

ANG AKLATAN

A Book About the History and Future of the Maharlika

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THE BOOK OF VISIONS

A History of the Discovery and Translation of the Aklatan.

CHAPTER 1

On June 22, 1986 I was visiting my family in Dagupan. I had taken some time to walk to the beach to view the ocean I had missed so much. While walking along the beach I suddenly stopped and I saw a vision. In the vision I saw a cave with rocks covering the entrance. Then I saw the inside of the cave and there was a large stone with a strange object on top. It looked like a stack of rusted copper plates. In my vision I then saw the location of the cave. Now I've been a Catholic my whole life, but I've never had an experience like this before. I walked back to my family house and told my family about the vision. They said it was a special experience from God. I decided to travel to the location of the cave and see if it really existed.

CHAPTER 2

On June 23, 1986 I prepared for my journey by gathering equipment and my camera. I took a bus to the town closest to the mountain where the cave was. I hired a tricycle to take me as far as I could go. I then started hiking into the mountains. I believe God helped guide me through the forest. After three hours of hiking I found the location of the cave. Even though I had been hiking for so long after I saw the rocks covering the cave I was so excited that I started pulling rocks away. I realized though that there were too many rocks in the way. But I felt a strong feeling come over me to leave. I placed a few rocks to mark the entrance of the cave if I was ever to return. I hiked back down the mountain. When I reached the trail I saw someone waiting where I had been dropped off. He was an American and he approached me. He said to me that his name was Oleeha, and that God had told him to meet me here. He told me that he knew I was interested in archeology and that I had come here for a special reason. He said it was good I came because God had caused me to do so. I thought it was very strange that he knew about what had happened. Oleeha said that God had given him gifts to translate ancient records and that he was sent to aid me in translating the record I had seen in my vision. He told me I had an important work to do and that I should pray to God to have the strength to do this work. He told me not to let anyone else know the location of the cave. I told him I wanted to see the copper sheets so that I could take them to a university to get them tested, but he told me not to do it, but God has appointed a time when the sheets can be tested. He told me not to come back to cave until an appointed time. I told him that I was very skeptical of what he was saying, I asked him how he knew all these things? If it wasn't for the vision I had earlier I would have thought this was all a hoax. He told me to do just one thing, wait. He told me to wait for three months. I should not discuss these things for three months and if something miraculous doesn't happen in three months then I could do whatever I wanted with the cave. I told him I would do that. As we walked we talked for a time and he asked me about my faith, and my belief in Christ. After we arrived back at the town he said he needed to leave. He told me he would explain some more things to me at a later time. When I asked how he would know where to find me he simply said, "God will show me." He walked away from me and down a street.

CHAPTER 3

I was asleep on the night of September 20, 1986 I saw a bright light, and out of this bright light came a man. I have never seen anything so bright in my whole life. And when I could make out the features of the man I knew that I was looking upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

I covered my face in shame because I knew that I had many sins and that I was not worthy to be in His presence. But suddenly I felt an intense love envelop me.

He approached me and spoke my name. He said, "My faithful servant, hide not your face from me. And be not ashamed for I have washed your sins away with my blood."

I looked up at him, He told me to stand up, and I did. He said, "Come, feel the wounds in my hands and in my feet and in my side and know that I am he who was crucified for the sins of the world." I wept as I felt the holes in His hands and in His side.

I asked him, "Why have you come to me?" He said, "I have come to call you to a special mission. For you shall be like unto Paul who was called as an apostle unto the gentiles. Wherefore he was not called to stand with my twelve Apostles but was called to stand in his own appointed place. So it shall be with you. Wherefore you shall preach and serve among my people among the isles of the sea, who have been prepared and preserved for a great and special purpose. Do not claim more authority than thou hast been given and beware of pride."

He continued to speak, "You have also been prepared for a great work which you will soon bring forth among my people. My Spirit hath come upon you at times and inspired your mind. Now I say unto you that this work that you shall bring forth is a record of the people of isles of the sea whom I have caused to be preserved upon these lands, and to come unto you. This record does contain a witness of the works of the Father among them. And it doth witness that His hand of protection is over them insomuch as they shall hearken unto His voice."

He spoke some more, "Now behold, you shall be prepared for this mission and my servants shall minister unto you and cause that you should be prepared for this great purpose. And my servant Oleea shall help you in translating this ancient work."

After he finished speaking to me I said, "I have tried all my life to live by your commandments. And I know that I am imperfect and I am a sinner. But anything that you will command me to do I will do."

He spoke again and said, "It is good, for not every person who shall say unto me, Lord, Lord, We believe, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. But he who doeth the will of My Father, who is in Heaven, shall enter. And many shall say unto me, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name, and in your name cast out devils, and in your name done many wonderful works? And I shall say unto them, I have never known you, leave me. All those who hear my words and doeth them, he shall be like unto a wise man who built is home upon a solid stone. And when the storms came and flooded the land, it stayed strong, for it had a strong foundation. And all

those who hear my words and do not do them, he shall be like a foolish man who built his home upon the sand. And when the storms came and flooded the land, it fell and was demolished.”

He continued, “Now I give unto you a mission. And the mission I have brought for you is that you should prepare the way for the people of Isles of the Sea to become a great and prosperous people. For I have made a covenant with those people in ancient times and my Father hath commanded me to bring them again to a remembrance of that covenant. And I covenanted that they should become a mighty people. I will cause that a kingdom should be established in these islands. And you should gather people through the book which I will cause you to write. And you shall preach the gospel from the Bible, and all my Holy Words.”

“I will show unto you the lands of the Kingdom you must establish. For the islands which I shall show you are a land of inheritance to those people of this covenant. Come.”

When he said this it was as if I was flying in the sky. It was like I was hovering above the ground and I could see my homeland(the Philippines).

The Lord spoke unto me again saying, “These shall be the boundaries of the Kingdom upon these islands. Starting from this land (the island of Luzon) the boundaries do include this large island. And there is a large island in the north(Taiwan), it is also part of the Kingdom. And there are small islands between these two large islands and they too are part of the Kingdom. And there is one large island in the south(Mindanao) and many islands between this land and that one all of those are in the Kingdom(Visayas). And there is also a long thin island in the west(Palawan), it too, and also the many small islands in the west(Spratly Islands) are part of the kingdom.”

“Now every small island between the long island and the large island in the north, even every one which is near unto the shore of the Asian Continent is for the Kingdom. And also there is a very large island in the south west(Borneo). And it and all the islands between this land and the south island(Mindanao) are in my Kingdom.”

“And there are many small islands south of the southern island. And these shall be in the kingdom until you come unto the larger islands in the south. These larger islands shall not be immediately counted as part of the kingdom, but if they desire to be counted they may. And the most southern of these small islands shall be the southern border. And the northern most point of the large northern island(Taiwan) shall be the northern border.”

“And with these two as the border you shall travel east until you come to an island were there is an ancient ruin(Ponape). And this island shall be the eastern border. And all those islands within this boundary northward, eastward, southward, and westward shall be in the Kingdom. And if any lands that I have not spoken shall desire to unite with the kingdom in this land they may do so. But it is not needful that every land join for I have established many kingdoms in many lands each according to the people therein. And the time shall come that they all shall come unto me and be united as one. But until the time that I shall return in great glory there shall be many kingdoms.”

“And behold any man or nation who shall use their power to keep these lands from their special purpose which has been prepared for them, shall be cast down and trodden upon. And they shall lose their power. For these lands were given by my Father to be preserved as an inheritance for the gentiles who shall be bound through a remnant of the Tribes of Israel. For I do remember my covenant with Israel and also my promise unto the Gentiles.”

I asked Him, “How can I do these things? I’m not rich and I don’t have power over others.”

The Lord said, “Those things you need, to accomplish this purpose, will be given unto you. And the way will be prepared for you. And as concerning riches you shall not be rich in the things of the world. And those things that you now possess you shall sell and give the money to the poor. And if you cannot do this you will be cast off and the work will be given unto another. But if you do this thing and do it with a grateful heart, rejoicing, then you will receive a greater reward in heaven. And the record you shall bring forth shall be done for the benefit of all those who reside in these lands. And you shall not charge money for it save it be for the cost of publishing this book when the time shall come to do so.”

“Now you have also inquired concerning your power over others. Wherefore I speak unto you saying you shall have no power over another man save it be given unto you by God. Wherefore any power you gain does not come from your own strength but it comes from the strength of God. And do not trust in the arm of flesh, for the arm of flesh is weak and must surely fail. But trust in the arm of God, for it can never fail and will uplift you for all eternity.”

“Now you shall spread this work forth, first among the weak and poor. And they will gather strength from this work. And you shall gather their strength together. For even though they may seem weak in the eyes of the mighty and even in their own eyes, they have much strength. Then after you have gathered the strength of the weak and poor then you shall find those who are pure in heart among the rich. And you shall appoint those among you to be your leaders. Now here is wisdom, do not appoint any man to be a leader who desires that position. For a man that desires power over others is a wicked and prideful man. Wherefore appoint those who are humble and meek and strong in the ways of God. Appoint them who do not walk to be seen and praised of men, but appoint those who walk uprightly before me. And they will be those who shall lead this kingdom.”

“Now I have spoken concerning the publishing of this work. For when you bring forth this work you shall record it upon sheets of paper. And you shall carry this record with you whithersoever you shall travel. And you shall preach the words of this book to the people for a time. And after this time even five years you shall commence another work of translation. And these things you shall preserve for a future time. Wherefore the first record you shall translate, which is a record of my people among these islands, you shall publish after the space of twenty years. And you shall bring it forth among the people so that all the people of these islands shall read it. And it will shine forth as a light. And I will prepare the way that it may be published.”

“Wherefore when it shall be published you shall only publish a small portion of it. And if My people shall receive it with glad hearts, and do all the things I shall command them through you; then you shall publish more of the record. Even until all the record shall be published. And this you shall do wherein it shall be appointed unto you.”

After he said these things I asked Him, "Lord, why have You commanded me to write these things. Doesn't the Bible contain all your word?"

He said to me, "It is true that the Bible does contain my word, it is good and pure, except for those errors which have been transmitted by the hands men. But behold I have spoken unto many nations and many people. And these too are my Word. For any word that proceedeth forth out of the mouth of God is my Word. And there is no limit nor end to my Word. For have you not read the words of my servant who did write? For if all of those things which I have done should be written then the world could not contain the books. Now behold the Bible does contain a record of my Words and works. And I have caused that the Bible should be made to preserve some of my Words. But there have been many things which are lost because they were not preserved therein because of the weakness of men. And there are many writings that are true that are not preserved in the Bible."

"For did I not teach from the Book of Enoch and cause that my servants should learn from it, but behold it is not found within the pages of the Bible. But think not that the Bible is weak or inferior, for because of it many have been brought unto the ways of righteousness. And it shall stand forever as the foundation and measuring rule of my Word."

"But any man who preaches that the Bible alone contains all my Words preaches a gospel which is different than that which I taught. For the works of God have been manifest throughout all the world and shall be made known through the books and records of the world. Know they not that I did not teach from the Bible, Nor did my apostles teach from the Bible. For there was no Bible. But we taught from the scriptures, many of which are not contained in the Bible. And he who sayeth, I shall only accept the Bible, doth follow the evil one and in doing so doth commit a grave sin. For behold my words are pure and holy for they are the words of my Father. But Satan doth lie to men that they might be led by him to Hell. Wherefore my servant, read the words in the Bible for they are good, but be not afraid to read those other books which do contain my word."

After this I asked him, "How will I know which books contain your word?"

Then He answered me, "The Holy Spirit shall show them unto you. For it is through the Spirit that you shall know true things. But I speak not of physical truth for physical truth can only be determined through physical means. But I speak of spiritual truth, for spiritual truth can only be determined through spiritual means. And man cannot prove spiritual things through physical means. But if men will not accept the words I give unto you spiritually, I will give unto them a physical means to accept them. Now I give unto you a command. You shall read the words of Ezekiel written in the record of the Jews. And read those chapters forty through forty-eight. And as you read them I will show unto your mind the meaning thereof. And you shall include the words of Ezekiel in your writings, even at the beginning of the record which you shall translate. And this you shall do for a special purpose."

"And now I teach you this, that there is but one Lord, and one Faith, and one Baptism. And there is but One God who is the Father of all things, who is master of all things. But I teach you this thing as my servants have taught, Every man differeth in his degree of grace. For every man differeth from his neighbor and not one man is alike. And grace has been given unto each

according to his degree. And I have given people to give my word unto men. For unto some I have given apostles, and unto others I have given prophets, and unto others I have given evangelists, and unto others pastors, and teachers. For not all men shall come unto my Word equally, for every man differeth in his understanding. And I have given such, that many understandings may increase in knowledge and wisdom and become perfect. And I have also given such, that many understandings may work abroad in the lands to spread forth my Word and my works. And I have given such understandings that many may be uplifted according to his degree. For is it not better that a teacher should teach so that many may be uplifted rather than a few. And I have given such as the pattern until such a time shall come that all those who believe in me shall be unified, and come unto a more perfect knowledge of me. And then shall men be safe from the deceptions of wicked men. And from false doctrines. And they shall speak truth and love. And they shall grow closer unto me. For behold I am the head of the body. And how can the body be without the head. Nor without any part for all worketh together for the perfection of all.”

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man who travels in a distant land, and he gathered his servants and charged them with the keeping of his property. And unto the first he gave five pieces of gold, and unto the second he gave two pieces of gold, and unto the third he gave one piece of gold. And he gave unto every man according to his degree. And he departed on his travels. And the first who had five pieces did go into the market and traded and had an increase of five pieces of gold. And in a similar manner the second who had two pieces did go into the market and traded and had an increase of two pieces of gold. But behold the third who had one piece of gold did dig a hole and he placed the gold therein and covered it with earth. And the property was hid up. And after a time the man did return from his travel and met with his servants. And the first who had been given five pieces came forward and brought the increase of five pieces. And he spoke saying, Master, you did give unto me five pieces of gold and I did go and gain an increase of another five. And the man said unto him, You have done well, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things. Come, and enter into the joy of your lord. And the second who had been given two pieces came forward and brought the increase of two pieces. And he spoke saying, Master, you did give unto me two pieces of gold and I did go and gain an increase of another two. And the man said unto him, You have done well, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things. Come, and enter into the joy of your lord. And the third who had been given one piece came forward and he spoke saying, Master, I know you are a strict man. And you do work for an increase in all things. And I was afraid I would lose your one piece in the markets. Wherefore I did hide the piece that it would be safe. And I give unto you your property. And the man spoke unto him saying, You wicked and lazy servant. You did know that I do work for an increase. And you should have given the one piece to those traders and then when I returned I would have an increase. Now take the piece from him and give it unto he who has ten pieces.”

“For all of those who have been given according to their degree and they bring an increase they shall have a great amount. But those who are given according to their degree and they increase not, they shall lose that which they were given. And send the third servant to the place of darkness.”

“You know that I came from the land of Jerusalem, and that I have preached my word unto them. And the Father hath commanded me that I should go unto many lands to bring them the Gospel. For I did speak unto them in Jerusalem saying, Other sheep I have which are not of this

fold, I must also bring them, and they will hearken unto my voice and there will be one flock and one shepherd. But many of those people did not understand my words for many believed I spoke concerning the gentiles in their land. But they understood me not. For I spoke unto them concerning the other Tribes that my Father hath led away out of the land. And the people of those islands which you have seen are among those people unto whom my works have been done. And there are also other sheep which are not in that land. For there were also sheep in many other lands. For there are many more lands and there are even many more worlds. And I have been commanded that I should go unto them. And they shall hearken unto my voice and there will be one fold and one shepherd.”

“And I give unto you a commandment to write all these things which I have spoken unto you. And they shall stay in your memory until you have written them. And this you shall do so that those who reside in the islands which you have seen shall know that they are my children and that I have made a covenant with them. And they should also know that I had visited them in ancient times. And at the appointed time Oleea shall return and aid you in translating the record of which I have spoken. And this record does speak concerning the time when I came unto the people of the islands. And I have caused this record to have been preserved in the mouth of the cave. I have also caused that you should discover this record. And this that it may come forth among the people and be a guide unto them. And this record shall be proof of the calling I have given unto you. And this will be proof that they may receive a witness of the Holy Spirit. And you shall write these things so that the future generations of these people may come to a knowledge of me, their Redeemer. And they shall be gathered back into the House of Israel. And receive the blessings which I have laid up in store for them.”

“And I speak unto you that my Father hath decreed that the islands which you have seen are given unto the inhabitants of those lands for an inheritance. For behold I am the Lord of all nations and I have established myself as King in all lands and of all people. For they are one of my people. Now spread these words among the people that whosoever shall obey my commandments shall be saved in the last day.”

After Christ finished saying these things he departed. It was very strange because it was just as the Lord said, I could remember everything he said with perfect clarity. But after I wrote these things down the memory began to fade.

CHAPTER 4

On January 25, 1987 I was preaching the bible to the people in Bangued. As I was walking down to the edge of the Abra river to take a rest, three men approached me. They were much taller than me. One of the three men asked me who I was. I told them my name and asked their names. They said they could not tell me their names. But they told me that God has sent them to find me. I was very curious. They next told me that I needed to be baptized and given the priesthood of God. I asked why I needed these things since I was baptized as an infant and I didn't know about the priesthood they spoke of.

They told me that baptism of infants was a tradition of the Catholic church, but did not come from the teachings of Christ in the Bible. They said that my prior baptism was not sufficient to manifest my faith in Christ, but rather I should be baptized of my own will. Such baptism is the

fruit of faith and repentance. They also told me that the priesthood I would receive is the authority and power that I should use in preaching the Word of God among the people of the Philippines.

I accepted their explanation and they told me to remove my clothes and go down into the water of the river. One of the men entered into the river with me and stood by me. He then spoke my name and baptized me in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. He then aided me as I dipped my body into the river so that all my body was covered. After a second or two I stood up and came out of the water.

After these things happened I came out of the river and put my clothes on again. They instructed me to kneel down, and I did. They then placed their hands on my head and one of the other of the three pronounced that the gift of the Holy Ghost should come upon me.

As he did a bright aura of light came over me. I felt a warmth and power. After he was finished I stood up and start speaking a language I could not understand. I could feel the power of God flowing through me and this was the way it manifested itself. After I finished speaking I looked at them and one of them told me that what I spoke was true and the others confirmed it. I don't know if what I spoke was true because I could not understand it. But it seems that they could.

After this they again told me to kneel down and they put their hands on my head. Then the last of the three pronounced that I should receive the holy priesthood of God. After this they taught me many important things and then left. After which I sat on the bank of the river until the night thinking about the things that happened.

CHAPTER 5

On the night of April 6, 1987 I was reading my bible. I saw something move outside of my window. I went to the door and opened it. The American man Oleeha was standing outside. I invited him inside and he came in. Oleeha told me that the time was here for me to write the record that the Lord commanded me to write. He held out his hands and in them was the stack of sheets I had seen in the cave in my vision. He placed them on the table. He told me to get some paper and a pencil to write with. He told me to copy the first line of symbols from the top sheet. I copied it and then he taught me how to decipher these symbols. After doing this he told me, "This is man's way of translating. There is an easier way to do it." He told me to look at the first symbol of the next line. Then he told me to close my eyes and focus on the symbol in my mind. He asked me, what is the strongest word that comes to mind when I focus on the symbol. I told him the word. He then told me to ask God if it is the correct word. I asked God and I felt it was right and I told Oleeha. He said, "Write it down." I did this for all the symbols of that line. Then Oleeha told me to read what I had written. I saw that it made sense. He then showed me how the symbols translated into exactly what I had written. He told me that I should use God's method and that later man's method would later prove that my translation was correct. Oleeha and I worked for hours translating the first sheet of the record.

After this I woke up. I realized I had dreamed the whole thing. I quickly grabbed some paper and wrote down the translation I had made in my dream. Over the next eight months I translated

every night. I was able to remember everything I translated until I after I wrote it down. This is the way the copper sheets were translated.

CHAPTER 6

On November 21, 1987 I completed the translations of the last symbols on the back of the last sheet. After I did this I woke up and Oleeha came to my house. I brought him inside and we talked. I told him what had happened. We discussed the events and he knew of the things that had happened to me. He told me what portions of the translation to include in the first publication of the text. He also told me that the book was to be called the Aklatan, and that I must wait before the publication of the Aklatan. He told me that a time will come when the people of the islands will be prepared so that this work will proceed forth. He told me that I must wait twenty years before publishing the Aklatan. I was completely surprised that I needed to wait such a long time. But Oleeha told me that I would be called to commence other works to help bring forth God's purposes.

SELECTIONS FROM EZEKIEL

CHAPTER 1

1 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day the hand of the Lord was upon me, and brought me thither.

2 In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south.

3 And he brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.

4 And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall show thee; for to the intent that I might show them unto thee are thou brought hither; declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.

5 And behold a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits long by the cubit and a handbreadth; so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

6 Then came he unto the gate which looketh toward the east, and went up the stairs thereof, and measured the threshold of the gate, which was one reed broad; and the other threshold of the gate, which was one reed broad.

7 And every little chamber was one reed long, and one reed broad; and between the little chambers were five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate within was one reed.

