be filled with my Spirit and rest in my Presence, they too shall say: All that YHVH hath spoken we will do.</p> <p>24. And when they shall read it, I will fill them with my Spirit, even as I filled them with my Spirit when they did read and study the Book of Mormon, and they shall feel the burning in their hearts.</p>	
<p>25. And yet there will be those who shall deny my Spirit, and shall deny my testimony, using the things of this world to try to confound and confuse, for these are not yet out of Egypt:</p> <p>26. But these shall know that they do kick against the pricks, for I shall build thee up, and make thee strong, for thou art my servant and I have called thee by my power to fulfill these things in righteousness;</p>	
<p>27. Thou art a mighty nation, and those that read and study to understand that which is written on the plates of brass by the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, these shall gain my wisdom, and my knowledge, and my understanding:</p> <p>28. That Zion might be built, and that I might return again to complete my creation, lest I come again to destroy it.</p>	
<p>29. And I gave these records, even the plates of brass, to the Lehighites that they might build for themselves a nation like unto the city of Enoch;</p> <p>30. Yet they did waste their probation building up gain unto themselves, warring over land and resources that I gave them to share in peace.</p>	
<p>31. And now too, Satan has grabbed up Israel to pride and envy, and thus is the ground of my temple, the center place of Zion, is still empty.</p> <p>32. When will my Israel heed my call? When will my Israel abandon the things of Egypt and receive that which I have given her?</p> <p>33. When will she take up her role as kings and queens, as priests and priestesses to be the holy nation I called her to be?</p>	

<p>34. Behold, I am God, and I know all things; thou art mankind and I say unto thee: Seek after Zion, that thou might know truth in all things;</p>	
<p>35. Ye have suffered much in thy rebellion, O my Israel; and I say unto thee: Come home!</p>	
<p>36. I have given thee both signs, and wonders, I have given thee the gifts of my Holy Spirit; now seek ye not to war one with another in thy pride, but be thou one in me, be ye Zion:</p> <p>37. Read these plates of brass, learn from them that which ye should do; read them, study them out, for they are my works saved up and held back until now, in the fullness of times.</p>	
<p>38. Behold, I am Jesus Christ; I am He who walked the earth, the Son of man, I am He who suffered that thou might live, I am He who gave up the ghost freely that Israel might not taste eternal death,</p> <p>39. I am He who rose from the grave on the third day, that I might take thee from the darkness into the light of my resurrection, and that thou might stand at the right hand of the Father with me and inherit all things with me:</p> <p>40. I am the Creator, and thou art my creation; and behold, I come unto thee quickly; make thee ready therefore, be ye Zion; even so, Amen.</p>	

Introduction	
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<p>“Thus saith the LORD God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.” —Ezekiel 37:19 KJV</p>	
<p>The following is a divinely inspired translation of the plates of brass by David that began March 8, 2018. Being awoken around 2 am, he was given the first few chapters of the Book of Melchizedek. Working from there, he continued the “translation” as called upon by the Lord. The plates of brass are a part of the “coat of many colors” Jacob gave his son Joseph. It is a part of the stick of Ephraim that is to be put with the stick of Judah. This is why it was written on brass in Egyptian, the language of Joseph of Egypt, because it was not for all of the tribes.</p>	
<p>A few things of note regarding this translation:</p> <p>To see and translate these plates, David first put himself into a meditative state using Kabbalistic techniques. He was then taken in</p>	