8 He measured also the porch of the gate within, one reed.

9 Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts thereof, two cubits; and the porch of the gate was inward.

10 And the little chambers of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; they three were of one measure; and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side.

11 And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12 The space also before the little chambers was one cubit on this side, and the space was one cubit on that side; and the little chambers were six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.

13 He measured then the gate from the roof of one little chamber to the roof of another; the breadth was five and twenty cubits, door against door.

14 He made also posts of threescore cubits, even unto the post of the court round about the gate.

15 And from the face of the gate of the entrance unto the face of the porch of the inner gate were fifty cubits.

16 And there were narrow windows to the little chambers, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the arches; and windows were round about inward; and upon each post were palm trees.

17 Then brought he me into the outward court, and, lo, there were chambers and a pavement made for the court round about; thirty chambers were upon the pavement.

18 And the pavement by the side of the gates over against the length of the gates was the lower pavement.

19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court without, a hundred cubits eastward and northward.

20 And the gate of the outward court that looked toward the north, he measured the length thereof, and the breadth thereof.

21 And the little chambers thereof were three on this side and three on that side; and the posts thereof and the arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

22 And their windows, and their arches, and their palm trees, were after the measure of the gate that looketh toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof were before them.

23 And the gate of the inner court was over against the gate toward the north, and toward the east; and he measured from gate to gate a hundred cubits.

24 After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south; and he measured the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures.

25 And there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows; the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

26 And there were seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof were before them; and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof.

27 And there was a gate in the inner court toward the south; and he measured from gate to gate toward the south a hundred cubits.

28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate; and he measured the south gate according to these measures;

29 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures; and there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about; it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

30 And the arches round about were five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad.

31 And the arches thereof were toward the outer court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof; and the going up to it had eight steps.

32 And he brought me into the inner court toward the east; and he measured the gate according to these measures.

33 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, were according to these measures; and there were windows therein and in the arches thereof round about; it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

34 And the arches thereof were toward the outward court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side; and the going up to it had eight steps.

35 And he brought me to the north gate, and measured it according to these measures;

36 The little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about; the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

37 And the posts thereof were toward the outer court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side; and the going up to it had eight steps.

38 And the chambers and the entries thereof were by the posts of the gates, where they washed the burnt offering.

39 And in the porch of the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt offering and the sin offering and trespass offering.

40 And at the side without, as one goeth up to the entry of the north gate, were two tables; and on the other side, which was at the porch of the gate, were two tables.

41 Four tables were on this side and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they slew their sacrifices.

42 And the four tables were of hewn stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half broad, and one cubit high; whereupon also they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 And within were hooks, a hand broad, fastened round about; and upon the tables was the flesh of the offering.

44 And without the inner gate were the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate; and their prospect was toward the south; one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north.

45 And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house.

46 And the chamber whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar; these are the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi, which come near to the Lord to minister unto him.

47 So he measured the court, a hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar that was before the house.

48 And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side; and the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.

49 The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; and he brought me by the steps whereby they went up to it; and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

CHAPTER 2

1 Afterward he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the tabernacle.

2 And the breadth of the door was ten cubits; and the sides of the door were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side; and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits.

3 Then went he inward, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the breadth of the door, seven cubits.

4 So he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple; and he said unto me, This is the most holy place.

5 After he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of every side chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side.

6 And the side chambers were three, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which was of the house for the side chambers round

7 And there was an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side chambers; for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house; therefore the breadth of the house was still upward, and so increased from the lowest chamber to the highest by the midst.

8 I saw also the height of the house round about; the foundations of the side chambers were a full reed of six great cubits.

9 The thickness of the wall, which was for the side chamber without, was five cubits; and that which was left was the place of the side chambers that were within.

10 And between the chambers was the wideness of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.

11 And the doors of the side chambers were toward the place that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south; and the breadth of the place that was left was five cubits round about.

12 Now the building that was before the separate place at the end toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits.

13 So he measured the house, a hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, a hundred cubits long;

14 Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, a hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the building over against the separate place which was behind it, and the galleries thereof on the one side and on the other side, a hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the porches of the court;

16 The doorposts, and the narrow windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, ceiled with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows were covered;

17 To that above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by measure.

18 And it was made with cherubim and palm trees, so that a palm tree was between a cherub and a cherub; and every cherub had two faces;

19 So that the face of a man was toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side; it was made through all the house round about.

20 From the ground unto above the door were cherubim and palm trees made, and on the wall of the temple.

21 The posts of the temple were squared, and the face of the sanctuary; the appearance of the one as the appearance of the other.

22 The altar of wood was three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits; and the corners thereof, and the length thereof, and the walls thereof, were of wood; and he said unto me, This is the table that is before the Lord.

23 And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

24 And the doors had two leaves apiece, two turning leaves; two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other door.

25 And there were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm trees, like as were made upon the walls; and there were thick planks upon the face of the porch without.

26 And there were narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and upon the side chambers of the house, and thick planks.

CHAPTER 3

1 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, the way toward the north; and he brought me into the chamber that was over against the separate place, and which was before the building toward the north.

2 Before the length of a hundred cubits was the north door, and the breadth was fifty cubits.

3 Over against the twenty cubits which were for the inner court, and over against the pavement which was for the outer court, was gallery against gallery in three stories.

4 And before the chambers was a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors toward the north.

5 Now the upper chambers were shorter; for the galleries were higher than these, than the lower, and than the middlemost of the building.

6 For they were in three stories, but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts; therefore the building was straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground.

7 And the wall that was without over against the chambers, toward the outer court on the forepart of the chambers, the length thereof was fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the chambers that were in the outer court was fifty cubits; and, lo, before the temple were a hundred cubits.

9 And from under these chambers was the entry on the east side, as one goeth into them from the outer court.

10 The chambers were in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, over against the separate place, and over against the building.

11 And the way before them was like the appearance of the chambers which were toward the north, as long as they, and as broad as they; and all their goings out were both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.

12 And according to the doors of the chambers that were toward the south was a door in the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one entereth into them.

13 Then said he unto me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place, they be holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto the Lord shall eat the most holy things; there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy.

14 When the priests enter therein, then shall they not go out of the holy place into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they are holy; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to those things which are for the people.

15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and measured it round about.

16 He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

17 He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

18 He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed.

19 He turned about to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed.

20 He measured it by the four sides; it had a wall round about, five hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

CHAPTER 4

1 Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east;

2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east; and his voice was like a noise of many waters; and the earth shined with his glory.

3 And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face.

4 And the glory of the Lord came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east.

5 So the Spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house.

6 And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me.

7 And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places.

8 In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed; wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger.

9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them forever.

10 Thou son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern.

11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, show them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof; and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

12 This is the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

13 And these are the measures of the altar after the cubits; The cubit is a cubit and a handbreadth; even the bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about shall be a span; and this shall be the higher place of the altar.

14 And from the bottom upon the ground even to the lower settle shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle even to the greater settle shall be four cubits, and the breadth one cubit.

15 So the altar shall be four cubits; and from the altar and upward shall be four horns.

16 And the altar shall be twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof.

17 And the settle shall be fourteen cubits long and fourteen broad in the four squares thereof; and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and the bottom thereof shall be a cubit about; and his stairs shall look toward the east.

18 And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord God; These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon.

19 And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites, that be of the seed of Zadok, which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord God, a young bullock for a sin offering.

20 And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about; thus shalt thou cleanse and purge it.

21 Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary.

22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse it with the bullock.

23 When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.

24 And thou shalt offer them before the Lord, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering unto the Lord.

25 Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat for a sin offering; they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.

26 Seven days shall they purge the altar and purify it; and they shall consecrate themselves.

27 And when these days are expired, it shall be, that upon the eighth day, and so forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord God.

CHAPTER 5

1 Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it was shut.

2 Then said the lord unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the Lord the God of Israel hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

3 It is for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the Lord; he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

4 Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house; and I looked, and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord; and I fell upon my face.

5 And the Lord said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the Lord, and all

the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.

6 And thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations,

7 In that ye have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.

8 Ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things; but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

9 Thus saith the Lord God; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.

10 And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity.

11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house; they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them.

12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord God, and they shall bear their iniquity.

13 And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy place; but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.

14 But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord God;

16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

17 And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

18 They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with anything that causeth sweat.

19 And when they go forth into the outer court, even into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.

20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads.

21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away; but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.

23 And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

24 And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments; and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

25 And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves; but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves.

26 And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days.

27 And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, saith the Lord God.

28 And it shall be unto them for an inheritance; I am their inheritance; and ye shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession.

29 They shall eat the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs.

30 And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's; ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.

31 The priests shall not eat of anything that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

CHAPTER 6

1 Moreover, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the Lord, a holy portion of the land; the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand reeds, and the breadth shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all the borders thereof round about.

2 Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred in length, with five hundred in breadth, square round about; and fifty cubits round about for the suburbs thereof.

3 And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of five and twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand; and in it shall be the sanctuary and the most holy place.

4 The holy portion of the land shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, which shall come near to minister unto the Lord; and it shall be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary.

5 And the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, for a possession for twenty chambers.

6 And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, over against the oblation of the holy portion; it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

7 And a portion shall be for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the oblation of the holy portion, and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy portion, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward; and the length shall be over against one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border.

8 In the land shall be his possession in Israel; and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and the rest of the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

9 Thus saith the Lord God; Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel; remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your exactions from my people, saith the Lord God.

10 Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath.

11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the ephah the tenth part of a homer; the measure thereof shall be after the homer.

12 And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs; twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh.

13 This is the oblation that ye shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah of a homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah of a homer of barley.

14 Concerning the ordinance of oil, the bath of oil, ye shall offer the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, which is a homer of ten baths; for ten baths are a homer;

15 And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a meat offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make reconciliation for them, saith the Lord God.

16 All the people of the land shall give this oblation for the prince in Israel.

17 And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel; he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.

18 Thus saith the Lord God; In the first month, in the first day of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary;

19 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.

20 And so thou shalt do the seventh day of the month for every one that erreth, and for him that is simple; so shall ye reconcile the house.

21 In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

22 And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock for a sin offering.

23 And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the Lord, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily for a sin offering.

24 And he shall prepare a meat offering of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil for an ephah.

25 In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, according to the meat offering, and according to the oil

CHAPTER 7

1 Thus saith the Lord God; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate; then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the Lord in the sabbaths and in the new moons.

4 And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer unto the Lord in the sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

5 And the meat offering shall be an ephah for a ram, and the meat offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

6 And in the day of the new moon it shall be a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish.

7 And he shall prepare a meat offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of that gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.

9 But when the people of the land shall come before the lord in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate; he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it.

10 And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth.

11 And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meat offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

12 Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily unto the Lord, one shall then open him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day; then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut the gate.

13 Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt offering unto the Lord of a lamb of the first year without blemish; thou shalt prepare it every morning.

14 And thou shalt prepare a meat offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of a hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour; a meat offering continually by a perpetual ordinance unto the Lord.

15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meat offering, and the oil, every morning for a continual burnt offering.

16 Thus saith the Lord God; If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, the inheritance thereof shall be his sons'; it shall be their possession by inheritance.

17 But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty; after, it shall return to the prince; but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them.

18 Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; but he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession; that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

19 After he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north; and, behold, there was a place on the two sides westward.

20 Then said he unto me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meat offering; that they bear them not out into the outer court, to sanctify the people.

21 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court there was a court.

22 In the four corners of the court there were courts joined of forty cubits long and thirty broad; these four corners were of one measure.

23 And there was a row of building round about in them, round about them four, and it was made with boiling places under the rows round about.

24 Then said he unto me, These are the places of them that boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

CHAPTER 8

1 Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward; for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.

2 Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the outer gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

3 And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles.

4 Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.

5 Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over; for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

6 And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

7 Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.

8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea; which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.

9 And it shall come to pass, that everything that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither; for they shall be healed; and everything shall live whither the river cometh.

10 And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from En-gedi even unto En-eglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.

11 But the miry places thereof and the marshes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt.

12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed; it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary; and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

13 Thus saith the Lord God; This shall be the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel; Joseph shall have two portions.

14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another; concerning the which I lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers; and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance.

15 And this shall be the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad;

16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibram, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazar-hatticon, which is by the coast of Hauran.

17 And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And this is the north side.

18 And the east side ye shall measure from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel by Jordan, from the border unto the east sea. And this is the east side.

19 And the south side southward, from Tamar even to the waters of strife in Kadesh, the river to the great sea. And this is the south side southward.

20 The west side also shall be the great sea from the border, till a man come over against Hamath. This is the west side.

21 So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel.

22 And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you; and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

23 And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord God.

CHAPTER 9

1 Now these are the names of the tribes. From the north end to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goeth to Hamath, Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; for these are his sides east and west; a portion for Dan.

2 And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, a portion for Asher.

3 And by the border of Asher, from the east side even unto the west side, a portion for Naphtali.

4 And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side, a portion for Manasseh.

5 And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the west side, a portion for Ephraim.

6 And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even unto the west side, a portion for Reuben.

7 And by the border of Reuben, from the east side unto the west side, a portion for Judah.

8 And by the border of Judah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the offering which ye shall offer of five and twenty thousand reeds in breadth, and in length as one of the other parts, from the east side unto the west side; and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.

9 The oblation that ye shall offer unto the Lord shall be of five and twenty thousand in length, and of ten thousand in breadth.

10 And for them, even for the priests, shall be this holy oblation; toward the north five and twenty thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five and twenty thousand in length; and the sanctuary of the Lord shall be in the midst thereof.

11 It shall be for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Zadok; which have kept my charge, which went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray.

12 And this oblation of the land that is offered shall be unto them a thing most holy by the border of the Levites.

13 And over against the border of the priests, the Levites shall have five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth; all the length shall be five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand.

14 And they shall not sell of it, neither exchange, nor alienate the firstfruits of the land; for it is holy unto the Lord.

15 And the five thousand, that are left in the breadth over against the five and twenty thousand, shall be a profane place for the city, for dwelling, and for suburbs; and the city shall be in the midst thereof.

16 And these shall be the measures thereof; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred.

17 And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.

18 And the residue in length over against the oblation of the holy portion shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward; and it shall be over against the oblation of the holy portion; and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that serve the city.

19 And they that serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel.

20 All the oblation shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand; ye shall offer the holy oblation foursquare, with the possession of the city.

21 And the residue shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city, over against the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward over against the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, over against the portion for the prince; and it shall be the holy oblation; and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst thereof.

22 Moreover, from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, being in the midst of that which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.

23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side unto the west side, Benjamin shall have a portion.

24 And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side, Simeon shall have a portion.

25 And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side, Issachar a portion.

26 And by the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side, Zebulun a portion.

27 And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side unto the west side, Gad a portion.

28 And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar unto the waters of strife in Kadesh, and to the river toward the great sea.

29 This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their portions, saith the Lord God.

30 And these are the goings out of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures.

31 And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel; three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.

32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred; and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.

33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures; and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun.

34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.

35 It was round about eighteen thousand measures; and the name of the city from that day shall be called, Holy; for the Lord shall be there.

THE LIFE OF SURAN

Now I, Ruman, do make a start of the record that I have elected to write. And this record I do make so that the future generations and inhabitants of these islands will know the truth concerning our fathers and God's word concerning the people of these islands.

For this record, I do write with mine own hand upon these sheets of copper. For behold I do write upon these sheets that the record may last until they shall be revealed unto future generations. But I do write it in a language unknown to my brethren. And it is a language that I have created. And I have done this so that if my brethren may find these records they will not understand them nor know the value thereof. For they have sworn to destroy all things pertaining to the Gospel of Christ who did come unto our islands. Wherefore I know that God shall provide a means for these things to be made known unto the future inhabitants of these islands.

Now, Behold God hath made it known unto me that the future inhabitants of these islands shall be a chosen people and they shall lay the foundations for peace and prosperity.

Contained in this record are the histories and stories of the inhabitants of these islands even from the time of our ancient ancestors who were brought to these islands by the word of God, out of those tribes which were carried into the northern lands; even down until this time that great wars and conflicts have been poured out upon this people because of the wickedness they practice. And it doth contain many great prophecies concerning the future of this people and even the whole earth. But behold, above all else this record doth bear witness that Jesus is the Son of God. Even so that He gave up his life and rose again after three days. And his Words have come among our people and have taught us those things where in we might be saved.

And now behold the record of this people doth begin with the writings of the great prophet Suran. For the writings of Suran have come unto me upon a great scroll. This great scroll which does contain the writings of Suran. And I have many other scrolls in my possession and also many bamboo records and other sacred writings. And these contain the words of other prophets and those things which were preached unto the people of this land. And I have written those things from this scroll which are important. Even the Holy Ghost hath testified of their importance.

THE LIFE OF SURAN

CHAPTER 1

Now it came to pass that Suran, being a righteous man and living by the convictions of his heart, did explore a mountainside in search of food for his family. For they did eat freely of that food which was available unto them. Now while Suran did search for food, Ngameke, his uncle, did approach him. And it came to pass that Ngameke did speak unto him and say, Suran, the son of my brother, hearken unto my words. For I have followed you that I might teach unto you a great secret which has been preserved by my ancestors, and your ancestors. Now Ngameke, even though he was stricken with great age was still a wise and intelligent man. And he spoke more saying, This secret which I have spoken of doth concern the history of our people and the commandments of God concerning our people. Now behold Suran knew not of what his uncle spake for he understood there to be many gods and he did worship them with much fervor. And Ngameke spake unto him again saying, Come, that I may teach you God's laws. And you shall obey the things which I shall speak unto you. Now Suran being a curious man desired to know concerning these things which his uncle spake. And they took their journey into the jungle and they did travel for many days and did tread upon many diverse paths. Now behold it came to pass that they did come unto the base of a cliff. And it was surrounded by trees, even so that it was hidden from the sight of any man. And water did issue forth from the top of the cliff. Now Ngameke did bring forth a container made of bamboo. And he did remove the stopper in the end thereof. And from within the bamboo, he did bring forth several writings. After which he spake unto Suran saying, Behold, Suran, these are the records of our ancestors. And Suran marveled at these things and did read the writing which was upon them. Now behold these writings did contain a history of a group of people who traveled to these islands. Wherefore their fathers were descendants of Shem who were preserved from the flood. Now the son of Shem was Arpaksad; and the son of Arpaksad was Salah; and the son of Salah was Eber; and the son of Eber was Peleg and Joktan. Now Joktan had thirteen sons who were Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, and Uzal, and Diklah, and Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba, and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. Now Ophir did have sons. And they did travel for many years even until they did reach the northern shores of these lands. And they did establish an order among the people. They being a band of ten. And they did bring many of the inhabitants of these lands into that order. And now behold they did establish a righteous branch of the children of God in these lands. And as many as would unite with them were counted as the children of God. Now behold after many years had passed, the people did return again to the worship of their false gods. And the number of the righteous band did dwindle until they were few in number. And it came to pass that after many years some of another tribe, the tribe of Levi, did arrive. And it came to pass that Suran did learn that his uncle Ngameke was the last of this righteous branch. And there were many more things written on the records which Suran did read and I have recorded them in this book.

CHAPTER 2

Now Suran did believe the words of His uncle and he did believe in the God of their fathers; Adam and Enoch, and Noah. And he did believe in that Messaiah which should come to redeem mankind from their fallen state. For he should come forth in a future time and open the way that all who believe on Him should be saved. And as he did confess his belief in these things, Suran believed he heard a voice speak unto him saying, Behold the things which thou hast read are true. And behold you have been chosen even before you were born to raise up a righteous people unto the Lord. But behold Suran did not understand many of the things which the voice had spoken. And he did inquire aloud, What is the meaning of these things? For what life was there before this one? And now it was as if the voice did speak unto Suran concerning the order of things before this one. And it did teach that all mankind did reside in the realm of God prior to

living here upon this world. And that there was a time appointed when each should come unto this world to be born and live. And it did teach unto him many more things which cannot be written. Now behold after he had thought he heard the voice testify of these things, he himself did testify of them. And Ngameke did take Suran into the waters of the pool which was below the cliff. And he did take him down into the water and bring him forth again out of the water. And this he did that the might be cleansed and witness that he had accepted the teachings of God. And thus he did initiate Suran into the order, which is the Order of God and he did appoint him to be a king, and a prophet, and also a priest. And it came to pass that after these things has occurred Ngameke was stricken and did collapse upon the dirt. And he spoke to Suran in great weakness saying, Suran, son of my brother. Read these records and preserve them, and teach them unto your people. For there are many records in this place and they do contain the word of God. And also history of His people. Wherefore God hath charged you to restore that ancient order which did exist among our fathers. Cause that they should go forth among all the inhabitants of this land. Now, after he had spoken these things he was taken in death. And Suran mourned greatly. And he buried the body of Ngameke near the place of the records. Now behold after these things had occurred he did return to his household with those records Ngameke has caused him to read.

CHAPTER 3

And it came to pass that Suran was a wise man and he did have a strong desire to believe that which he had been taught. Wherefore he did doubt concerning those manifestations of God. For he did not know whether it came from God or from his own mind. Nevertheless he did press forward in faith, having a hope that those things which brought forth goodness did come from God. Wherefore he did teach his family concerning those things which he had read. And he spoke unto them of the first father and mother of humanity. And he taught that because of their transgression they were cast out from before the presence of God. And it was for this reason that mankind doth reside in a fallen and carnal state. That there might be weakness and imperfection in the world. And Suran also taught them concerning He who would be sent to redeem mankind. That he would make an eternal sacrifice so that mankind could be freed from their wickedness and return once more into the presence of God. Wherefore he did also teach them concerning Enoch and his teachings and also the great city which he did build up. And he also taught his family of Noah and their preservation from the flood because of their righteousness in hearkening to the words of God. And he taught them of Shem, the great king, and also of his descendants through his son Arpaksad. Those who did journey through the land of large men even until they did escape into the west and came unto these islands. And He did also teach unto them concerning those who has escaped captivity who were descended of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, who is Israel, and Levi. Wherefore he taught them a history of those people who were led out of Jerusalem to preserve the lineage of Levi and that their ancestors were brought by the hand of the Lord to these islands. Now, he also taught them concerning those who had come before and had mixed their seed with the inhabitants of these islands. And these were the ancestors of Suran and his family. Suran did also speak unto them concerning the prophecies of he who should come to redeem mankind, even the great Messiah. For the great prophet Isaiah spoke saying, For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and like a root out of a dry ground: he had no form and he had no majesty when we shall see him, there is no attractiveness that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of others, a man of sorrows, and familiar with grief: and as it were one whom we hide our faces from, he was despised by us, and we did not value him. Surely he has borne our pain, and carried our sorrows: yet we did look upon him as stricken, punished of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was injured for our iniquities, the punishment done to complete us was upon him; and with his bruises we are healed. Like sheep we have all gone

astray; we have turned each one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is like unto a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is does not speak, so he opened not his mouth. He was taken away from prison and from judgment, and who shall think upon his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And they made his death with the wicked, and with the rich people his tomb, because he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet the Lord was willing to bruise him and he has caused him to suffer. When his soul shall be made an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, he shall prolong his days, and the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see light because of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied. Through his knowledge shall his righteous servant make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. And the world, because of their wickedness, shall judge him to be nothing; wherefore they scourge him, and he endureth it; and they smite him, and he endureth it. Even they spit upon him, and he endureth it, and all this because of his loving kindness and his long suffering towards the children of men. And even the God of our fathers, who were led out of captivity from Egypt, and also were preserved in the wilderness through Him, even, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. For he giveth himself, as a man, into the hands of evil men, to be lifted up, according to the words of an angel. Wherefore he shall be lifted up even upon a cross to be crucified and he shall be entombed in a sepulchre. And there shall be three days of darkness which shall overcome the land and these things shall be a sign of his death even unto us who are among the children of Israel. The Lord our God shall come unto all those who are of the house of Israel at that day. Even those people who do reside in a distant land, even Jerusalem, they shall be punished because they have crucified their God. And they have rejected the signs and wonders and power and glory which doth accompany the God of Israel. And because of their pride they shall be hated among many nations. But when they shall turn again unto Him and remember the Holy One of Israel, He shall fulfill those promises which were made unto them through their fathers. And all the earth shall see Him and they shall all be blessed. And this shall be a sign of Him; A virgin shall conceive and she shall bear a son and His name shall be Immanuel.

CHAPTER 4

Now after Suran had expounded these things unto his family; Suran's second son, Shurak, did speak unto his father saying, surely this thing means nothing. Could it not be that Ngameke was a delusional man. And could it not be that he manufactured these things. For no man can know the future. And no man can know who will come to a place and who will leave from a place. Wherefore he hath done these things so as to lead your heart away from the gods of our tribes. For if your heart will be lead away from the gods of our tribe then surely their wrath will be poured out upon us. And we will suffer famine and hunger. I say unto thee father, forget the ramblings this strange man hath spoken unto you. And trouble yourself not. But now Suran's eldest son, Ahkman, did ponder upon the meaning of the things which his father had spoken. And he did take himself out of the home of his father and did ponder up the meaning of the things which his father had spoken. And after praying mightily he did return to the home of his father. And Ahkman spake unto his younger brother saying, Behold, my brother, I have prayed to know the truth of these things and an angel of the Lord appeared unto me and he did witness unto me the truth of the things which our father hath spoken. Wherefore if you will not believe the words of our father, believe my words. And it came to pass that Shurak did speak to his brother saying, Surely these things must be true. For if this God has power to do these things then he is the most powerful of all the gods. And I will hearken unto his voice and command. Now behold all the rest of the household of Suran, even his wife Tinal, and his youngest son Kodal and his daughter Gura, did believe on his words. Wherefore Suran in his heart was

amazed for his family, yet in his heart he still remained unsure of the thing which he had been called to do, or of the manifestations which had been witnessed. Nevertheless they did gather together to worship God and obey His commandments.

CHAPTER 5

Now Suran did take his family up to the place where Ngameke had taught him. Wherefore they did travel northward for many days. And the Spirit of God did cause that his family should enter into the pool as a sign of their faith in God. And this they did. And Suran did appoint his sons to the Order of Levi. For he did appoint Ahkman after the Order of Gerson; and Shurak he did appoint after the Order of Kohath; and Kodal he did appoint after the Order of Merari. For it was a remnant of these which had been preserved upon these islands. Wherefore Suran did appoint them after the manner in which he was appointed by Ngameke. Now Suran had been appointed to the Holy Order of Shem which was that selfsame Order given unto Adam; which is the Holy Order of God. And they did call this place Katagan, because it was a hidden sacred place. Now it came to pass that Suran did search for the other records of which Ngameke had spoken. And he and his sons did find many more records. And behold these records did contain a genealogy of Suran's fathers. For they were led out of the hands of captivity and into this land. And they did also find a mysterious inscription upon a cut of bamboo. Wherefore the inscription did describe the location of a repository containing many sacred things and even great riches. And they knew that the location was far from the place where they did reside. Wherefore Suran spake unto his family that they might journey to the location of this repository to investigate it. And he did speak unto his wife, Tinal, saying, My beloved wife, I will take our Sons unto the place inscribed upon this record. And we will discover the sacred treasures which were hid up for a divine purpose; which thing may prove to my mind the things which I have beheld. And Tinal spoke unto him, My husband, I know that the things which you have taught are correct. And I know that the Lord God will guide your hand in the recovery of these things. Wherefore go, and take care in your journey, and do the will of the Lord. And it came to pass that Suran and his sons did take their journey into the mountains towards the south-east. And after many days of travel they did approach the foot of a mountain. And this was the place indicated by the inscriptions. And it was called Genas. Now Ahkman did see a large stone with an engraving upon it. And the engraving did match that which was upon the bamboo. And it came to pass that Ahkman did touch the engraving that he might examine it. After which he did begin to remove stones from the mountain; and a cave in the mountain opened up before him. Now Suran had seen this and he did command his sons saying, Go and find wherewith we might light fires. This so that we might be able to see into the cave. Wherefore they did so and they brought some dried sticks and they lit a fire at the entrance to the cave. And it came to pass that Suran did take a stick from the fire and he did use it to light his way as he journeyed into the cave, Likewise Ahkman, and Shurak, and Kodal. And they did make their journey into the cave. And after a space of time the fire upon the stick which Kodal did carry was extinguished. And they did press forward into the depth of the cave. And likewise after a time all of their fires were extinguished and they knew not wither they should go. But behold as they did ponder upon these things Kodal did see that a light did shine forth ahead of them. Yet it was a faint light. And they made their way towards the light. Now after they did reach the light they saw that its brightness was great. And they saw that the walls of the cave were lined with stones which did give off light. And it was brighter than fire. Wherefore they did see the interior of the cave as if it were day. And within the room they beheld a great treasure. Yea, even much gold and silver. And many ancient records. And they saw many articles of fine bronze. Now they did also behold many fine swords, and other weapons. For they hath resided in this cave for a great many years. And Suran spoke unto his sons saying, Now behold let us take care. For we shall take of these treasures and return to our home. And let us construct a temple after the manner which is described in the records. And

after we have done so we will place within it these relics and all other treasures. And we will offer sacrifice after the manner which the Lord hath instructed. And Suran's sons did go forth and took of those treasures which were needful. And they did seal up again the mouth of the cave and did return unto their homes.

CHAPTER 6

Now Suran was the son of Galak who was the brother of Ngameke. And they were the sons of Ngadakasura. And Ngadakasura was the son of Do. And Do was the son of Kona-kurem. And Kona-kurem was the son of Lisayja. And Lisayja was the son of Netanal. And Netanal was the son of Nabot. And Nabot was the son of Josu-a. And Josu-a was the son of Yosef. And Yosef was the son of David, the Levite; who was a descendant of Levi through Gerson through Libni; and who had escaped into the wilderness. Now behold Yosef was the first born of David upon these islands. For behold these islands were called Lekas, and Ofir, and Tarsis, and Mindan, and also many more names for there are a great many islands in this place. And the inhabitants of these islands have become mixed with the seed of Shem. For behold there were some of the seed of Shem who did travel east. Wherefore I have already given an account of the genealogy of the descendants of Shem who did come unto these islands. For Ophir and Havilah did depart for the land of their residence. For they did desire to know the dispersion of the seed of their ancestors. And they did travel any years even until they came unto the land Kemet. And after many years in this land they did make their way west even until they did discover a great water. Now behold they did traverse this water even until they came to a land. And the inhabitants of this land did capture them and did enslave them. Now the children of Ophir and the children of Havilah did labor much under the yoke of these large men. And after many years did the Lord God lead them out of the land and they did traverse the great deep even to the west. Now of this journey I have written a more full account, wherefore I do not write of its fullness here. I speak only of these things that I might establish the genealogy of Suran the father of our people. And after many years and much travel Ophir and Havilah and their children did arrive upon these islands. And they did call these islands after their own names. Now behold the son of Ophir was Seldam who was born in the land west of Kemet. And the Son of Seldam was Yursal, who was born in the captivity among the land of the large men. Now behold the son of Yursal was Enos, who was born on the voyage to these islands. And they did establish themselves in these islands. Wherefore Josu-a, the son of Yosef was born of a woman who was of the seed of Enos. Now it was in Josu-a that both the Order of Shem and the Order of Levi were preserved. Wherefore Suran, because of his ancestors, was authorized to administer the requirements of the law which was contained within the records.

CHAPTER 7

Now behold Suran had been taught the proper form of measurement by Ngameke. And one Taka was the length of the arm of an adult man, from his elbow to the ends of his fingers. And one Butar was the width of the hand of a man or the size of a stone.

CHAPTER 8

And it came to pass that Suran and all his family and all those among their tribe who would join them did work to gather those things necessary for the construction of the sacred articles, which God commanded that they should build. Now behold they did weave cloth and they did dye the cloth that it might be according to that which was written in the records. And they did cut trees for timber. And they did trade for much gold. Now it came to pass that they did build a temple after the pattern which was commanded in the ancient records. Wherefore they did build a temple after the Order of Shem which was after the Order of Enoch. For behold they need not

heed every part of that Law which given unto the Children of Israel and preserved through the descendants of Gershon, and Kohat, and Merari. For behold that Law, had been given unto the children of Israel, which had come forth out of captivity from the people of Kemet. But behold the seed of Ophir were not bound by that Law. For they were bound only by that law which was given unto their fathers through Shem. For they had not sinned like unto the children of Israel. Now behold because of this thing they were counted as Gentiles unto the descendants of Levi, which thing caused much contention in those days.

CHAPTER 9

And it came to pass that after the space of two years they did complete the temple. And Suran did take his sons and the husband of his daughter and he did purify them that they might be priests within the temple unto the Most High God. Now they did enter within the gate of the court of the temple. And he did cleanse them in water and did put the priestly garments upon his sons. And they took a young water buffalo and slaughtered it and painted the blood upon the horns of the altar and the rest they poured out by the altar. And they did burn parts of it upon the altar. And thereafter they did offer up burnt offerings before the Lord as was written in the ancient records. Now after they did so, Suran took his sons and they did go unto the mountain Genas and they did retrieve the sacred articles, and records, and treasures. And they did place them within the temple.

CHAPTER 10

And it shall come to pass that there will come one from a far away land. He will travel upon the waters. His skin will be white like unto those he will travel with. And he will cause many of the kings to come unto subjection to him. But behold there will be one king who will rise up and he will lead many into battle. And they shall kill the white man and many of his people. And this he shall do for the freedom and peace of his people. And behold he shall be a descendant of the loins of Ahkman.

But behold this victory shall not be enough to stay the power of these men from the distant land. And many more shall come. And they shall bring the people of these islands into subjection to them and their king. And they shall destroy much of the history of my people.

Now behold there shall rise a conflict among the men of the land of the king and the men of the land of freedom. And they shall do battle upon these islands. And the people of the land of freedom will triumph. And they shall take control of the islands of my descendants. But many of my descendants shall rise up against these new conquerors. Now behold a man of these islands shall rise up and gather the treasures of my people. And he shall deliver them to a woman. And she shall deliver them up unto her children. And it is these who shall become powerful and subjugate the people of these lands. And there will be one who shall rise up and take power from those who subjugate the people. Now he shall gain much power through his armies. But many lies shall be spread by his enemies. And they shall cause that he shall be cast down, even those people who are yellow. And the people shall be subjugated once again. And so they shall remain until they shall united and cast out the evil among them.

CHAPTER 11

Now behold I saw a great nation in a distant land. And the children rebelled against the mother. And they did gain much liberty from their fight. And they became the nation of the eagle. There shall be three great wars. In the first, brother shall fight against brother, even the nation of the eagle divided. And there shall be a great abomination rise up and they shall take the power from the people of the nation of the eagle. Now the second great war the nation of the eagle shall fight in a distant land and aid them. And the son of the second great war shall rise up and do great evils. And this shall be the cause of the third great war, for the abomination desires not to lose power in that nation. And they shall cause that the nation of the eagle shall fight in that land. Now behold the abomination shall cause much evil to come against the people of the nation of the eagle. And one great bird did attack one of the mountains. And another great bird did attack another of the mountains. There was much fire and smoke and after a time three mountains fell. And there were two lesser birds. And one did attack a large house and another did attack the earth. Now the great abomination did take power in this. And they did subjugate the people of the nation of the eagle. And this was done that they might gain more power over them. Now those who did perform this abomination did cause the liberties of the people should be done away with. And new laws were put into place that gave freedom unto the abomination. Wherefore the leader of the nation of the eagle had gone to war with another nation. And it was caused that the people of the nation of the eagle should believe that the people of the other nation were their enemy. And that they should slay them. Wherefore the abomination did cause such things to be believed that they might gain power over the nation. And it came to pass that I saw the fall of the nation of the eagle. And it was because of the abomination. For they sought to destroy the nation of the eagle.

CHAPTER 12

Now Suran had grown old and knew that he must soon die. And he called all his posterity together and he blessed them. Now had called forward his son Ahkman, and he ordained him to be High Priest over the temple. And he called forth his son Shurak, and he ordained him to be king unto the people. And he did also call forth his son Kodan, and did appoint him to be prophet unto the people. And thus the offices of Suran were divided equally among his sons. And it came to pass that after many days Suran died. And he was buried in a place near the temple.

THE BOOK OF AHKMAN

CHAPTER 1

Behold, my name is Ahkman, I am the eldest son of my father, Suran. Before the death of my father I was appointed to be the High Priest within the temple of God. And therein I did administer the rites. And I am a direct descendant of my father who was a direct descendant of those who were led out of captivity and also those who did journey to this land. And I do record a history of these, the people of Suran, that future generations might know concerning those things which have transpired among us.

CHAPTER 2

Now these are the children of Suran. For Suran was thirty-one years of age and he went in unto his wife. And she bore a son. And they named him Ahkman. And Suran was thirty-three years of age and he went in unto his wife. And she bore a son. And they named him Shurak. And Suran was thirty-four years of age and he went in unto his wife. And she bore a son. And they named him Kodal. And Suran was thirty-seven years of age and he went in unto his wife. And she bore a daughter. And they named her Gura.

CHAPTER 3

And these are the generations of the sons of Suran. And Ahkman the eldest son of Suran did have sons. And these are their names, Arakim, Laran, and Subal. And Ahkman did have daughters. And these are their names Seliam and Yaman. And Shurak the second son of Suran did have sons. And these are their names, Shuran, Shukar, and Rakaal. And Shurak did have a daughter whose name was Karila. And Kodal the last son of Suran did have sons by his two wives. And these are their names, Telemek, Telakem, Baramé, and Kumalek. And his son by his second wife was named Doronam. And Kodal did have daughters through his first wife. And these are their names Terilan and Lorenu. And his daughters by his second wife were named Dorima, Doruma, and Rekel. Now Kodal did take his second wife after having received a revelation from the Lord. And Gura the daughter of Suran did have sons. And these are their names Kuman, Gavor, Rubak. And Gura did have daughters. And these are their names Saram and Rabala. And such were the children and generations of Suran.

CHAPTER 4

Now behold my father did gather our family together. And he did so that he might expound great knowledge unto our understanding. And he did speak unto us many things and our understanding was greatly expanded. And my younger brother Shurak did doubt the words of my father. For he thought that perhaps Ngameke was delusional and did teach our father strange things. But behold I, Ahkman, did consider the meaning of the things which my father had spoken. And I did take myself up to the place where my father did worship the gods. For it was a small grove of trees. And I did place myself in the center of the grove and pray unto the gods concerning the things which my father had spoken. Now I, Ahkman, did not yet know of the true and living God, but I did still believe in the gods of my father. And it came to pass that

as I prayed an angel descended from heaven and did appear before me. And the angel spoke with a loud voice. And I did fall back and was frightened at the sound of his voice. And the angel spake unto me saying, Be not afraid Ahkman, through your faith you have proven yourself. For behold what your father has spoken is true, for it was ordained before this life that he should be a great prophet among this people. And behold your father was born unto this end that he should raise up a righteous people unto the Lord. But behold I had never before heard of the Lord. And I did speak unto the angel saying, Who is the Lord that I might worship him? For I do worship the gods like my father and his father before him, and I do not know of a Lord. And the voice spoke unto me again saying, For behold Ahkman there is but one God, the Eternal Father, who is master and ruler of all that is. And your fathers had been mislead and did follow after false gods. But behold it is not counted against you, as you have worshiped with full purpose of heart and your heart is open to receive those things which are true. And even though you didst pray unto false gods, the True and Living God hath heard your prayers. For God doth know the intents of your heart, and He doth know that while you prayed unto false gods you did so only because you knew not of the True and Living God. And He knows that if you had a knowledge of the True and Living God you wouldst have prayed unto Him. For even though thou didst not know all, your righteousness hath been counted unto your benefit. And the angel did leave me and I sat myself upon the earth and did think upon the things which the angel had spoken. And after recovering myself and knowing with a surety that the things which my father had spoken were true, I did leave the place of the false Gods and did return unto my home.

CHAPTER 5

And I did climb to the peak of a mountain and did go before the Lord and did call unto him. And pour out the desires of my heart. For I desired a blessing from the Lord. And I desired that God should remain with me and my seed for all generations. And I did pray continually for the space of two days. And it came to pass that God spake unto me saying, Behold Ahkman, I have heard your prayers for you have come before me with much sincerity and patience. And I make a covenant with you. For inasmuch as you have desired that I shall remain with you and your seed for all generations; I shall grant it unto you insomuch as you remain righteous and your seed remain righteous. But if a time come that they shall become wicked, and forget me, they shall have no promise with me. But if they again turn unto me, my blessings shall again be upon them. And behold I shall also give you a blessing that your seed shall become more numerous than the stars of the sky, Yea even than the sands of the seashore. And they shall come unto you, and you shall be as a father and head. And if your seed shall be righteous then no enemy shall prevail against them. And nations shall tremble before them and they shall have power over all who dare oppress them. But if they will forget me they shall be cast asunder and they will be trampled upon by all nations.

CHAPTER 6

And behold you have also inquired as to the land that shall be thine inheritance. Now, Ahkman, It has been given unto you that the land of your inheritance shall be all of these islands. And they are given unto you and your seed. And the boundaries of your land shall be this northern land, and Yea also a land to the north of this one. And there are many islands to the south, and below these islands is a large southern land, and also to the west there is a long beautiful island, and there is also many small islands to the west and all these shall be for the inheritance of your seed. And behold there is also a large land in the south west, and many islands in the west. And these are also given unto your seed as a land for an inheritance. And also any other land to which I shall guide your seed shall be given unto them for an inheritance. For your seed shall be numerous and they shall spread abroad in the earth and fill it, and they shall mix with

the seed of all nations. And they shall gather riches from the world and bring them unto the land of their inheritance and they shall become a rich people. And they shall become a powerful people. And the riches they shall use to bless the people of the world.