<p>vision to a cave lit by fire light. Once within the cave, on a table rested the plates of brass. They are a dark, brass color with Egyptian writings and symbols shining brightly as if they were freshly carved. These become Hebrew words with no vowels as light above them, written in fire. Above this are English words, or words written in English letters. David would then seek the power of God to see through these three layers of writing to translate the documents. He had to work it out in his mind, feeling what is correct. When it was correct, he would feel the burning in his bosom, and with peace in his heart would write the translation and move on. When he would get stuck, he would put the Hebrew or the English version of the Hebrew into the internet to get different meanings to help with the translation. Other times he would feel inspired to read passages from certain books that help clarify a meaning so he can translate properly.</p>	
<p>It should also be understood that these books of Moses were not titled on the plates of brass in the same manner found in this English translation. The original titles are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 Sefer Moses (<i>The Book of Beginnings</i>): The Book of Moses, The Word of YHVH given us by His servant Moses, who freed Israel from her bondage of doubt and disbelief ● 2 Sefer Moses (<i>The Book of Joseph</i>): The Book of Moses, The record of our father, Joseph, son of Jacob and Rachel, savior of Israel, as written by the hand of Moses ● 3 Sefer Moses (<i>The Book of Moses</i>): The Book of Moses, The Record of Moses, savior of Israel; the exodus of Israel from the world, and the Marriage Covenant of Israel with YHVH, as written by the hand of Moses ● 4 Sefer Moses: <i>The teachings of Moses and Zipporah</i>, as given them by YHVH in Egypt and upon the Mount of Strength ● The Book of Ha'Torah (5 Sefer Moses): <i>Sefer Ha'Torah</i>, The Words which Moses spoke unto all Israel in the wilderness 	<p>This course will cover just the first book of Moses (The Book of Beginnings).</p> <p>It's interesting to note that even though this book and the bible both have 5 books of Moses, the boundaries between books are different. For instance, the 2nd book of Moses in the bible (Exodus) starts with Moses, where the 2nd book of Moses from the plates of brass covers Joseph, and we don't get to Moses himself until the 3rd book.</p>
<p>There are no actual chapter or verse numbers in these books, originally. The chapters, as found in this translation, were chosen as groups of text were separated by what appear to be titles under each chapter number, in 1-4 Moses. These were numbered, creating the current chapters, and labeled accordingly.</p>	
<p>4 Moses appears to be a collection of five books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Book of Testimony ● The Torah of the Tabernacle ● The Chereb of Moses ● The Wisdom of Zipporah ● The Law of Moses <p>The Wisdom of Zipporah appears to be the writings of Moses' wife, the prophetess Zipporah as collected by Moses.</p>	
<p>In 5 Moses, as presented in the plates of brass, there would be 3 chapters: chapters 1-7 (The Book of Instructions), chapters 8-29 (The Law of the Land), and chapters 30-32 (Blessings and Curses).</p>	

These were divided into the current chapters and given titles, based on the content, Deuteronomy, and inspiration.

Title Page (Translated from the Plates of Brass)

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<i>The Law of the Lord to Israel and Genealogy of the Seed of Ephram, & of Manasseh, Who are the Stick of Joseph</i>	
To the descendants of Joseph, to be kept hidden from the World until the Last Days: By the Power of YHVH, these Plates of Brass shall not perish, neither shall they be dimmed by time; but YHVH Elohim shall preserve these Words to go forth unto all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people from the mouths of those who are of the seed of Joseph; and even as Joseph fed Israel and kept them safe from famine in a strange land, these plates must be preserved that Israel may eat of the Word of God in the famine that shall be found the Last Days.	Are we in the Last Days? Is there a famine now? Don't we have the restored Gospel? Is this book necessary?
To those charged to keep these records: keep them safe, keep them hidden until Fullness of Times; for in them are the manna to feed Israel, and in them are the coat of many colors preserved unto the seed of our father, Joseph, as given Him by his Father, Jacob; and in Israel is found the straight path to YHVH Elohim.	I like that this points out to us (the reader) that the stories inside of it apply to us, and that we need to apply this book like mana, or like a coat of many colors.
Israel be blessed, for in YHVH is our salvation found, throughout all time and for all eternity; Amen.	
- Aleph Tav (אָת)	Aleph and Tav are the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet, similar to how Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek. Why would Jehovah use the title Aleph Tav here, and Alpha and Omega in revelations to Joseph Smith and others?

The Twelve Righteous (Story from the Plates of Brass)

1 Sefer Moses - Chapter 19	Discussion Ideas
22. ¶ And it came to pass that the people remembered the words of their king, Emner Kar , saying: we have been called to build a house unto YHVH and with this key, we shall open the door!	Emner Kar is the name of Nimrod before he becomes Nimrod.
23. And so it was that the people came before their king saying: Let us go and build us a temple, even one that should reach unto heavens, and let us make ourselves a great name upon all the earth!	His original plan to build a temple to YHVH changed over time, as he gave in to pride. When the tower was built, it was an echo of his earlier desire to build a