CHAPTER 7

And behold Ahkman, your seed shall prepare the way for my second advent. For I shall come first into the earth, to redeem mankind, and then I shall come unto your seed. And I shall depart. And behold I shall come again unto the world and your seed shall prepare the way for my second advent. For they shall build a temple that shall be built before my temple in Jerusalem. For this shall be a sign that my temple in Jerusalem shall be speedily completed. And behold Ahkman your desires are good and so long as your seed shall be righteous they shall have the blessings I offer them. But if they break my covenants then I shall withdraw my blessings from them. But behold there shall be a time when your seed shall fall away from my covenants. But after many years I will cause that the covenant I shall make with those in Jerusalem to come unto them. And they shall live by this covenant for a time. And it shall prepare them for the restoration of my covenant with them. And God did give these blessings unto me and also unto my seed. And I did go down from the mountain and was comforted for I knew that God did have a special place for me and my children.

CHAPTER 8

And it came to pass that I and also my brethren sent our children out unto all the northern land to teach the tribes. And they taught the words in the great scroll. And they did convert many people unto the Laws of God. And they did believe. And behold after many years Shurak did send out a message unto all the people that they should gather to a place in the north. And this place in the north was in the mountains. The same place where our father had been taught by Ngameke. And there was a small river which did lead up to the place. And there was a tall waterfall which did fill a pool that fed the small river. And the place was filled with trees. And all the people did come unto this place. And they did assemble themselves according to their families round about the place of the pool. And I did stand before the people and I did speak unto them, saying, O, people who have accepted the laws of God. I have gathered you to this place in a similitude of that which was done by Adam, and Moses, and of Machir. For this place does represent the mountain where Moses gathered his people. For he did gather them unto a place that was like unto the Garden of Eden. For even as Adam was cast out of God's presence and walked past the tree of life and did leave the garden after passing by an angel who guarded the entrance of the garden. He did even walk past the river which split into four directions. So did Moses climb the mountain past the spring filled with water passed the bush which burned with fire but was not consumed, and conversed with God. Which thing is a similitude of the journey of man. And so God did command that they construct a tabernacle after this pattern. For there was built an altar and basin of water. And after entering into the Holy Place the High Priest must pass the candle stick and enter into the Most Holy Place. And also this place which has a pool of water and one must pass the trees which way does lead to the top of the mountain. And this place does have the same pattern as the other sacred places by which God has spoken unto his prophets.

CHAPTER 9

I did also speak unto the people and did instruct them of the laws and covenants that God had made with our ancestors. For these things were written in the great scroll. And I did explain unto them the meaning of these things. For behold I taught them of the history of our people. For unto those who were descended of the priests of Levi there were many laws that they did obey.

And they were complex and hard to obey. But unto our ancestors who were descended from Ophir there were not so many laws. Nevertheless both laws were given of God. And now I had read these things and I did wonder concerning them. And I did take leave that I might pray unto God to know more concerning these things. And God did speak unto me saying, My servant Ahkman, You have read those covenants and laws I made with your ancestors. And they were to be my chosen people. For they were an elect people and special unto me. Wherefore I caused that the two laws of your ancestors should come together. For unto the children of Israel I did offer unto them a greater law, but behold when my servant Moses did come down from that sacred mountain he beheld that the Children of Isreal had constructed and worshiped a false god. And he was an angered and he dashed the stones of my law into pieces. And he returned again to the mountain. And I beheld the wickedness of the Israelites Wherefore I did send another law unto them. And this law was to prepare them for the law of which they were not yet ready. Yet unto the earlier inhabitants that I led unto this land was not given the law of Moses. For they did remain in that law I gave unto the Fathers. For they had no need of the preparatory things. Now when these two people came together upon these islands there was much contention. For the two refused to accept the laws of the other. Nevertheless I caused that the laws should be unified. And in this thing did your ancestors become unified. And so it shall be with you Ahkman. For I have prepared this law for your people and it is the selfsame law which was given unto your ancestors. Wherefore I shall reward the faithfulness of your people. For your people have become a special and chosen people unto me. And they have found favor with me. Wherefore I will remember them and bless them forever. These things did God speak unto me and I did speak them unto the people.

CHAPTER 10

Now I did teach unto the people those commandments which went forth from the hand of God unto Moses. O, Children of Suran, I have been a servant of the Lord for twenty-one years and I have been High Priest for eight years. And all this time I have lived the commandments of our God. Even those ten commandments which were given unto Moses. Now the first commandment which was given was this: that the Lord is God and that we should not worship any other gods than He. The second commandment was that we should not make any graven image, nor should we create an image of things in the heavens, nor in the earth, nor in the water. Also that we should not bow down to worship these images. The third commandment being that we should not take upon us the name of the Lord in vain. For by doing that which is not of the Lord in the name of the Lord is a lie and dishonoreth the Lord in the eyes of men. And he who doeth such a thing shall not be held guiltless. The fourth commandment was that we should remember the sabbath day. For verily it is given that we should labor for six days. But upon the seventh day we should take our rest and not perform any work. For this day was given of the Lord unto man that we might be relieved of those hardships we must endure. The fifth commandment being that we should honor our fathers and our mothers. For when we bring honor unto them we bring honor upon all the generations of our people. The sixth commandment was that we should not kill. For it is not given that we should destroy those things which God hath created. The seventh commandment was that we should not commit adultery. For behold when a man lieth with a woman who is given unto another man he committeth adultery. For except she be anointed a Holy Woman she may be given only unto one man. But if a woman who is not married should lie with a man they cannot commit adultery. The eighth commandment being that we should not steal. For if the property of one is taken by another it is not good. The ninth commandment was that we should not bear false witness against our neighbor. The tenth commandment was that we should not covet the property of our neighbor. For we should be content with that which the Lord hath given.

CHAPTER 11

And I, Ahkman did teach the people concerning the sacrifices which were offered unto God after the manner spoken of in the great scroll. And there were many sacrifices which the people were to offer. And I spake unto them that the time had come that we should travel unto the temple wherein we should offer our sacrifices. And I also spoke concerning the Priesthood with which those who held it should administer the temple and the church. And God commanded me to ordain those who were my children unto that Order of God. But those who were the children of Gura, or the children of Kodal, or the children of Shurak, could not possess the priesthood. I did also teach unto the people concerning baptism. For God commanded the people that they should go into the water and come out again and this should be a sign of that which would be fulfilled by the Son of God, who should come into the world. And I also spoke unto the people concerning their homes saying, You shall each build an altar in your homes. And it shall be in a sacred place, apart from the world. And there around it shall you gather in the veritable prayer and pray unto God. And you shall build your altars after this manner. For it shall be two takas and half a butar in length. And it shall be one taka in width. And the height of it shall be two takas and half a butar. And it shall also be placed on a block which is two and one half butars in height. And this block shall also extend one taka in all directions from the base of the altar. Upon this block you shall kneel and pray facing the altar.

CHAPTER 12

And behold I, Ahkman, did witness unto the people that the manner in which the temple had been built was in all wise correct. For it had been built after the pattern which had been revealed unto my father according to the records which he had received. For behold, after my father had received the word of God, and after we had discovered the cave of treasures we did gather our kinsfolk, and did begin to build a temple. And we did build with the best materials we could acquire. And we did build the temple and decorate the interior with bamboo, and with narra, and with gold, and with silver, and all beautiful stones. Now this is the pattern after which we did build the temple: We did build a most holy place. And to the east of it was did build a holy place. And on the doors between the most holy place and the holy place were engraved two trees, one on the one panel and the other on the other panel, which trees do symbolize the Tree of Life, and the Tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil. And to the east of the most holy place we had built a room. Now within this room doth stand a guard with a sword, which guarded the entrance to the most holy place. And the entrance to this room is to the east and is entered in by a gate. Now this was the house. And to the east of the house we did build two pillars. And one pillar was made out of bronze and the other was made out of brick. And we did write the most important parts of the law upon them. And to the east of the house was a bronze basin made and it was placed within the walled court to the east. Also to the east in another walled court was built up an altar of unhewn stone. Now to the east and round about the house and the two walled courts, was the upper court. And to the east and round about the upper court was the lower court. And within the walls of the upper court and also the lower court were two pedestals. One to the east and one to the west. And there were chambers along the northern wall, and also the southern wall. And thus the upper and lower courts were finished in an identical manner. Now behold to the east of the lower court was a vestibule which was also a gate. And it came to pass I taught them that this was the manner in which the temple was completed. And all knew it was beautiful. And we did take the sacred writings and artifacts within the most holy place. And we did store the treasures of the people within the walls of the courts of the temple.

CHAPTER 13

And it came to pass that we did build up cities in all the region round about. For our numbers had grown to many. And our people did find places of residence. And these were the names of our cities: In the city of Suran was the place of our temple; and to the north was the city of Set; and also to the north was the city of Abrahama; and also to the north was the city of Zedek; and to the east was the city of Garal, and to the east was the city of Bori; and to the north-east was the city of Lisayja; and to the north was the city of Yapinyat; and to the east was the city of Srindam; and to the north was the city of Batas; and to the east was the city of the Tower, for there was a tower built there that the people could see to a great distance. And these last cities were near to the place where Ngameke taught my father, for it was a holy place unto us.

CHAPTER 14

And we performed many rites at the temple Wherefore we were commanded by God to perform them. And we were required so that we may be obedient to God. And there are seven in all and they were known unto us as Washing, and Adoption, and Sacrifices, and the Teaching, and Marriage, and Ordination, and Healing. For these things were commanded unto us by the Lord. For they were commanded in the writings we had received. I shall hereafter explain these rites.

CHAPTER 15

Now we did adopt all those who desired into the church, meaning our tribe. And this we did that we might be one family, unified in all things. Now those who were adopted and had children it was not required that their children be adopted. For they were adopted through their parents. And we were also commanded that those whose parents were not faithful in the Law should be adopted into the church so that they could receive a portion of an inheritance. And Adoptions were also done by way of water. For after the man or woman had been washed, the Priest would take them into the inner walled court. Within the walled court would stand either myself, or my brothers Shurak or Kodan, or the husband of our sister Gura. For we were the patriarchs of our tribe. And he would fill the sado with water from the basin and sprinkle it upon the head of the person, and also upon the head of the patriarch. And he would grasp the head of both, the patriarch in his right and the person in his left hand. And he would place his thumb in the center of the forehead of both, one on the left and the other on the right. Thereafter the priest would pronounce the union of the two. This that they might be bound father to son, or father to daughter. Now this thing was done as it was commanded us.

CHAPTER 16

And it was commanded of us that we should wash all those who desired to enter our group. And the washings were done by way of water. Now behold these washings were performed so that those who did unite with use were clean to begin anew. And we did also wash those priests who did to enter the sacred places of the Temple. And they were washed from head to foot and purified. And as part of their washing they were also anointed with sweet smelling perfumes. And they were anointed with oil. And they did wash in a lesser manner every time they did enter the temple.

CHAPTER 17

Now I speak concerning teaching of our people. For those who had been ordained priests were brought within the lower court. And therein they were instructed in all manner of spiritual things. Now after they did these things that did take themselves and enter into the upper court. For within the upper court they were taught concerning the greater things they might do. Now it was after this manner that they did enter into each of courts of the temple. And after this manner did

they learn of the laws of God and His covenants with the righteous. And God shall uphold all those who look upon His Laws to obey them.

CHAPTER 18

Now behold it came to pass that the Lord spoke unto my brother Kodal saying, Kodal, I the Lord speak unto you. For there are some parts of my Word that have been rejected by your father Suran. For he rejected them because of the traditions of his heart and also the traditions of the people. Now behold I speak unto you that you shall not condemn your father. For he was a great man and he did perform my will with exactness. And he did do whatsoever I should command him. Now he hath made many mistakes and he hath been reproved. But he is great in my sight and he doth reside in the bosom of Abraham. Now behold because of the weakness of men he hath spoken many things which were influenced by his traditions. For behold men do set up idols in their hearts and I do speak unto them according to their idols. Now behold you have inquired of me why it is that my servants in old times did have many wives and lesser wives. And you have not set up the traditions of your people in your heart like unto your father. For you are open to receive that which I shall command you. Now behold, I speak unto you concerning David and Solomon for they did take unto them many wives and lesser wives. And they did take those which were not given unto them. And in this they did sin greatly and it was an abomination in my sight. Now, behold I speak unto you concerning my servants Abraham and Jacob. For they did likewise have many wives and lesser wives. But behold they took only those which were given unto them. And this I say unto you that if a man taketh unto himself a wife and she is given unto him of me then it is good. But if a man taketh unto himself a wife and she is not given unto him, nor he unto her, and even though they may have love one to another, it is not good and an abomination. For he hath taken that which hath not been given unto him. Therein he hath robbed his brother. And if a man taketh another wife unto himself and she is given unto him of me then it is good. But if a man taketh another wife and she is not given unto him it is an abomination and is not good. Now, my servant you shall cause a command to go forth that all who would take a wife must first go before the high priest or a priest. And he will determine if their marriage is according to my will. And if a man desireth to take unto himself another wife or even many wives, he may do so, if they are given unto him of me, and it shall be good; even though your father Suran did condemn such things, for those things were spoken according to his traditions and culture. And these were the words of the Lord unto Kodal.

CHAPTER 19

Now because of these things which were spoken unto Kodal a great many things were made clear. And a law went forth among our people. And this law was that if man and a woman shall desire to be united in marriage they should go forth into the lower court of the temple. And they should take themselves before a priest. And the priest should determine the will of the Lord concerning their marriage. And if the Lord shall agree to their marriage they should be united together by the priest. But if the Lord shall not agree they should depart their separate ways. And also it was written that if a man and a woman should desire to be united in marriage, and the man was already united in marriage then they should take unto themselves into the lower court of the temple and submit themselves to the will of the Lord through the priest. And if the Lord shall approve of their marriage they will be united immediately; but if the Lord shall not approve their marriage they should depart their ways separately. And it came to pass that there also went forth a law that all those who were yet living and had been united in marriage previous to this law were to come forth with their husband or wife and stand before the priest. And the priest should seek the will of the Lord concerning their marriage. Now if the Lord shall approve their marriage they should depart knowing that the marriage they had previously entered into

was according to the will of God. But if the Lord shall not approve it they were to depart separately, and no more be united in marriage, for their marriage, which they had previously entered into, was not done according to the will of the Lord. Now also there was a law that if a man desired a woman to be united in marriage with her that he should go before the priest and declare unto him that which he desired. And the priest should consult the will of the Lord. And if the Lord shall not approve of his desire he should depart and hold his peace. But if the Lord shall approve his desire then the priest should go forth and proclaim it unto the woman whom the man desired. And once within the house of the woman, he should again consult the will to the Lord and if the Lord shall not approve that thing then the priest shall depart and declare it unto the man. But if the Lord shall approve, then priest should take the woman unto the temple and unite the two in marriage. Now behold this law was also given for women; that a woman should make her declaration within the lower court of the temple into a priest. And if it should be the will of the Lord the priest would go unto the house of the man and consult again the will of the Lord; and if the Lord shall approve then the man should be taken unto the lower court of the temple and be united with the woman. Now behold there was also a law that a man and a woman should be united by declaration; meaning that if the voice of the Lord should come upon the high priest while he does administer in the temple, and shall declare unto him a man and a woman that were to be united in marriage; then he shall take himself out of the temple and into the lower court of the temple. And then he shall stand upon the eastward pedestal and loudly proclaim the names of the two who are to be united in marriage. And some of the priests of the temple shall depart out into the land of the man and the woman who were declared. And they shall go forth into their homes and inform them of what has been declared. Then they shall bring the man and woman into the lower court of the temple. And there they shall be bound one to another.

CHAPTER 20

Now in these matters the will of the Lord was determined by way of the Putim. For behold the priest did take a vessel; and within the vessel were places two stones. And the stones were equal in size. Now one stone was white and the other stone was black. And the priest would place his hand into the vessel and draw forth a stone. And if the Lord did guide his hand to select a white stone then the Lord did approve the thing. And if the Lord did guide his hand to select a black stone then the Lord did not approve that thing. And this was the manner that the will of the Lord was determined by the priests.

CHAPTER 21

Now I write concerning two events which did transpire among the people. For I do include these that there might be a witness of the power of the Lord. For behold as I did minister within the most holy place the voice of the Lord came upon me saying, My servant I have proclaimed that through my servant Lekim I should raise up a son. And this son shall do many mighty works and go forth proclaiming my Word. And I have proclaimed that Dinari should be given unto him to be his wife. And it is through her that the son of my servant Lekim should be raised. Now, go forth and declare that Dinari of the city of Lisayja, shall be married unto Likem of the city of Suran. And it came to pass that I took myself out of the most holy place and went forth and stood upon the eastern pedestal of the lower court. And I declared with a loud voice that Dinari of Lisayja should be brought to be married to Lekim of Suran. And the priests went out from the upper court and unto the house of Dinari and behold it was discovered by the priest that Dinari had already been married unto her husband Kal. And they had two small children. But behold they declared this thing unto her and brought her and her husband unto the temple. And the priest came before me and proclaimed: Ahkman, the woman Dinari hath been brought forward, but

behold she hath already been given unto a man in marriage. And I went before her and she spoke unto me saying, Why have you declared this thing? For I do already have a husband, and he is my love, and our marriage was approved by the Lord. And it came to pass that I did enter into a chamber on the northern wall of the temple and I inquired of the Lord. For I spake saying, O Lord, how is it that you have proclaimed this thing. For the woman Dinari hath already been given in marriage. And the Lord spake unto me saying, I do know this thing. Now go and proclaim unto her the blessings I shall grant unto her for her faithfulness. For if she shall obey my word she shall be blessed and she shall be a mother of great promise. And her joy shall be greater than she can conceive. For even though this thing may be difficult, she shall find more happiness than if she shall disobey my word. And I did go forth and proclaim these things unto her. Now behold Dinari did cling unto her husband and she wept greatly. And also her husband Kal did weep. And she did proclaim her love for him and did refuse to obey the will of the Lord. And they departed the lower court of the temple together. Now it came to pass that after the space of many days as Dinari did labor in the field a group of men from the unbelieving tribes came upon her and they did demean her and do all manner of evil unto her. And after they had done these things they departed. And it came to pass that she conceived a child and was despised in the eyes of her husband. And he cast her out from his house. And it came to pass that as she did wander in the roads beyond the city she did strike her foot upon a stone and she fell. And she was impaled upon a stick. Now when it was discovered what had happened it was spoken widely among the people that Dinari had been punished by the Lord, for she had disobeyed. And she had placed her own will above that of the Lord.

CHAPTER 22

Now it came to pass that after the space of a year Likem did marry a woman and she bore unto him a daughter. And again as I did labor within the temple the voice of the Lord came yet again upon me and proclaimed that Yalime should be given unto Lekim. For the Lord would yet cause that his promise unto Lekim should be fulfilled. And the priests did bring Yalime unto the lower court of the temple. And like Dinari she too was married to a husband. And I spoke unto the Lord, Why have you commanded this thing? For are there not many women in all the cities of the people of Suran? And are they not beautiful and lovely to behold. Why then hath you commanded that this woman who already hath been taken as a wife should be given? And the Lord spake unto me saying, It is my will that they shall be united. Now go forth and proclaim unto her my words that she may believe. And I went and told unto her those things which the Lord and spoken unto me. Now Yalime had come unto the temple with her husband, Talat. And she wept because of that thing which had been declared. And she took her husband into a chamber of the northern wall. And they cried mightily unto the Lord. And they came forth again into the lower court. And she spoke unto me saying, I do not know why the Lord has commanded this thing. For surely the Lord knoweth that I love my husband and that I love our children. For how can I depart from them? How can I leave those who are the objects of my love? And she did proclaim her love unto her husband. And it came to pass that she spoke again unto me saying, I do not know how I shall bear this thing for my heart doth break, but behold I shall do whatsoever the Lord shall command. And I shall be married unto this man Likem. For I know that the will of the Lord shall not lead me in the wrong. Now she did embrace her husband, Talat, and did kiss him. And after these things he departed out of the lower court. Now it was at this time that the priests brought forth Likem into the lower court and they also brought his wife Amila. Now Amila was greatly distressed for she desired that she alone should be the wife of her husband. And she did not desire that her husband should take another woman to wife. Now behold I spoke unto them concerning that which had transpired. And Amila did weep with many tears. Now behold Likem spoke saying, My beloved Amila, you do know of the love I have for you. For you have been my wife and I have proven my love unto you. But

behold the Lord hath required this thing of us. And we must do his will. And I do assure you that not one particle of my love shall depart from you. And you shall not be lessened in my sight, nor shall I diminish anything from you. And he did also speak unto Yalime saying, I know that we have never before met. And I know that this thing is greatly distressing to you. For if it was my will I would not cause this great hardship to come upon you. But it is not my will that hath declared this thing, for it is the will of the Lord. And I know that your desire is unto you husband. And I shall not strive to replace him in your heart. But I shall give my love unto you. And I shall give even that same love, which I have given unto my wife, unto you. And I shall serve you all the days of my life as I shall do also with Amila. And I shall do these things not to gain favor in your eyes, but because it is my desire to do these things. And neither of you shall be greater than the other in my eyes, nor shall one be favored above the other. And it came to pass that I, Ahkman, did anoint Yalime; and I did unite Lekima and Yalime in marriage and Amila did depart out of the lower court and return unto her home. And Lekim did take Yalime into a chamber of the western wall of the lower court and they did consummate their marriage, as was our law. And Yalime did conceive and she bore a son and his name was Gubir. And thus the promise of the Lord was fulfilled unto Lekim. Now behold I write concerning the life of Amila and Yalime for even though they did have great struggle in this thing which was commanded they did come to love each other as wives of Lekim. And they did serve each other and care for their children unitedly. And now because Lekim was an honorable man and did fulfill all his vows the love of Yalime was increased towards him. And she did come to love him greatly. Now she did still retain love for her husband, Talat and her children of him. And they did visit her within the house of Lekim. And her children rejoiced to see her. But behold Talat did also marry another woman and he did love her. And I have heard Yalime come into the outer court of the temple and pray unto the Lord. And she hath thanked the Lord for causing that she should be the wife of her beloved Lekim. And she hath received a greater joy and happiness than she would have had she remained with her husband Talat. And likewise Talat did receive a greater joy. And Amila did receive a greater joy for the blessings which had been bestowed upon her. And Lekim was a strong man in the Lord and he was blessed greatly and his joy was increased. For these are the blessings which shall come forth unto all those who obey the voice of the Lord.

CHAPTER 23

Now as pertaining to the ordination of men in the priesthood of God. When it was revealed to the prophet Kodal what office a man of my sons should take, I, the High Priest, being dressed in the garments of my office did take them into the temple. And they were washed with pure water and anointed with most holy oil. And after wards they were clothed in the clothing of their office, and I did lay my hands upon them. And in the name of the most High God I did ordain them into that office which they had appointed. And when any of the children of Shurak were appointed to any office in the government they were likewise washed and ordained, they being clothed in the garments of their office.

CHAPTER 24

And all those who were sick came unto the temple and were healed. For those unto whom it was given that they might heal by the Spirit would enter within and those who were sick would enter with them into a side chamber. And they would be healed by the Spirit. And also those people who desired to be healed were cleansed in water. And they were pronounced clean by a priest.

CHAPTER 25

And behold it was after this manner that people did gather unto the Temple. And we did worship therein. And all those who had believed were adopted as the children of Suran. And we did call ourselves the People of Suran. And we were a righteous people.

CHAPTER 26

Now behold, this I do write so that those who read it may know concerning those things which I have seen. For behold the Lord God liveth. And he shall come to redeem his people. I have seen the Lord within the Most Holy place in the temple and he spoke unto me. He is the mighty Lord of all the world and all power is His. Now it shall come to pass that he shall come into the world and he shall bring light into the world. I prophecy unto you, my people, that the King of the Jews and the King of the Gentiles, even the King of Kings shall come into the world. His kingdom shall be established forever and none shall lay it to waste. He shall throw down oppressors and raise up those who are oppressed. And you shall know his time has come when a light in the sky shall appear. And it shall appear as the crown of the lion and it shall guide you to the place of his birth.

CHAPTER 27

Now behold I speak unto you the words of Enoch. For truly he was a holy man. Now these are the words which he spake: And I beheld a great gathering of people, even beyond number. And they stood before the Lord. Now round about the Lord I beheld four angels and their names were given unto me by that angel which did accompany me, for all those hidden things were made known unto me. And I heard the voices of the four angels, for behold they did praise the Lord and His glory. The first voice blessed the Lord of Hosts forevermore. The second voice blessed the elect one and remainder of the elect who are after the order of the Lord of Hosts. And the third voice did offer up prayers for those who dwell upon the earth in the name of the Lord of Hosts. And the fourth voice did battle against the evil spirits that they they might not come before the Lord of Hosts for they were forbidden. And I did inquire of the angel who went with me saying, Who are these four angels that I have beheld and heard? And he spake unto me saying: Michael is the first for he is patient and merciful. Raphael is the second for he is charged with the diseases and afflictions of men. Gabriel is the third for he doth command the Powers. And Phanuel is the fourth for he is charged with the repentance and hope of those men who do gain life everlasting. Now these are the four angels of the Lord of Hosts whose voices shall be heard.

CHAPTER 28

And it came to pass that I beheld great ropes were given unto angels, and they moved as it were flying into the north. And I asked of the angel, For what purpose have they been given ropes and flown to the north? And he spoke unto me saying, They have flown forth to measure. And also spoke saying, And that which they shall measure is the righteous. For the ropes of the righteous are given to the righteous. This that they might hold themselves fast to the name of the Lord of Hosts for eternity. And the saints shall gather with the saints according to the measure of their faith that this will strengthen their righteousness. For these measures shall show the secrets of the hidden places of the earth, and also those who have died in the desert, and also those who were eaten by animals, and those who were eaten by fish in the sea; so that those people may return and be restored on the great day of the Elect One. For behold not one shall be lost to the Lord of Hosts and not one shall be destroyed. All those who live in the heavens were given a commandment and also power. And they were given a single voice and also a light as it were fire. With their words they blessed one, and they praised him with wisdom,

for they were wise in their words and in the Spirit. And it came to pass that the Lord of Hosts did seat the Elect One on a throne of glory. And He shall judge the works of all the holy ones above in heaven. And the remainder of their doings shall be measured. His countenance shall rise and judge the secret doings according to the Word of the Lord of Hosts. And all of them shall speak of one accord that they might bless, and make holy, and glorify the name of the Lord of Hosts. He shall call forth all the hosts of heaven, even all those which are holy, even the Host of God. He shall call forth the Cherubim, and the Seraphim, and the Ophanim, and also the Powers, and the Principalities, and the Dominions, and the Thrones. Even the elect one and all other great ones of the earth and sea. And on that great day they shall have one voice and they shall bless, and glorify, and raise up, in the Spirit of Faith, and the Spirit of Wisdom, and the Spirit of Patience, and the Spirit of Mercy, and the Spirit of Judgment, and the Spirit of Peace, and the Spirit of Goodness. For they shall shout with one voice saying, Blessed is He, for the name of the Lord of Hosts shall be blessed forevermore. All those who have not waited in the heavens shall praise Him. And all those holy ones shall praise Him. And all the elect who are in life shall praise Him. And all the spirits of light who shall honor and purify shall Praise Him. And all flesh shall praise Him above that which they can give. For behold great is the mercy of the Lord of Hosts and he hath great patience. Wherefore all his works even all that hath been created by Him he hath revealed unto the righteous, in the name of the Lord of Hosts.

CHAPTER 29

I beheld a dream and I will show it unto you, my child. Then Enoch spake unto his son, Methuselah saying, "My son hear the words of my voice. Hearken unto these things. For when I was yet a young man I saw a dream and a white bull came out from the earth and after it came a cow. And with the cow came two other bulls, and one of the bulls was black and the other was red. Now behold the black bull attacked the red bull and did chase it until I could not see the red bull. But now the black bull did grow and also the cow. And I saw many oxen come forth from he which was after the manner of the black bull. And now the cow did go forth from the first bull in search of the red bull but she found him not. And the first bull came and comforted her. Now after this the cow bore a white bull and she also bore black bulls and black cows. And also in my vision I beheld that the white bull did grow and did also bear many more white bulls. And there were many generations of white bulls after him.

CHAPTER 30

Now I did receive a vision which I taught unto the people. And an Angel did come unto me and he did say, Follow me. And I followed him. Now behold I was caught up into a vision. And it came to pass that I inquired of the Angel whither we were to go. And he said unto me, We go to see the fruitfulness of your seed. Wherefore I did see clouds before me. And the Angel said, Behold! And I saw the clouds did part before me and I saw thousands of islands. Yea, some were great and others were small. And the Angel said unto me, behold this is the land of your fathers. Yea, it is even the same land wherein you do reside. And behold the land you see before you is that same land that your seed shall inherit. And it came to pass that we did draw closer into the islands insomuch that I could see the inhabitants thereof. And the Angel said unto me, Behold! And I beheld the land was filled with people. And they were exceedingly poor. And many did starve because of the lack of food. And Yea, the land will filled with filth and waste even so much that many beautiful places had become ugly and wasted. And many people had become drunk and did loose themselves in drink. Wherefore they did harm their wives and young ones. And they did waste their money in drink. And, Yea their families did starve because of this. And diseases did come upon many people and they were struck with many afflictions. And Yea even the very air that they did breath was tainted. And now the Angel did say unto me, Behold! And I beheld that the leaders, that the people did elect to rule over them, did take and steal from the people. And they did wax fat upon the work of the people. And

behold many others from distant lands who were rich did come upon my seed. And they did take unto themselves wives of the young daughters of my seed. And it came to pass that the daughters of my seed did see the riches that were bestowed upon the wives of the foreign men. And they did desire these riches insomuch as they did desire to give themselves unto those aged men so that they would also have riches bestowed upon them. And the Angel said unto me, Behold! And I beheld that the lands and waters which had once been full of fruit and animals that were good for eating had become barren insomuch as the people did struggle to get food for themselves.

CHAPTER 31

And it came to pass that the Angel did say unto me, Behold! And I beheld that from among my seed a book did come forth. And the book did give the people courage. Wherefore all those who did accept the book and take courage from it and gather behind it, did become a great and mighty people. And the prosperity of these people was great. And it came to pass that the Lord did bless them exceedingly insomuch that there was no hunger among them and they did not wander naked, for the lack of clothes. And behold they were blessed with many luxuries. And I did ask of the Angel, what is this book that goeth forth among my seed? And the Angel spake unto me saying, this book is the record of the inhabitants of this land. Yea it is even the record of the promises God hath made with the people of this land. And this book doth tell your seed of the prosperity and blessings God hath laid up for them. And it is these blessings that doth give them courage to fight the poverty that hath engulfed them. And the Angel said, Behold! And I beheld that there arose a strong and brave people in the northern part of the land. And it came to pass that the Angel did speak unto me saying, Behold! And I beheld and I saw the great people who followed the book that they did build a temple unto the Lord. And the pattern for the temple was taken from the book that they did follow. And they did worship the Lord in temple. And the Angel said unto me, Behold! And I beheld that the remainder of my seed did look upon those who did follow the book and there were those who did desire to unite with them because of the words within the book that did testify of the Son of God. And there were others still who desired to unite with them because of the great prosperity that those who followed the book did gain. And there were even those who did not desire to unite with the followers of the book because of their stiffneckedness. And they refused to join and fought against the book. Wherefore some of these did have much power to lose because of the people who followed the book. And it came to pass that those who had much power to lose were those who had waxed fat from the labors of the poor. And the Angel did say unto me, Behold! And I looked and I saw that the Spirit of God was with those who followed the book and they did overpower those who desired power and money. And God did give control over the land unto those who followed the book. And the Angel said unto me, Behold! And I beheld that anywhere that people did follow the book there was great prosperity and there was no poor among the people. And the people did form a great empire that did include the lands of my fathers and even some of the other isles of the sea. And God did give unto them even parts of the distant lands that had previously spoiled my seed. And it came to pass that I beheld that all the lands they did possess were exceedingly beautiful. And all those places that had been turned to filth and waste were restored to their prior beauty. And the lands were filled with gardens and forests. And the rivers and oceans were clear and pure and all manner of life did thrive therein. And they were bounteous and filled with creatures that were useful for food. And no one starved for the lack of food. And I beheld that the cities which had been filled with dirt and waste did become clean and pure. And the entire land was beautiful and my seed who had loathed their dark skin insomuch that they did call it a curse, did come to look upon their skin as a blessing and a sign of a prosperous people. And they did come to a knowledge that their darkened skin had been given to them by God as a sign of the blessings that he had promised them. And I saw many people did flow unto the land of my seed. And they did look for prosperity there, Wherefore in the distant lands there

was much poverty. Yea even the whole earth was engulfed in poverty because of the secret orders that had seized control of every land. And the people who followed the book had shaken off the poverty that was inflicted upon them and became even as a beacon shining forth unto all the world. And those aged and wicked men who had preyed upon the young daughters of my seed were shunned insomuch that they had to travel to other lands to continue their abominations and wickedness. And it came to pass that the people did build many beautiful structures and edifices. And the Spirit of God was strong with the seed of my brethren and they had become a righteous people and God did bless them with many riches and prosperity. And it came to pass that I did follow the Angel back to the land which I had left and the vision closed before me. And the Angel did instruct me to write the things which I had seen. Now behold the Angel of the Lord did depart from before me and I was left with both sorrow and joy. Sorrow because I knew that there must come a time that my seed would be preyed upon and suffer many afflictions. But I did feel a great joy because shortly thereafter a time must come that the people who followed the book would bring a time of great prosperity, peace and victory among my seed. And those things which I had seen did make clear the promises God made unto me. And it came to pass that I did write the things which I had seen.

CHAPTER 32

And I did prophecy many more things. And the people did rejoice in the glories of God and those things He had promised them. And now I did desire that we should teach these things unto the tribes in the south. And I did design to go unto them to teach. For behold I no longer desired that the tribes should remain separate, but that we should unit our strength. And I did gather many supplies and food. And I spoke unto my son Arakim and did call on him to join me in my venture unto these people. And Arakim did agree to go with me. And we will depart to the land southward at dawn. And thus ended the record of Ahkman.

CHAPTER 33

Now behold that after Ahkman was made a High Priest in his thrity-fourth year he beheld a vision. And, lo, this vision was recorded upon shafts of bamboo and it went forth among the people, and it was known as the Book of the Lords, And these are the words which where written within: I Ahkman beheld a vision. And I saw it was of a distant time. And the things which I beheld were strange. For I saw in that time the people shall walk with strange garments. And they shall ride within beasts of metal. And it shall come to pass that five datu shall be raised up. And they shall establish a people. And these five datu shall be loyal, and honorable, and mighty, and brave, and wise. The people who follow these datu shall have peculiar ways and words. They shall stand contrary to the evil ways of the world. And I also beheld that the five datu shall be raised up from poverty and they shall come from a distant land. The first datu shall struggle for many years to build up this people. And he shall write a book that shall be a foundation for the works of the people. At the beginning of their reign the world shall not know them or praise them, save it be those who shall hearken unto this prophecy. And they shall cause the weak to be made strong. Wherefore they shall become known unto the world for their charity and greatness, and also for their power and their wrath. I also beheld that these five datu shall live after the ways of the fathers and the righteous kings. They shall command and armies will obey, rivers will be diverted, mountains shall be destroyed, and dry seas shall be refilled. Their clans shall start small, just a few, but they shall grow and their cities shall fill the earth. I beheld that each datu shall posses a throne, and a stone, and also a sword. And these shall be symbols of their power. But behold their power comes not from themselves but from God. For his Spirit shall be upon them insomuch as they maintain his paths. And they shall govern from a palace. And their rule shall be just. I also beheld that any man or woman who should join their clans

shall become rich and prosperous and bring about many good things in the world. And it came to pass that I beheld the book which the first datu shall write. And it shall form the foundation. And those who follow these datu will help the descendants of this land to establish a mighty kingdom, and restore the greatest that shall be lost from them.

CHAPTER 34

And I did also see the armies of the kingdoms. For they shall become great even beyond number. And they shall be employed in all manner of employment. Some shall fight in war, and others shall aid the poor, yet others shall rebuild places that have been destroyed. They shall organize their armies according to six. And I saw the armor of the armies and it shall be as the armor of God. Wherefore they shall wear the helmet of salvation, and breastplate of righteousness, and they shall have the buckler of faith, and also the belt of truth, and even the boots of preparation, and their weapons of the Spirit. And it shall be after this manner that they shall arm themselves and go to battle.

CHAPTER 35

Now behold I did see the residence of the datu. And it shall be a great palace. And there shall be a great tower in the midst and surrounding it shall be five towers. And also around these shall be five lesser towers. Also shall there be many minor towers, and bridges, and stairs. And there shall be gardens, and pools, and forests, and animals. For the people shall play, and rest therein. And I beheld that there shall be statues which guard the palace. Now I beheld there shall be five main gates. And the clansman from each clan shall enter by way of the gates. And I also beheld that there shall be many great rooms, and there shall be many pillars and walls. And also many plants and animals, even of every kind. And there shall be waters and streams. And I beheld there shall be women to greet those who did enter therein. And they shall be beautiful and shall come from all nations. For they shall be naked and not ashamed and they shall be bound by golden rings. And within this palace shall be many who shall work to support the people and the armies. And many shall come within to be healed and beautiful women shall attend them and comfort them. And there shall be rooms where the visitors shall gather and meet. And many shall come to make arrangements with the people of the clans. And all those who shall meet therein shall be attended to by beautiful women in all manner of clothes. And there shall also be many secret chambers and some shall be large and others small. And some secret chambers shall contain pools, and other shall contain altars, and still others shall contain vast treasures of gold, and silver, and all manner of riches to sustain the clans. And there shall be many residences some large and some small. And I beheld the pools of water within the palace. For they shall be very vast. And the people who shall live therein shall go to bathe, and there shall be waterfalls and all manner of pools. And within shall be comforts, and fires, and mats, and perfumes, and oils, and all manner of things for the care of the body. And there shall also be rooms for education, and training, and also many ceremonies. And these rooms shall be filled with beautiful things, even gold and silver, and plants, and water, and mats, and chairs and thrones. And five of the rooms shall be set apart, and one shall look as if it were the clear stones the other shall be filled with fire, and another shall be filled with vapor, and the fourth shall contain stones, and the fifth shall contain water. There shall also be rooms for government there shall be a large chamber for the council of the five datu. It shall be under a dome of stone. There shall be five statues which shall guard the entrances. In the center of the chamber shall be a large table with five sides, one side for each datu. And there shall be five thrones. And the thrones and the table shall be decorated with many symbols and carvings of intricate work. Another chamber shall be more vast than the first. And it shall be for the council of lesser datu. And they shall also have tables and thrones. I also saw the chamber of the judges. And there shall be large table and five thrones for the judges. And thus I did see the palace in all its beauty and splendor. For behold people from all the world shall come to behold the beauty of the

palace. And all those who shall unite themselves with the kingdom shall be able to partake of the riches contained therein. And they shall find joy in the company of the beautiful women and slaves, who shall be dressed in diverse clothes. Now this palace shall be located in a beautiful place.

CHAPTER 36

Now behold these datu shall be good and honest men. They shall live according to the codes and oaths which they shall have taken. They shall live with pure hearts and honest words. No one shall ever have reason to doubt the word of one of the datu. The five datu shall be great respecters of women. They shall hold women sacred in their hearts, for they shall know the value of women in God's eyes. And they shall fight for the honor of women and defend the ones they love against all manner of dishonor. These good men shall live after the manner that the Lord commanded Abraham, Jacob, and Moses. For as with these ancient men they shall have many wives. And they shall love and honor each wife; for they shall making them Queens. And they shall also have many concubines and they shall care for each concubine; for they shall make them princesses. And I saw the many of the wives of each datu. And many of them before they shall become a wife shall fear that they should commit whoredoms. But the Lord shall send His comforter upon them and He shall make known unto them that they shall not have transgressed His laws. These women should not fear, nor should they be jealous, nor should the wives of these datu be fearful or jealous. For behold the word of the Lord teaches that in a day seven women shall cleave to one man. And whatsoever woman shall marry one of the datu God ordained that she should become a Queen. And she shall be loved and cared for. The world shall adore her and envy her. And any woman who shall marry one of the datu shall become rich and she shall not have to work or toil except in those things she shall desire to do. And she shall have beautiful cloths and jewels, gold, and silver, and she shall not have a lack of money. And any woman who shall marry one of the datu shall have her marriage bound eternally, that they should be married even after death. And she shall have the most beautiful and solemn wedding. And the place of her wedding shall be filled with gold and flowers, and whiteness. Both she and her husband shall wear beautiful clothing. Then they shall be crowned with Gold.

CHAPTER 37

The five kingdoms of the datu shall gather in secret. They shall go to the great nation and there they shall fight for the liberty of the people. They shall form a new nation out of the old. A nation of the desert. The five kingdoms shall be hired again to conquer the east. They shall unify the tribes and their fight shall rage for the freedom of the people. The weak ones shall be made strong and that great city shall be made bright. They shall go into the heavens and shall travel to the realm. They shall have many metal beasts which shall take them there. With their war beasts they shall descend from the sky. They shall fall like meteors upon their enemies.

CHAPTER 38

Now I saw many people who shall join the kingdoms. They shall come from many countries and cities. They shall join in families and be made a brother or sister and they shall take a vow as a sign of their joining. For insomuch as they shall do so, they shall receive a new name by which they shall be known. Now when they shall join they shall be welcomed into one of the kingdoms and into a family. And they shall be made equal with their brothers in the ways of earthly goods, for no one shall possess more than his brother. And thus there shall be no poor people and all shall be made rich equally. And thus ended the Book of the Lords which was written by our father Ahkman.