<p>24. For these understood not that the temple of YHVH should bring the heavens to the earth, and not the earth to the heavens.</p> <p>25. And the people used their wisdom in architecture and masonry to make bricks, and to plan for and make a temple, but it was not unto YHVH but unto Amarutu who is Mardoचाios.</p> <p>26. But there were among the people twelve righteous men, and these refused to join in the building of the temple;</p> <p>27. And these knew the secrets of the temple of YHVH, but they refused to give them unto the priests of Amarutu.</p>	<p>true temple.</p>
<p>28. ¶ And it came to pass that these men were seized by the people, and brought before the three judges, who were high priests of Amarutu.</p> <p>29. And it came to pass that the chief judge, whose name was Laadan, said unto these twelve righteous: Why for shall ye not loosen thy tongues that we might build this temple as a tower unto heaven, and the elohim that has blessed us?</p> <p>30. For should it not be that Enmer Kar might return again to his home, and that we, his people should join him in safety there?</p> <p>31. And the twelve did elect from among them one to be their voice, and his name was Tzophar, and through his voice they gave their refusal.</p>	<p>Why 12 righteous?</p>
<p>32. And Tzophar stood before the judges, saying: We shall not make bricks, nor remain with you, for we know but one YHVH, and Him we do serve.</p> <p>33. And Laaden the judge flew into a passion of anger against the twelve righteous men and would that they be thrown into a fire, yet he desired the secrets of YHVH that he might sell them.</p> <p>34. And it came to pass that he did grant unto them seven days in prison, and at that time he would call them forth to answer him again.</p>	<p>Is there anything secret that could even be sold? What's the real meaning of this?</p>
<p>35. ¶ And it came to pass that these twelve righteous men were thrown in with eleven prisoners who were strangers to the land, and with these did they pray unto YHVH unto deliverance.</p> <p>36. And it came to pass that Tzophar did cry out saying: YHVH, who liveth from eternity to eternity, in whom we trust, we swear an oath unto thee that we shall not depart to walk to the right, nor to the left, save it be according to thy desire; and should we die in this place, then may it be even according to Thy will.</p> <p>37. And the eleven men that had not known YHVH before that day did stand and watch in amazement.</p>	<p>11 prisoners? What could that possibly mean?</p>

<p>38. ¶ And it came to pass that after seven days Laadan sent again for the twelve righteous men, and again he asked them to share their wisdom and their knowledge.</p> <p>39. And it came to pass that Tzophar stood again before the judge, this time saying: We shall give thee our counsel.</p> <p>40. And thus was Laadan much pleased, and he sat greedily upon his throne awaiting the words of the twelve righteous.</p>	7 days?
<p>41. And thus it was that Tzophar spoke unto them saying: Exercise brotherly and sisterly love, for all of Adam is one family; give to those that need without judgment, nor to indebt, nor for reward;</p> <p>42. Truth is the name of YHVH, for He is truth; therefore, be true in all things; go forth not rashly, neither flee in cowardice, but stand firm in YHVH;</p> <p>43. Let reason be thy guide in YHVH, listening always for the Breath of Elohim; give not to thy passions, but reign them and guide them that thou be true to thine heart, and not a whim of the flesh;</p> <p>44. Do that which is right before YHVH at all times, and give unto others their due; all things ye have been given are of YHVH Elohim, and unto Him are all things due:</p> <p>45. Know ye these things, forget them not, but write them upon thy heart, and the words written upon thy tongue shall be pure and holy before YHVH.</p>	
<p>46. ¶ And it came to pass that when Laadan heard these words he did grow angry at the twelve righteous men, for he understood not the Word of YHVH.</p> <p>47. And it came to pass that he did cause that they should be put in the fire of the furnace used to bake the bricks;</p> <p>48. Yet when the time came, before these could be placed into the flames, the earth shook with a great earthquake that did shake the very foundation of the lands, and tore asunder the work the people had done in building their temple.</p> <p>49. And it came to pass that The Voice came to the twelve righteous men, and they were told to take their families and flee to the North and to the East,</p> <p>50. And these were not seen neither heard from again; but the eleven prisoners, these did not forget them.</p>	

Discussion:

The title page says that these teachings are “Manna” and Joseph’s “Coat of Many Colors”. Does knowing that the Lord said that those things are allegorically equivalent to these teachings, what does that change about how you read the text (even though neither of those stories are covered in this course)?

What does it mean that the Title Page for the Plates of Brass was signed by Aleph Tav? The title page for the Book of Mormon says it was written by the hand of Mormon. Even if the title page was revealed to an unnamed prophet, and YHVH told him to sign it as being spoken by Aleph Tav, what does it say about the contents?

Did Tzophar lie? Was he dodging the question? Does knowing God result from the teachings Tzophar taught? Are the things that he shared the secret that will open the veil and reveal YHVH to the honest seeker who applies them?

When Laadan heard the secrets of the temple of YHVH, he was only frustrated by the answer. Are you prepared to seek to understand the secrets of YHVH, even if at first they seem somewhat lackluster?

What if the mysteries are really just a deeper and more clear understanding of things you think you already know? What if the teachings on the plates of brass merely tell the same stories you already know, but in such a way that a deeper, more profound meaning can unfold? Are you willing to take the time to revisit things you think you already “know”? If you find a new understanding of old truth, are you prepared to “unknow” those parts of your traditions that you can see are no longer sufficient?