Selections From THE BOOK OF ARAKIM

CHAPTER 1

Ahkman's son Arakim had traveled with Ahkman in the journey to make peace with people in the south. And behold they did arrive at the town on the southern large island. And it was a town called Yanyari where a chief had established himself over the people. Now Ahkman and Arakim did approach the town where the chief reigned. And they did enter into the town without any weapons, as a sign of peace. And the men of Yanyari saw Ahkman and Arakim. And they brought them before the Chief. And the Chief spoke unto them saying, Surely these must be a brave men for them to come into the heart of our country. And Ahkman spoke unto him by way of the Spirit saying, I have come unto you and your people to make peace. For I do not come unto you to preach or to conquer. For is it not better that two people live in peace despite their differences. But the Chief believed that Ahkman would try to enslave his people. For the People of Yanyari were a blood thirsty people and they did not trust outsiders. And the Chief did again speak unto Ahkman, But how can such peace be attained? For surely there are many disagreements between tribes. And there are no tribes which we have not gone to war with. And the Chief told his sons to capture Ahkman and to bind them with cords. And the Chiefs sons did so. Now Arakim did attempt to flee but they did also take him and bind him. And the Chief ordered that they be taken into the central building of the town. And the people of Yanyari spat upon them and mocked them. And they did rejoice that they had captured an enemy. And when Ahkman and Arakim were taken into the building, the Chief did stand before them. And he spoke unto them and mocked them. And he did thrust their faces into the dirt and he did command them to bow to him. And Ahkman spoke unto the Chief, and all the people therein, saying, You may mock me, but your mockings do mean nothing, for God is more mighty than the words of any man. Yea, He is more mighty than all men. And when the Chief heard these words he was angered and he did strike Ahkman. And Ahkman being a mighty man did rise up and stand face to face with the Chief. And he spake saying, My body has been struck but my spirit has been strengthened. For you may kill me now but I shall live eternally, for behold I have obeyed the command of God. And I have gained favor in God's eyes and He will accept me into His kingdom. But wo unto those who do not obey the voice of the Lord for they shall stand guilty at the last day. And they shall not attain the greatest glory. Wherefore they shall attain pain and suffering. For they shall know that they received a messenger of God into their midst, but they did reject him. And Yea, they would have gained the highest. And the same shall be unto you. For unless you repent of your sins you shall not stand guiltless at the last day. And behold God has given you stewardship over these people, and you shall be held accountable for the wickedness into which you have lead them. And the Chief grew even more angered, and he did speak saying, I have lead these people as the gods have commanded. Yea, I am a mighty man. For the gods have made me so. And all those who followed him did cheer and shout. And the Chief did continue to speak saying, And Yea, the gods have given me such power that I can slay a man, and if your beliefs and false traditions are true then your God will save you. And the Chief took his weapon and slew Ahkman, and much blood did pour out upon the dirt. And Yea, the people of Yanyari did cheer all the more. And it came to pass that as the people did cheer, Arakim knew that he must also be slain like unto his father, for the anger of the Chief was great towards them. But behold Arakim did hear a voice speak unto him saying, Arise, Arakim and flee into the forest and return unto your own land. And Arakim did feel that the ropes which had

bound him were loosed. And he looked round about him and did see the Chief and his people cheering, and rejoicing, and defiling the body of Ahkman. Wherefore he knew not from where the voice had come. But he did arise and flee. And the people of Yanyari did not see him flee. And how this was done he did not know, save the power of God had freed him. And Arakim fled beyond the bounds of the town and traveled many days and did return unto his own land in the north.

CHAPTER 2

And Arakim did return unto the people of Suran, and many years did pass, and the people of Suran did prosper and grow in righteousness and Arakim was a righteous priest unto the people. And Shurak did lead the people in all diligence, and also Kodal did prophecy many great things. And it came to pass that the people of the southern land were the most wicked in all the islands and they did harden their hearts and rejoice in wickedness. And behold God did bring a curse upon the land of the south. Wherefore he did curse the land with clouds. Wherefore they might block the sun and it became exceedingly difficult for the people of the south to grow food. And the skin of the people of the south did become lightened and they were a repulsive people. For they did perform many abominations. And behold God did command the people of Suran that the whiteness should be a sign unto them that they should not join with the people of the south. And also the people of the many lands and waters were not so wicked as the people of the south but they did still refuse to follow the Lord. And God did curse the land of the people of the many lands and waters that there should also be many clouds to block the sun. And the skin of the people of the many lands and waters did become lighter than the people of Suran but not so light as the people of the south. And behold the people of Suran were commanded not to marry into the people of the many lands and waters and the fairness of their skin was a sign unto them. And, Yea the people of Suran did enjoy much sun and also rain in its due season. And because of this they did grow crops and food continually and they wanted not for food. And their skin did become dark because of the sun that was upon them. And they were a beautiful and wonderful people and they did obey the commandments of God. Wherefore it was not desirous that they should mix their seed with these other people; for in doing so they would dilute the teachings and practices which had been given and they would be led to worship false gods.

CHAPTER 3

Now it came to pass that such did transpire that there arose six branches of the tribe of Suran. For the priesthood had been given unto his son Ahkman. And it did remain through his descendants in their three branches. For before his death Ahkman had appointed his son, Arakim, to the Order of Shem Arakim. And it was for this reason he did become the High Priest. And Ahkman did appoint his son Laran unto the Orders of Gerson and Kohath, wherein they became one order. And he did appoint his son Subal unto the Order of Merari. Thus the people of Suran through Ahkman were divided into three: the People of Arakim, the People of Laran, and the people, of Subal. Now the kingship had been bestowed upon Shurak. Wherefore the eldest son was to be ordained unto the kingship. And it was in this that the People of Shurak did remain unified. And the prophethood was retained through Kodal. Now the children of the husband of Gura were not granted that they might possess authority only that they might worship the Lord and perform their duties with much faith. Now it was after this manner that the beginnings of the six tribes of Suran were establish. And they are the tribe of Ahkman-Arakim,

and the tribe of Ahkman-Laran, and the tribe of Ahkman-Subal, and also the tribe of Shurak, and the tribe of Kodal, and also the Tribe of Bicolo.

CHAPTER 4

And it came to pass that Arakim began to wax old and he did become increasingly sickly. And behold he knew that the time must come that he should pass from this earth. And he called his children before him and he did place his hands upon their heads and bless them. And unto his eldest son, Rakim, he did appoint the office of High Priest of the church. And his youngest son Jaresh he did appoint to be a priest unto the people. And not many days after this Arakim died. Now Rakim did go before the people of Suran who were gathered at the temple. And he did preach to them concerning the things of God. And as he did preach the Spirit of the Lord did witness unto those who listened that Rakim was the chosen to be the High Priest over the people. And all those who heard him beheld it and knew that he was truly appointed of God after the manner of his father.

CHAPTER 5

And Delek, a keeper of the records of the people, was the son of the brother of Arakim. And Rakim went abroad in the land to preach the laws of God. Now behold even after many years Rakim did not return and many thought he had died in a foreign land, and others thought he was lost upon the seas. And behold Rakim never did return. And many were confused as to what might be done among the people. For some did desire to become a leader over the people that they might become High Priest. And some thought that God had closed his voice to the people. And it came to pass that many people arose and claimed for themselves to be speak in the name of God. And they did bring all manner of proofs. And thus the people of Suran were divided. And behold Delek did go before the people and did speak unto them saying, I, Delek was ordained by Rakim to be the keeper of the records of these people. And behold I have fulfilled my duty as God has given it unto me. And Yea, I have lived in a manner that the Spirit of God may be a companion unto me. For have I not also walked and talked with Rakim? And have we not been seen in long conversations by the wayside? For if God will, I shall minister within the temple as High priest according to the records which have been kept, for I know them well. And many of the people lifted up there voices saying, Oh Delek, you should be appointed High Priest over us for surely you have been called of God. And Delek spoke unto the people saying, Be it known unto all people that I am no prophet, neither have I spoken as a prophet, for that office doth continue with the children of Kodal. But if God hath chosen me to be a High Priest over you then it shall be so. For God doth call many prophets in the earth, and Yea even some prophetesses, but not all who shall lead his people shall be prophets; but some shall be seers and others shall be wise men. For God will call whom he will call. But there were others would not follow. For the prophet Telemek spoke. And he did proclaim that the Lord had chosen Rakim's brother Jaresh to be High Priest. And many did follow after Jaresh. Yet still others did follow a man named Buru who was a prophet. And there were many more people who did follow other men. But those where the main divisions of the church. Yea, those who did follow Delek; and those who would follow Rakim's brother, Jaresh; and those who would follow Buru. And it was after this manner that the people of Suran were divided. Now the King of the people, Shuran, did support the voice of the people in electing Delek. But Rakaal the youngest son of Shurak did claim the title of King among the people who did support the Buru. For Buru and Rakaal did come to an agreement that they would support one another. And it came to pass that

the people who followed Delek did retain possession of the temple. But the people of Delek would that those who did follow the other leaders should still enter into the courts of temple and worship therein as God had promised. For there were days appointed when those who did follow the other leaders should worship within the temple.

CHAPTER 6

And Madek the son of Delek did call all the people of Suran together. For behold he did see much wickedness arise because of the divisions of the people. And he would that all the people of Suran should hear his words, but many of the divisions of people would not hear his words. And, Yea, they were those who had the most need of his words. Now, Madek did instruct the Elders to write his words and deliver them in all the land of the children of Suran even unto all those people who did believe. And Madek spoke unto the people saying, Oh mighty people of Suran, God hath selected you to be a chosen people upon these lands. And I have seen much righteousness in my days and my heart does rejoice in the righteousness of the people. And God doth also rejoice in those who shall follow his commandments. But behold, people of Suran, there hath also been much wickedness that has arisen amongst our people. For many people have taken the commandments of God and perverted them to indulge their own desires. I speak unto you concerning the commandment that a man may take more than one wife. For behold many of you have destroyed your families and brought ruin upon your children because of your perversion of this holy commandment. Yea, many of you are guilty of adultery for you have taken women who are not given unto you. And in doing so you have gone in unto women who have not been your wives and you have broken the covenants you made with God and your wives. And you are guilty of a great sin. And many of you have only taken thought of the outward appearance of women and you take unto yourselves only women who are delightful in appearance and you put off those faithful women who are not as delightful to the eyes as those women whom you have chosen. And you have destroyed the pureness of your wives for they do compete for you affections for you to deal unjustly with them, because you do give favor unto those who are most delightful unto the eyes and you do shrug away those who are not so delightful. And many of your first wives are women who are not so delightful to the eyes but are delightful to the heart,. But because of your wickedness you do put them off and would not give any affection unto them. And behold are these women not your love? Did you not make a covenant unto them that you should love them eternally and that they should be your chief wife? You have been condemned for your wickedness. And if you are to have any hope of being guiltless at the last days you must repent. And I have many more words of harshness for you, but while my words may be harsh, the righteous will receive them and repent but the wicked will close their ears unto them and they will continue to walk in the pride of their hearts. And I speak these things unto you with great love, for you still have time to repent of your wickedness. And I have much more to speak unto you concerning your sins. For many of you have begun to take women who are beyond your age. And your old men do marry the daughters of your daughters. And in this there is great wickedness. For the young men of our people have no young women to take unto them for they have been joined to those who are old and who must surely die soon. And the women of our people do seek out the elderly men of our people that they might be joined unto them. And I speak unto you women saying, wo, wo, wo. You have not sought young men who are appropriate for you. For you do say that they seek not things of eternity and they do only wish to make games of your hearts and pureness. But have you not destroyed your hearts and pureness in seeking out elderly men? Have you not given up your pureness and delightfulness by joining those who are neigh unto death? And they are as your fathers and as your grandfathers. And I say unto you women repent of your wickedness. For it is true many

young men do delight in the games of the heart and mind. And they do deceive many and in doing so they are guilty of great sin. But are there not also many young men of your ages who do seek out the will of God and they do consult the scriptures and the Spirit. And they do respect the women of this people and they do delight in your pureness and loveliness. And is it not also given unto them that they may take more than one wife? Why do you then say that there are no men? For are you so hardened in your pride that you will not be joined unto a man who already hath a wife? I say unto you, Nay, for you do join to those old men who do already have many wives. And I give a warning unto you that you must repent for you do deny the blessings of marriage to those young men who desire to be righteous men. Now I do speak again unto you men. For you do give unto your wives potions and brews that do render their wombs barren. And they cannot bear any children. And you do this so that their bodies may not change in child birth. For you do delight in the beauty of their bodies and not in their wholesomeness. And such a thing is a great sin for a man and a women must leave their father and mother and join together as one. And they should, in proper time, work unto the bearing children that the earth may be filled with righteousness. And know you not why God hath given it unto you that you should take more than one wife? For surely it is that the earth may be filled with righteousness. But you have perverted the ways of God and you do marry women for the pleasures of the flesh. And you care not for the delightful spirits of children who may bless your lives. And in this you have been selfish. I speak unto you saying repent! For if you do not repent a great ruin shall come upon this people. Wherefore God doth love all of you and His arms are open to all who will repent. And for those who repent it shall be as if they had not sinned. For their sins shall be wiped clean in the sanctifying blood of Christ who must surely come. And now O mighty people of Suran you do ask what a man and woman must do to live righteously under this principle. And I say unto you a man must not take unto himself a woman who is not given unto him. And a man must treat all of his wives equally and not place one above another, nor shall he give more of his attention and affection to one over another. Nor shall you speak unto them in public or in secret that you doth love one more than another. And if one of your wives confide a secret in you, you shall not reveal it unto your other wives, unless that secret shall do harm. And you shall not speak evil of your other wives. And you must take your each of your wives for a time in turn and give them affections, and gifts. For each must have a time to grow stronger in love with you. And serve and love your wives. And render unto them service and do not force your other wives fulfill your duties. And also love your children and be with them in time of work and in times of leisure. And give unto them time to know and love their father, For they must know you and have a time unto themselves with you. And unto you women, you shall not seek to steal the attentions of your husband from his other wives. And you shall seek to suppress jealousy, for do you not know the hardship of your husbands? And do not speak evilly of each other to taint the affections of your husband to his other wives. And render unto him all due patience. And give unto him time to love and go in unto his other wives. And take comfort during this time in reading the words of God. And praying and singing. For surely this must be a hardship for you that your beloved husband has gone in to another woman. But behold he doth love both of you equally. For is there a limit to the number of people a person may love? I say unto you Nay. But seek to overcome your hardships by relying upon God, and His word, and His love. And if you shall work to overcome then your burdens shall become easier. But if you do not and you are tossed about by the storms of your hardships then you shall not overcome and it shall be a great pain unto you. And I say also, love your children. And love the children of the other wives of your husband. And care for them. And also aid the other wives of your husband in caring for children. And if you shall do so, your children shall be raised righteously and it shall be made easier for you. And now, Oh mighty people of Suran, I do make a close of my speaking unto you. For I have delivered many strong words but they have been given in love. And if you shall hearken unto them you shall prosper. But if you reject them you shall perish in wickedness. Now I give these words unto you for they are not my own but they are God's. And you shall

hearken unto them. And Madek did send his words forth amongst all the people of Ahkman. But it came to pass that his words fell upon deaf ears for some did hearken unto his words but many more did not for their hearts rejoiced in evil and the evil one did possess their loyalties. And Madek did grow to an old age and did rebuke and teach the people all of his days.

CHAPTER 7

And it came to pass that Kodan the son of Madek, who was a righteous young man, did read the words of God. And he did read the commandments of God. And as he did read he read a command that no man should go in unto a man as a man goeth in unto a woman. And Kodan was greatly confused for his desire was not unto women as with other men but his desire was unto men. And he could not understand the meaning of this for surely God would not make a man as a sinner. And he went unto the Lord to inquire the meaning of this thing. For his heart was full of praise unto the Lord, for he had loved the Lord all the years of his life, and he did pray unto God. And he did ask God why he was not as other men. For he knew not that there were others among the people who had these desires. And it came to pass that as Kodan cried unto the Lord he did hear the voice of the Lord speak unto him. And that Lord spake unto him saying, Kodan, thou son of Madek. You have done right in inquiring of me Lord concerning these things. For inasmuch as you shall inquire of me I shall grant knowledge unto you. And Kodan did speak saying, My heart is heavy for I desire to know your will concerning me for my desire is not after that which is natural unto men. For it seemeth unto me that these things are forbidden. And the Lord spake again unto Kodan saying, I, the Lord, hath created you after mine own will and you are a righteous son. For I say unto you, you hath not sinned in those desires which I have cause should be in your heart. For I have given them unto you so that you may prove yourself unto me and that my works may be manifest through you. For you hath been a faithful servant all your life. For your nature hath been given unto you as a trial of your faith. For if you shall be faithful and obedient unto me, I hath laid up a reward in Heaven that shall be yours. And Kodan did ask the Lord saying, Why has this burden been given unto me and not unto others? And the Lord spake saying, I the Lord, God doth give trials unto many that they may prove themselves. For behold it is the nature of this world that there be imperfection. Have I not also caused that because of the imperfection of the world unto some hath been given the loss of limb and unto others deformity. And unto others, because of the nature of the world, hath been given deformities that are not physical. But behold had there been not imperfection of the world these things would not exist. And there would be none would possess the desires which hath been caused to be your nature. For all men would have desire unto women. And all women would have desire unto men. And there would be no deformities of gender, and no uncertainties. But such perfection shall not come until the time when the earth shall become whole again. Now behold I speak these things not that you shall think upon yourself with loathing, or that you are lesser than another. For what person among these people is perfect? I say unto you there is not one. For I have given all men weakness. Wherefore think not unto yourself that your weakness is greater than another's. For this reason I shall come into the world. That your weakness may be made into a strength. For all men deformed before me, every man. And it is through me that your deformity is made whole. And you are no longer weak, but strong. And Kodan spake saying, How shall it be that I can overcome that which is desirable unto me? And the Lord spake unto him saying, Where if you shall refrain from that act of which you have spoken you shall not commit a sin. But if you shall commit that act you shall be guilty of a great sin. And it is through me that your sins shall be washed clean. And your filthy made pure. For behold I have commanded this thing because it is given that the man cannot be whole without the woman, and the woman cannot be whole without the man.

Wherefore can a house be built without a roof, or without walls? For if a house is but walls it cannot fulfill the purpose of its creation. Or if a house shall be but roof, it cannot fulfill the purpose of its creation. So to a man or men cannot fulfill the purpose of their creation without that counterpart which is woman. Now I say unto you, if you cannot abide this thing, you shall remain in a state of singularity. For it is better that you abstain from all impure relations than if you should fall into temptation.

CHAPTER 8

And it came to pass that Madek did pass the authority of the church unto his son Kodan. And Kodan was a high priest and also a prophet of God. And he did prophecy in all his days. And he did work to bring the people unto righteousness. But the people would not hearken unto his words. For the divisions among the people did give many an excuse to do whatever they wished. And they would not hearken unto the chosen of God. And wickedness did increase upon the land of the children of Suran. And the many tribes did invade the lands of the children of Suran. For the wickedness of the children of Suran did increase and God did cease to uphold them and protect them. But behold there remained a righteous group of children of Suran in the north who did surround the temple and there they lived near the temple. And they did so that they might gain strength from God through the rites and the sacrifices they did perform therein.

CHAPTER 9

And after many years Kodan did die and his brother's son Sural did become the High priest of the Temple for he was chosen to lead the group of righteous people that worshiped at the temple. For the rest of the children of Suran had divided into tribes each with their own king. For there were six kings according to the six tribes. And they worshiped God as they pleased and not as instructed by God. And they interpreted scripture according to their own desires. And Sural did preach unto the tribes who surrounded the lands of the righteous. For the lands of the righteous were in the mountains and they were not by the sea, therefor the land was completely surrounded by unrighteous children of Suran, and those tribe who had not joined with them. And he did teach them of the witness and power of the Holy Spirit. For he did teach them what people must do to know if something is of God. For if something is righteous it will be witnessed by the Holy Spirit. But if it is not of God it will not be witnessed. And to know of a witness you shall feel a feeling in your bosom. But it is not like unto an emotion for emotions are fickle and change with time. But a witness is strong yet peaceful. And he did teach them after this manner so that they would know that those things they did do were not righteous. And also that they would know how to return to the righteous path. And the authority of the church was given by God unto the son of Sural whose name was Kimesh. And Kimesh did go forth in the land, like unto his father, and preach repentance. But the people did not hearken unto him. And because of their increasing wickedness Kimesh did take many of the righteous people into the lands of the south to find a new home.

THE JOURNEYS OF GUBIR AND JARESH

CHAPTER 1

And it came to pass that a man named Jaresh did approach his father, Arakim, the High Priest of the temple. And he did inquire that he may go abroad in the land and preach the law. And his father went before the Lord and he did pray if his son might go and preach the law. And the Lord did hear his prayer and did approve his request. And the Lord commanded that another should be paired with Jaresh that they two should go forth in the land and preach. For the truth shall be known through two or more witnesses. And now Arakim, the father of Jaresh, did rejoice that the Lord should allow his son to go forth among the people and preach. And he did go unto his son and speak unto him that which the Lord had told him. And Jaresh rejoiced. And Arakim did speak unto one of the Priests of the temple. And the Priest did also have a son whose name was Gubir. Now this priest was that same Lekim who received a promise of the Lord. And Gubir had also desired to serve the Lord. And they brought Gubir and Jaresh together to commit them unto their journey. And they spoke unto their fathers saying, We do covenant to serve the Lord and to preach repentance unto the people in the land round about. And if it is the will of the Lord we will bring many souls unto Him. And Yea, we will do anything that the Lord shall command us. For the Lord shall lead no man astray and His arm is mighty and will support all those who seek to obey Him. And the fathers of Gubir and Jaresh did rejoice and did send them on their journey. And Gubir and Jaresh did depart northward from the City of Light and began to preach. And they took nothing with them save their clothing and scrolls containing the Word of the Lord written by those who had passed before. And they trusted in the Lord to provide their food. For surely if the Lord would provide food for the animals in the forest He would provide food for them who were His servants. And behold they did travel northward out of the land of Suran. And they did travel away from the ocean and into the heart of the land. And as they traveled they were an hungered and they did search the land around them and did find fruit. And they ate of the fruit and were nourished. And it was after this manner that they traveled for the space of many days even until they did arrive at a place that had a population of people. And they neared themselves unto a man who was a keeper of animals. And his name was Karatang. And he did welcome them into his home and he gathered his family to meet them. And they asked Him do you believe in the gods? And he said, Yea, I know of no one who doth not believe in the gods. And they asked, is there one God who is greater than the others whom thou doest worship? And he said, Yea I do worship the god of the sky and even all my family does worship. And they said we too believe in a great God that dwells in the sky. And, Yea, He has power over all things even the sky and the earth, and even the water. And Karatang did know that their God must surely be very powerful. And they did teach him about the creation of the world and how Lord did bring mankind into the world. And they did also teach him concerning the need of a Savior to redeem all mankind from the fall of man. And Karatang did know of the truth of these things for the Holy Spirit did testify of it unto him.

CHAPTER 2

And Karatang did ask them, What must I do be saved from my sins. And Gubir and Jaresh did speak unto him and they did say, There is nothing that a man can do to save himself. For surely the works of man are nothing to the works of God. But only those who may be saved are those who believe in Him. And those who believe in Him shall obey His commandments. And a man must die and come alive again in the Lord. And Karatang spoke unto them, how can a man die and take up again his life, for no man in all the world has done this. And they knew that the understanding of Karatang was imperfect, but he had a desire to know the truth of God. And they said unto him, the death that must come upon a man is not a death of the body but is a death of the evil within a man. For surely a man must put off his evil and take upon himself a righteous life. And it is in this way that a man can die and come alive again. But behold a man must die in the water and come up again out of the water alive again. For the waters doth symbolize the living water that is the Lord. And behold Karatang did know that the things which they taught were true. And He desired to follow the Lord and to die and live again through baptism. And yea even all his family desired it. And Gubir and Jaresh took Karatang and his family to a body of water, even the river of Lar. And they did baptize him and his family in the name of God the Father, and His Son, and the Holy Spirit. And this Karatang did become a righteous man and even all his family did become righteous. And Gubir and Jaresh went forth among the people of this place and did teach them of God and the Law. And even Karatang did aid in teaching and did gather people together to hear their words. And it came to pass that they did bring all those people unto the Lord and did baptize them.

CHAPTER 3

And many souls were brought unto the Lord in that time. And they did dwell in the land and teach and serve the people. And Yea they did even labor with their hands to help those people around them. And the people did prosper and were blessed by God because of their faith. And it came to pass that the time came for Gubir and Jaresh to continue on with their preaching and they did take leave of the people and did continue their journey northward. And they did rejoice in the Spirit of the Lord for the great success they did have with the people. And it came to pass that as they continued their journey they came upon another place of people. And they did approach the people and they did speak unto them in a similar manner as before. But behold the people of this place were hard in their hearts. And they did reject the sayings of Gubir and Jaresh. Or rather they did reject the word of the Lord as spoken by Gubir and Jaresh. And they did gather in the center of the people. And they attempted to speak unto the people to bring them to a knowledge of God. But behold the people were angered with them and did smite them with stones and sticks. And Gubir and Jaresh did flee from the people into the forest.

CHAPTER 4

And they fled away from the people and made camp deep in the forest. And Gubir spoke unto Jaresh saying, How be it that we being messengers of God cannot bring the people of this land unto God? And Jaresh spoke saying, Do you not know that it is not our purpose to bring people to God. Rather it is our purpose to preach repentance and faith in God. For people must come unto God according to their own will, for no man can force another to a belief in God. And Gubir spake saying, How can it be than God would permit these people to live without a knowledge of

Him. Is He not an all powerful God? And Jaresh rebuked him saying, O, you foolish man. Know you not the word of God? And he spake unto him after this manner. And Gubir and Jaresh did become angry with one another. And they did argue concerning the Word of God and behold because of their contention the Spirit of God did cease to be with them. And behold they took up their camp and continued north-eastward. And they were angered with each other and did not speak. But they knew that they must remain together and they did so.

CHAPTER 5

And behold they came unto a city of people and they came into the boundaries of the city. And they did attempt to preach the gospel unto the people. But behold because of their contention they could not teach. And their words were not strong. And behold they knew that they had lost the Spirit because of their contention. And behold they did leave the bounds of the city and did resign themselves to the forest. And behold Gubir and Jaresh did apologize one to another. And they prayed unto God and fasted many days. And they did so that they might be forgiven of their sins. And the Spirit of God again came unto them and witnessed unto them that God had forgiven their sins. And Yea, they did return again unto the city. And they taught the people with much success.

CHAPTER 6

And on the fifteenth day of their preaching within the city they did awake and continue to preach unto the people. And behold a man named, Kubal did come near unto them. And he spoke saying, You are believers in God. Wherefore I have not seen any god. So prove unto me that there is a God that I might believe in Him. For in all my life I have never seen a god. And they say that the trees and plants do grow because of the power of a god. But behold do not the trees and plants grow because of the sun and of the dirt and of water? And is the sun god? And is the dirt god? And is water god? Wherefore I know of you and your beliefs and I know that you do believe in one God. Therefor those things cannot be God unless you do lie concerning your beliefs. And in man I see no God. For do we not descend from the ancients who inhabited our land and the lands round about? Wherefore God hath not made man from two. So prove unto me that there is a God that I might believe in Him. And Jaresh did look upon the man and did see the darkness of the countenance of the man. And he knew that the man had no desire to believe, but to weaken that faith of the people. And he spoke unto Kubal, O, you wicked man, for you do not desire to know God. For you seek only to prove that there is no God. And there is nothing that we may show unto you that will cause you to believe. And, Yea, it is true with many men. For those who say, I will not believe until there is a proof, will never overcome their doubts. For there shall never be sufficient proof unto them. And those who shall say, I believe and there is nothing that shall disprove my belief, they do fool themselves, for they close their eyes to the world. But those who say, I shall examine my belief, and my world, and I shall seek to find the truth and I shall learn new things, and I will not harden my heart to knowledge, these are they who are righteous and have a true understanding. For what man can know all things? Yea, any man must learn those things that come unto him and improve his knowledge. And Kubal spoke unto the people, Behold these man cannot prove that there is a God. And they do seek instead to speak vile things against me. And they do this to fool you into believing that I am in error. Wherefore hearken unto me and learn the truth of the world that there is no God. And if you believe these things you shall not be fools and you shall be free. And Jaresh spoke, Kubal, I have spoken unto you, and you know that there is nothing that shall be proof enough for you. Wherefore I ask you, what shall be proof enough for you that if you shall see it then you will never doubt. And Kubal thought for a short time and spoke, Anything that shall show that God exists shall be proof enough. And Gubir spoke saying, Why is it required that God prove himself unto you or unto these people? For you speak unto us and unto these people as if it be required that all men should know that there is a God. And Kubal spoke saying, Doth not God require

mankind to worship Him? And Yea, if he shall prove himself unto me I shall be a strong worshiper. And Gubir spake again saying, O, fool, you do not understand God. For you do build God in your own image and then ask your false god to prove himself unto you. For if you did truly desire to know God you would come unto Him. And follow his commandments, and obey his word. And then will God begin to show himself unto you.

CHAPTER 7

Now Kubal saw that they had turned his words against him and he did change his speaking for he did still desire to gain control over the people. And he did speak, saying, I have read the great scroll and the words of the prophets. And they did make me fearful for the God that is spoken of therein is an evil God for he doth grow angered and he doth kill and command some to kill. And if your God be a true God that loveth all man how can it be that there are hardships? Wherefore how can a true God allow men to kill other men? And Jaresh spoke unto him, if you have read the words of the prophets then you do not understand them. For God hath brought men into the world to learn and be tried. And how can it be that men would be proven if God should prevent them from enduring hardship? And how can God be a just God if he should bring his hand into the lives of those with hardship, but not into the lives of those who do not have a hardship? For God will bring blessings on both the righteous and the wicked, on both the poor and the rich, on both the young and the old, on both the people of Suran and the tribes of the outsiders. And those eternal rewards shall come only to those who shall prove themselves. And after Gubir and Jaresh spoke many more things Kubal was confounded in his speaking. And he did look about him at those people who were gathered around. And he did flee into the forest, for he was ashamed. And Gubir and Jaresh preached unto the people and every man and woman was brought unto God, and there were none who did not believe. And after many years Gubir and Jaresh did depart the land and did take their travels northward even until they did arrive at the sea of Wayin. And it came to pass that Gubir and Jaresh did fashion a boat out of bamboo that they might cross the sea to the islands in the north. Now after many days of gathering food and water they did set sail into the north. And they did sail for many days and did pass by many islands. And they did land upon a large island in the north. And it came to pass that Gubir and Jaresh did disembark from their boat. And they did journey into the land. Now as they did this they found a village. And the people there were kind unto them and they did rejoice at the sight of Gubir and Jaresh. And one of the village, a woman, did approach Gubir and Jaresh. And she she spoke unto them and they could understand her words. For she spoke unto them saying, My friends, I see that you have come. For behold your coming was prophesied unto me by an angel. And I have spoken these things unto these people and they did believe them. Now come and teach us of the message which you have been commanded to give us. Now this woman's name was Holingu. And Gubir and Jaresh were amazed at what Holingu has spoken unto them. And they did teach unto the people concerning the coming of the Christ and the law which they had received. And the people did believe all that they were taught. Now I do record this because Holingu did travel with Gubir and Jaresh to the large northern island. For she was the shamanka of the Ibata people. And she did commune with those spirits which did speak to her. Now because of the angel which had visited her she taught the people. And their hearts were prepared to receive the words of Gubir and Jaresh. And she did also cause that a boat should be prepared that they might travel to the northern island. And this she did that she might travel with Gubir and Jaresh.

CHAPTER 8

And it came to pass that after several days journey they did arrive at the shores of the northern island. And they did venture forth upon the land. Now as they did walk along the beach they heard a sound. Now the sound they heard were the people of the island. And they did charge forth with their weapons, and with their might that they would capture Gubir, and Jaresh, and

Holingu. Now these warriors of the island did chase them along the beach towards their boat. And it came to pass that the warriors did lay their hands upon them. Now they did capture them, and they bound them with chords. Now behold they did carry them forth to their village. And it came to pass that the warriors did take Holingu to the abode of the king. For there was a king who did reign over their tribe and his name was Oram. Now behold Gubir and Jaresh were bound and kept within the village.

CHAPTER 9

And after many days a woman in the village did take compassion upon them. And she did give unto them food and drink, that they would not perish. And the woman did teach unto them the language of their people. Wherefore they were held prisoner within the village for the space of one and a half years. And this was the seventh year of the reign of King Oram. And in this year King Oram did have a vision come unto him in a dream. And this dream did greatly confuse King Oram. Therefor he did call forth all the wise men in his kingdom. And he did hold council together with them, and during this council he spake his dream unto them. And his dream did confound some of these wise men. And others said, Behold it is simply the imaginings of your mind. And yet others, determined to give the king a meaning, did imagine their own meanings to the dream. Wherefore the King did know that these were imaginings because of their complexity and of their confusions. And it came to pass that while Gubir and Jaresh were bound within the village, they did hear concerning the dream of the king. Wherefore they did hear because the news of it did spread through all of the tribe. And they spake one to another saying, Let us go forth unto the King, for we are servants of the Lord. And surely He will reveal the meaning of the King's dream unto us. And so it shall be so that the King may come unto the path of the Lord. Wherefore Gubir and Jaresh did proclaim unto the warriors that they knew the meaning of the dream of the king and they did request a meeting with the King. Now because of the distress of the king they were taken before him that he might hear their words. Wherefore they did enter unto the chambers of the King and did speak unto him saying, King Oram we have heard of they dream and that it has troubled your mind greatly. We believe that the meaning of your dream will come unto us through the power of God. And the King being an unbeliever did see fit to test them. Wherefore he did separate Gubir and Jaresh. And he did this so that he could ask them each for the interpretation of his dream and if the interpretations thereof did match then they truly did come from God. However if the interpretations differed, even to the slightest degree, then they were not from God and would be put to death. For he thought that they might be warriors sent from another kingdom to kill him and his people. Now King Oram did speak of his dream to Gubir. And behold Gubir did give a meaning thereof. And behold King Oram did then go into the house were Jaresh was. And he did divulge his dream to Jaresh. Now this was the vision which was given unto King Oram in a dream. For he did see a young water buffalo grazing in a field. And from a great distance a white snake did approach the young water buffalo. And as he watched he did see the white snake begin to coil around the water buffalo. And as the snake did begin to coil around the water buffalo, the water buffalo did begin to fight. But inasmuch as the young water buffalo did fight, the white snake continued to ensnare the water buffalo with its coils. And behold the water buffalo did remain ensnared in the snake's coils for many years. And he did also see in his dream a great eagle descended upon the snake. Wherefore the eagle and the snake did do battle even until the snake was defeated and did leave the water buffalo and flee. And after a time and large dragon did attack both the great eagle and the young water buffalo. And it came to pass that the large dragon did spread its wings and cause the great eagle to flee. And it came to pass that the great eagle did make a vow to the young water buffalo that it would return. After a short time he did see the great eagle return and it drove the dragon away across the seas. Wherefore the great eagle did stay with the young water buffalo and did nurture and help it. Then King Oram did look again and the great eagle returned to its land across the sea. And after the eagle had left, the strong water

buffalo did become weak and thin insomuch as it was near death. Wherefore he saw the dying water buffalo and it found a scroll and it did eat the scroll. Wherefore after the water buffalo partook of the scroll it arose and gained great strength even so much strength that it grew and dominated the regions round about. And he saw it dominate the tail of the great eagle, and it dominated the claws of the large dragon, and it dominated the tail of the white snake. And these are the things that King Oram did see in his dream. Yea, he was greatly confused by this dream.

CHAPTER 10

And Jaresh prayed in his heart to know the meaning of these things. And he pondered for a time. And after pondering he did speak unto King Oram saying, This dream which you have seen speaketh of the future of the lands southward. For this whole land shall become part of the Kingdom of God. And the lands southward shall be the center part of the Kingdom. And many people of your kingdom shall become inhabitants of that land. And this dream doth concern them. For behold the creatures in this dream do symbolize specific kingdoms. For the young water buffalo doth symbolize that region of land southward. And in the future a kingdom shall come into those lands from a great distance away. And they shall seize power in the lands southward. And the people of the lands southward shall fight but the foreign kingdom shall take power in the land. And this kingdom shall retain power over the lands southward for a great many years. And after this time another kingdom shall come, which is symbolized by the eagle, Yea the people of this kingdom do rally behind the symbol of an eagle. And this kingdom shall come unto the lands southward and shall take power from them. And the kingdom of the eagle shall have power over the lands southward. And after some years a third kingdom which is symbolized by dragon, shall attack the lands southward under the control of the kingdom of the eagle. And the third kingdom shall cast out the nation of the eagle and take power over the lands southward. And the dragon shall gain power in other islands for this is what is meant by the wings spreading. And there shall be one among the forces of the kingdom of the eagle which before fleeing the lands southward shall vow to return unto those lands. And there shall be a time when the kingdom of the eagle shall return to the lands southward and they shall drive the third kingdom out of those lands. And they shall establish a rule in the lands southward. And they shall organize a kingdom of the native people of those lands. And thus shall the people of the lands southward be nurtured. And the time shall come when the kingdom of the eagle will leave and return to their own land. And the power of the kingdom in the lands southward shall be retained in the hands of those native peoples. And the people who control the kingdom shall make foolish mistakes. And they shall lead the kingdom to near destruction. And there shall come a record among the people which is symbolized by the scroll. And the people of the lands southward shall take up this record and accept it. And they who accept the record shall become a mighty and strong people. And they shall gain so much power that they shall gain control beyond their borders. Yea even the people of this land shall be united as part of the kingdom. And this kingdom shall have so much power that they shall gain control over a portion of land in the kingdom of the eagle. And they shall gain control over a small portion of land in the third kingdom. They shall also gain control over a portion of land in the first kingdom. And this is what is meant by those things that you have seen in your dream. And King Oram stood silent, and he did not speak a word. For he was amazed that Gubir and Jaresh spoke the same things. And He knew that this must mean they were truly guided by their God. And it came to pass that King Oram did flee from the presence of Jaresh. And after the space of many hours he did order that Gubir and Jaresh be brought unto him. And he spake unto them saying, You know not of my plans concerning you. For I had commanded that if your interpretations of my dream be different then I would know that you were not guided by your God and that you were spies sent to kill me. And I commanded that if it be so, you should be killed. But behold your interpretations of my dream did not vary even in the slightest degree. And when I heard this I did flee into the forest and did cry. For I knew that what you have spoken is true. But even more I know that you do

speak for God. And His words do come from your mouths. Now I would ask of you to teach unto me the ways of God. And I will command my entire kingdom to obey them. And we shall all obey God according to your words. And Gubir spoke saying, It cannot be, for a man must gain his own witness of the truthfulness of these words. For if a man is forced unto belief, he doth not truly believe. Wherefore command that our words should be carried unto all your people that they may read them and learn for themselves. And King Oram did command it.

CHAPTER 11

And Jaresh spoke saying, what know you of God? And King Oram spoke saying, I know that there is a great God which doth rule in the skies. And He hath power over all things. But of the ways or nature of this God I know not. And Jaresh spoke saying, what you say is true. There is a great God and unto us there are no other gods beside Him. For He hath no equal, nor a parent, nor a child. For He alone is our God. But behold the nature of God is like unto that of man. For he hath being and substance, and all of us are his children. And King Oram spake, How can this be? For you have said He hath no children. Do you seek to fool me for my lack of understanding? And Gubir spoke saying, We do not seek to fool you. For what Jaresh hath spoken is true. There is only one God whom we worship. And He does not have children whom we worship, but that doth not mean he hath no children. And He doth not have a parent whom we worship, but that doth not mean that he hath no parent. And it doth mean that there are none of those others whom we worship. For behold we are children of God in the spirit, and our flesh comes from the earth. And unto those who follow His Law we shall grow like unto our Father, for that is our nature. And He doth have power over all things, in the earth and under it, and in the sea, and in the sky, and even in the Heavens. And Jaresh did begin speaking, saying, But behold we do look forward to a time when God shall raise up a prophet in the world. And this prophet shall go forth and teach the laws of His father. And He shall atone for the sins of all men. For it is not possible that any man should atone save He be from God. For the nature of His flesh shall come from God and also from the earth. And it shall be so that He may suffer for the sins of all man, but He shall not die until the time appointed. And He shall seem unto many to be God. For He shall do the will of the Father. And He shall do nothing of His own will save He shall follow the Father. And thus He shall be like unto the Father and He shall be the Father for when one shall look upon Him they shall see the Father. And it has been spoken unto us that he shall be born in a land far from here. And he shall not come unto us until the time appointed. And King Oram spoke unto Gubir and Jaresh saying, Why doth this prophet come? For you have said He shall save man from their sins. So I ask why doth man need saved from sins? And Gubir spoke, Knowest thou the creation of the world? And King Oram said, Nay. And Gubir spoke saying, God did create the world and all things therein, And he did create all His children. And two of His children He did create bodies for, upon the earth. And He placed the spirits of these children into those bodies. And he placed these souls into the perfect creation that was a garden. And outside of the garden was an imperfect world. And behold God commanded those children being one male and one female, to have children, and fill again the earth. But they could not do this for they were perfect being created by the hand of God. And King Oram did question Gubir and Jaresh, saying, How could it be that God commanded them to have children when it was not possible for them to do so? Surely a perfect God knoweth that they cannot have children. And Gubir spoke, You ask correctly, for this thing doth confound many men. God did command them thus for it was their purpose to come into the earth to bear children that the Spirits created by God might become souls. But because of their nature they could not do so. Wherefore it must needs be that they attain an imperfect state. And God could not create them in an imperfect state for such would be a punishment unto them. And at no time doth God punish except a man hath committed a sin. And God did create also a tree in that perfect garden that by eating the fruit of which would bring a knowledge of good and evil. For because of their state the man and woman were innocent and knew not good nor evil. And God did

command them not to eat of that fruit. For if they should eat of that fruit they would become corrupted and fallen. And God did command such for if He commanded them to eat of the fruit they would receive a punishment. And God punishing no man who shall follow His commandment. Wherefore He must have forbidden them from eating of the fruit. And after a time the woman did eat of the fruit of that tree insomuch that she might have a knowledge like unto God even a knowledge of good and evil. And behold the women knew that their purpose in coming to this earth was to attain those attributes that they might dwell in the presence of God, for God had taught these things unto her. And she knew that because of what she had done she must die. And she went unto her husband and told him what had happened. And he also ate of the fruit for he knew that if he did not they could not fulfill the commandment of God to have children, for she would die. And because they partook of the fruit they did fall. And they could no longer live in the perfect garden and God did cast them out. And they became imperfect and prone to sin. And it is because of this that all men sin. And all men must be saved from their sins. For to return to live with God after this life, we must be sinless and perfect. For nothing dirty can live with God. And we cannot be sinless and perfect through our own actions. Rather it is through the atonement of that one who must come. For he shall be sinless and mighty, and in him we shall live. Now King Oram did know that what Gubir had spoken was the truth.

CHAPTER 12

Now Jaresh again spoke, saying, Now you must know O, King, that the prophet who will save, shall save only those who will believe in Him. Wherefore He shall atone for all sins, but only those who believe in Him shall be saved. And they who are saved shall obey His words. And King Oram pondered this and spoke, saying, What must I do to believe and obey? And Jaresh spoke, You must believe that He shall come. And because of your faith and belief in Him you must obey His commandments. And He has commanded that we should repent of our sins. Know you what it means to repent? And King Oram said, Nay. And Jaresh spoke saying, to repent means to reject and turn away from your sins. For if you sin you must correct that error. And you must never again turn unto that sin. Wherefore you must repent all your life, for it is impossible that a man should go without sinning. And as you repent you must be baptized in water and of the Spirit. And this should be done to covenant unto Christ that you will believe in Him and obey Him and do all that he should command. For washing is a symbol of the death of your life and a rebirth of a new life in Lord. And after doing these things you go shall into the temple and offer sacrifice.

CHAPTER 13

And we have spoken unto you concerning the washing of water. For the washing by water is a covenant between man and God. And it is also a symbol. For a man who is washed of water shall covenant unto God to follow His commandments. And he shall go down into the water. And he shall stand in the water. And he shall be submerged in the water by a man who hath been ordained after that holy order. And he shall shortly be brought up out of the water. And thus shall be the symbol. For when a man is submerged under the water this doth represent the death of his wicked soul. And when he cometh forth out of the water this doth represent the birth of his righteous soul. And thus it shall be that every man must be born again. And there is also the washing of the Spirit. And the washing of the Spirit shall occur when the Holy Spirit cometh upon a man and remain with him. And he shall receive gifts that the Spirit shall bestow. And some may receive words of wisdom. And others may receive words of knowledge. And another may receive faith. And another may receive gifts of healing. And another may receive the power to work miracles. And another may receive the gift of prophecy. And another may receive the gift to discern between good and evil spirits. And another may receive the gift of speaking languages. And another may receive the gift of interpreting languages. And all of these gifts come from the washing of the Spirit according to the abilities of man.

CHAPTER 14

And they did teach the king many more things. And he did accept their words and was converted unto God. And the Spirit did speak unto his heart and thus he was converted. And behold that as King Oram had ordered the words which Gubir and Jaresh had spoken were spread in the land. And many people did come unto the Laws of God. And the land did begin to become righteous. And it came to pass that Gubir and Jaresh did remain in the land for many years and did preach among the people. And after this time they did return to their homes. And Arakim the father of Jaresh, and Lekim, the father of Gubir did rejoice exceedingly for the great works which God has caused their children to perform. And the things which they did they caused to be written. And thus we can see that the Lord's promise was fulfilled unto Lekim of whom Ahkman spoke. For his son Gubir did go forth and proclaim the Word of the Lord with a loud voice. And he did bring many souls unto God.

THE GOSPEL WRITTEN BY ANGULU

CHAPTER 1

I, Angulu, was chosen of God when I was but ten years of age. For though my father was not counted among the believers of Christ I did hear the voice of the Lord speak unto me saying, Angulu take yourself up unto the land of Jerona and there I will give unto you the Words of Life. And it came to pass that when I was twelve years of age I did depart from my land and travel south into the land of Jerson. For among my people I had attained the right of manhood. Now after three days travel I did take my rest by the side of the stream Taborong. And in my rest I did receive a vision. And in this vision I beheld a the rod of a young tree, and it sprouted forth. Now I beheld that the handmaiden of the Lord came forward and she took hold of the rod of the tree. And I beheld before me a great and fertile land. And I also beheld that the rod of the young tree, being filled with the Holy Spirit, was cast into the fertile land, and it divided the land hither and thither. Now the strength of the rod stayed within the land for many days. And out of the land rose a great tree. And it rose forth insomuch as it did bring forth much good fruit. Now because of this fruit the earth was sanctified. And it came to pass that I beheld an angel of the Lord; and the angel expounded unto me the things which I had seen in the vision. For the great tree which rose out of the land should be a great prophet that would be raised up in a distant land. And he shall bring much righteousness unto the people of these lands. And it came to pass that I arose from the vision and took sustenance from the trees which were near the river.

CHAPTER 2

It came to pass that I heard a woman singing a ways off. And I followed the sound of her voice. Now after I did walk a short way I saw the woman who was singing and I did approach her. When the woman saw me she was not afraid, rather she did beckon me to come unto her. Now see, this woman, Kapu, was the high priestess of those who worship the god Batala Me Kapal which is understood to mean the Great God who hath created all things. And it came to pass that Kapu took me into her house. For it therein was the altar wherein she worshiped Batala Me Kapal. She spake unto me saying, the Lord God hath spoken unto me in a dream and He hath prophesied that a young man, a prophet in his own right, shall come unto my house. And he also spake unto me that I should take him as my husband that he shall be made a greater follower of righteousness. And together we should become one and more perfect followers of the Lord. Now when I had heard these things the Spirit of the Lord testified that they were true. And it came to pass that we I went in unto her and we were married I being in my thirteenth year, and she being in her thirty-eighth year. Now Kapu being a woman who desired to do righteousness did follow me into the wilderness in search of the land of Jerona.

CHAPTER 3

And it came to pass that we did arrive in the land of Jerona. And there we found many followers of the God. And my wife and I did learn much concerning the ways of God. Now, one of the elder of the people did speak unto me saying, Go and speak unto the man Bodan, for he hath seen the Lord God in the flesh. And it came to pass that I went unto the dwelling of Bodan. And I, Angulu did speak unto Bodan saying, My, lord, I have hear that you have seen the Lord which shall come unto us.; even the Son of God. And Bodan did look upon me and spake saying, Young man, I can see the purity of your heart. For you have sought well the things of God. I say unto you now that you shall see the Lord when he shall come among our people. And He shall speak unto you. Now as you have inquired concerning what I have seen I shall tell it unto you. For, yea, I have beheld the young Lord with mine own eyes in the days of my youth. Now, you have heard the prophecies concerning the coming of the Lord? And I said unto him: Nay, I have not heard them. Only that He should redeem us and come among us for a time. Wherefore Bodan did speak unto me saying, There are many prophecies concerning the Great One, Our Lord. And these are among those which were given as a sign of the birth of the Son of God in the flesh.

CHAPTER 4

It shall so happen that when he shall come a sign shall appear in the sky. And it shall be the sign of the King. For there in the western sky amid the stars of the children of Judah will appear this sign. Wherefor seek it and it shall be a guide insomuch as you shall find that savior. For through Him shall all mankind be reconciled unto God. Verily all who believe on his name shall come unto God. For He is God that Father mankind. Now behold, take faith and it shall be given into you that which you shall need.

And it was also spoken by Pekil, the prophet: the Lord, the Almighty God shall be born of a young woman and there shall be a sign in the sky.

Now my children the King of the Jews and the King of the Gentiles, even the King above all Kings shall come into the world. His kingdom shall be established for all eternity and none shall lay it to waste. He shall throw down the oppressors and raise up the oppressed. And you shall know that his time has come when a light in the sky shall appear. And it shall appear as the crown of the lion and guide you to the place of his birth.

O, you nations of the east, bring forth your kings and your wise men and your astronomers, and your servants, and go unto Him which hath been born the King of the Jews, even the King of all Kings. Bring for the Gold of your lands that you might give it unto Him for do not all the riches of the earth belong unto He who hath created it. Rejoice, in the Lord!

CHAPTER 5

Now it came to pass that we did behold in the heavens a sign. For behold I saw in the night sky the sign of the King of the Jews, as it were a star shining forth in the darkness and it did bring

light unto the earth. And we knew of a surety that those things which had been spoken of by the holy prophets had come to pass. For the time was come that we should depart into the west and seek out the King, even our Lord. And it came to pass that we did gather our gold and precious things that we might deliver them unto Him, for thus it had been prophesied. And these are they which did journey with us that we might find the King of the Jews. Even Datu Gayaw, and their servants did make the journey. And Suran the old wise man who was a descendant of Father Suran did join with us. Now behold even myself, Bohan, and also Karingal, did travel with them for we were astronomers in the land of Datu Gayaw and we did watch for and know the signs of the heavens, and all the seasons of the earth in their times. For we did observe the sign of the King and knew that those prophecies which were given must be fulfilled. Now behold we did take our journey into the west. And King Gayaw had prepared that the fisherman who did live by the seashore should carry us across the great sea. And we did board their boats and did place our provisions upon the boats. Now after many days we did arrive upon the shores of the Great Land. And it was because of these fisherman that we were enabled in our journey. Now the wise prophet Suran spoke unto the fishermen saying, Behold this thing you have done unto us is great, and you are favored in the eyes of God. For in as much as you being fisherman have served us who seek the King; so to shall fisherman serve the King of the Jews. And Dulak the chief of the fishermen did give honor unto the Kings. Now it is said that when the fishermen did return unto their land they did stop to fish and their catch was greater than all that had come before. And their village did not hunger for food, even so much that they stored up fish for the future days.

CHAPTER 6

And it came to pass that we did journey in the Great Land towards the west. Now after many months we did arrive in the land of which was called Han. And as we did camp in this land we heard a far off a noise. And behold we beheld a king from this land and his wise men and astronomers. And they came unto our camp. Now behold this king was named Shing-lun. Now they did also know of the coming of the King of the Jews because many prophets in their land had prophesied of his coming. And they bore with them incense, for it had been prophesied in their land that they should offer incense before the King. Now behold, after five days we did resume our journey to the west. And it came to pass that after three years Karingal died in the wilderness. And after much mourning we did continue in our journey. For behold we did follow that sign which went before us. Now after two years we did come upon the came of men from the nation of Babel. And they were led by King Balatu. Now these men had also heard of the prophecies of the Jews concerning the Messiah which should be born. And they bore with them Myr for which to give unto the King. And it came to pass that we did combine our camps and did journey another year into the west for we did follow the Star of the King of the Jews as it was prophesied by the ancient prophets.

CHAPTER 7

And it came to pass that we entered into the City of Jerusalem, and Balatu went before use unto the people and inquired in their own tongue, Where is this child who hath been born King of the Jews? For we beheld his sign in the east and have come to worship him. And now Herod, the King of Judea, heard of the inquiries of our band. And he did bring forth all his priests and scribes and did ask of them where the Christ should be born. And they answered him saying, The Christ shall be born in the Bethlehem of the land of Judea. For this is what hath been

spoken by the prophets. And he sent forth his servants to bring us unto him. And we went before Herod and he asked of us, What is this sign you have seen and when did it appear? And Balatu spoke unto Herod, We beheld the sign in the east and it hath guided us westward, and it went before us as it were a fire by night and a cloud by day. And it was because of this star in the heavens that we knew the King of Kings had been born and we came hither to worship him. And the Herod did send us forth unto the city of Bethlehem in the land of Jerusalem with a charge that we should search for the child and when we hath found him we should send word unto him that he may likewise come to worship the King. Now behold that sign which we saw in the east did guide our journey toward Bethlehem. And we found there a house wherein Mary the Mother for Christ and Joseph his Father did dwell. For the star halted above the house where the child was. And we rejoiced because we saw the sign that it halted and we knew we were to behold the King. Now there were some of us who did enter within the house and we beheld the child and also his mother, Mary. Now these were those of us who entered within in turn: Datu Gayaw, and King Balatu, and King Hilalim, and King Shing-lun; and even the wise man Suran, and the other wise men Lakip, and Isareto, and also Ban-go; and we astronomers did go even myself, Bohan, and also the astronomer of King Balatu, and the astronomers of King Shing-lun. And we did fall before the young King and worship him. And the kings ordered the gifts be brought forward from the Isles of the sea was brought gold, from the wise men of Babel came Myr, and from the Han came incense of the most rare kind.

CHAPTER 8

Now after we finished delivering up the gifts, Suran inquired of Mary saying, Please, O, Holy Woman, recount unto us the birth of this young child. That we may witness the power of God even unto the fulfillment of the words of his prophets. And Mary came before us with the child at her breast and recounted unto us the birth of the young child. For when Mary was yet a maiden of thirteen years in the house of her father, she separated herself from her family. And she heard a voice saying, Woman, the Lord your God is with you. And Mary looked round about her and she beheld an angel of the Lord. And the angel spake again, Fear not Mary, for I am Gabriel, and I say unto you, be joyful for you are chosen among all women. For you shall be anointed as a Holy Woman and the Holy Spirit shall come upon you and you shall conceive a son. And this holy child shall be called Jesus, even the son of the Most High God, for he shall be the Messiah. He shall speak wise things in his youth and in adulthood. Now, see to it that you be obedient unto the Word of God. And Mary answered saying, If I conceive, how can such a thing be when no man hath known me? Will it be as other women? Now the angel spake, This is the will of God. I being a messenger before Him, declare it unto you. For this shall be a sign unto the world. And the Lord shall teach him the Word. He shall be a messenger unto the Children of Israel. And before the angel departed she said unto him, I am the servant of the Lord, if such it the Will of the Lord, so let it come to pass. And Mary was taken in marriage by Joseph the son of Jacob. Now the Holy Spirit came upon Mary and the seed within her was holy and she conceived. And after this was done an angel of the Lord appeared unto Joseph while he slept and said, Be not afraid Joseph., The child that hath been conceived in Mary is after the manner of the Holy Spirit. She shall bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. For he shall save his people from their sins. After this, Joseph was raised from his sleep and he praised the God of Israel.

CHAPTER 9

Now after some months a decree went forth to prepare to be registered in the place of their birth so that they may be taxed. Joseph took Mary out of Nazareth into Judea and into Bethlehem, this city of his nativity. And Mary was near the time that she would bring forth her child. For Joseph had prepared a donkey and put his wife upon its back. Now they did come neigh unto Bethlehem and Joseph saw that his wife was in pain. Now they looked round about and found a cave. And there was a palm tree near the entrance to the cave. And he took her from the donkey to place her in the mouth of the cave. But because of her pain she stumbled and grasped the trunk of the tree. And he laid her down at the mouth. And the time came that her child should be born and because of this Joseph went to find a woman to bring forth the child. And after a time he found a midwife and brought her to the cave. And when they were in the cave it was filled with glorious lights, even brighter than they could bear. It was far brighter than the midday sun. Now during this time the child came forth from Mary. And when the baby was wrapped in swaddling clothes Mary took him and he sucked at her breast.

CHAPTER 10

Now, Joseph went out again from the cave to find a place where he could shelter his wife and the baby. And he found an inn wherein they might stay but there was no place for them within. And Joseph desired a place for them. Now the keeper of the inn, being a kind man, offered a place in the stable of the inn. And Joseph took his wife there and the baby. And once they were within a stall she laid the baby in a manger. And after several hours shepherds came unto them and found the child resting in the manger. And they knew that those ancient prophecies were true. For they spoke unto Mary saying, Behold while we were gathered around our fire tending our flocks and angel of the Lord appeared unto us and proclaimed the birth of the child. And he came to behold him. For he shall be like unto a shepherd feeding his flock, he shall bring together the lambs in his arms, and he shall carry them in his bosom, and he shall also carefully lead those that are with child. For behold we are all like sheep who have been lost, we have all gone our own direction, and our vileness hath been placed upon him. And he shall also be like a lamb for he was oppressed but he did not speak. He was taken like a sheep to be sheered but his mouth did not open. Now after they spoke these things they departed shouting forth the things they had seen unto the inhabitants of all the land. And Mary, having heard the things spoken by the shepherds, did think upon them and did treasure up their words. Then after the shepherds returned they praised God and they bowed down to the baby.

CHAPTER 11

Then the day came that the child should be circumcised, and it was done so, and his name was called Jesus. And they preserved that skin in a jar of ointment. And after many days Mary was again pure and they took Jesus to the temple. And at the temple they offered him to the Lord and gave sacrifice as was commanded. And He was called Holy unto the Lord God. And while they were at Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon and he was a man unto whom it was revealed that he would not die until he has beheld the Lord. And it was because of the Spirit that he went unto the temple that day. And when he beheld Mary carrying the child in her arms he saw as it were a pillar of light shining down upon him. And Simeon took the child in his arms and proclaimed: O Lord, let your servant die in peace, as was your word. For I have seen the

salvation of man which was prepared before all people. He is a light unto the Gentiles and glory unto the people of Israel. And Joseph and Mary were amazed at these things. And after Simeon said these things he blessed the parents of the child. And he spoke unto them saying, This child was prepared for both the falling down and rising again of many people in Israel. And he shall also be a sign, that the hearts of men shall be made known. And many others came unto them and the greatness of the Lord was made manifest.

CHAPTER 12

And Mary and Joseph took the child again unto Bethlehem and they resided in a house. And it was during this time that we came unto Mary and the child. Now behold when we were prepared to depart Mary came and gave unto Suran a cloth which had clothed the young child. And we departed again into the east. Now as we were about to return to Jerusalem an Angel appeared unto Suran in a dream saying, Do not return unto Jerusalem to tell the King. For he desireth to kill the child. Instead go another way unto your lands. And it came to pass that Suran awoke and spoke unto the others. And they did hearken unto him. And I did speak unto Suran saying, what of the child? Should we not return unto Joseph and Mary that we might warn them of the danger lest evil should befall them? Now Suran prophesied saying: An angel shall appear unto Joseph in the city of Nazareth. And he shall warn Joseph to take the child and his mother into Egypt. For there the child shall be safe. And Suran spoke saying, Herod shall be angered because we did not return unto him. For he seeketh to put the child to death. Now when the child shall be taken to Egypt he shall be safe from the designs of Herod. And while in Egypt there shall be many who are healed because of the young child. For they shall lay their hands upon him and be healed of diverse afflictions. Now after a time Herod shall die and an angel shall appear unto Joseph and tell him to take the child and his mother out of Egypt and back into Israel. And he shall do so for thus it was prophesied that I have called my son out of Egypt. And he shall reside in the land of his father. Now behold the child shall teach the learned. And he shall travel a broad in the land for thus he shall gather unto himself great wisdom. Now when he hath attained to his age he shall preach unto the people and many shall marvel at his words. But because of the hardness of hearts of many he shall be put to death and the whole earth shall quake and tremble. And it shall be covered in darkness. But do not fear for he shall take unto himself the sins of all the earth and he shall redeem all mankind. And this shall be a sign thereof, he shall be lifted up upon a tree amidst the sinners. Now look, he shall rise again and great shall be his glory for he hath done all those things that his Father hath commanded him. And he shall come unto the people of these islands and we shall receive many great things from him.

CHAPTER 13

And thus Suran prophesied unto us concerning the child. Now when we had heard these things our hearts were enlightened and great joy was wrought upon our hearts. And many other arose and prophesied and others had visions of the glories of God. And in that time and a sign did appear before us as it were a star. And it was this same sign which had guided us before. Now after many years of travel in the wilderness we did arrive in our own lands.

CHAPTER 14

Now these were the words which Bodan spoke unto me. And it came to pass that I left the dwelling of Bodan. And I returned unto my own house and I was met there by my wife. I spoke unto her concerning the things which Bodan spoke unto me. And it came to pass that after four years there was a great darkness and earthquakes. For such as it was prophesied to come at the death of Christ. And many believers were killed because of the wickedness of the people. But after this darkness the believers of Christ were gathered into one place, an holy mountain. And it came to pass that there came a voice upon the people. And they saw a light upon the top of the mountain. And there Christ spoke unto the people. And he taught us his Gospel. And he did also travel in the land round about that he might bring others unto him. And he spoke many things.

CHAPTER 15

Now behold when Christ came among us these are the things which He spoke unto us:

- The Kingdom of the Father is like a man who desired to kill the datu. While he was yet at home he prepared his sword. Then after it was prepared he killed the datu.
- When you understand that the two are one and you shall make it so, you shall become the Children of Adam. Then the power of God shall be dispensed upon you and when you command a mountain to move it shall move.
- There shall be a time when many shall search for water but they shall know not where to find it.
- For behold I say unto you that he who promotes conflicts is not of me, but he is of the devil.
- The Father hath commanded that all men should repent of their sins, and believe in me. For whoever shall believe in me and is baptized, will be saved. Now these are they who shall inherit the Kingdom of God.
- The kingdom of heaven is like unto a lost gold piece. For many shall seek for it in all the world but they do ignore that gold which they do possess.
- Why have you come out to hear me? Have you come to see a rich man or a king dressed in finery? What do rich man and kings know? What truth do they understand?
- Behold the Kingdom of the Father is like unto a woman who was carrying a basket of rice. And while she was yet on her way a hole broke in the basket and the rice spilled out along the way; and she took no notice. Then when she came upon her house she discovered the basket was empty.
- When you plant your fields and the enemy shall come in and plant weeds in your field. Do not pull out the weeds for you may destroy the rice. Instead let them ripen together so that they may be separated at harvest time.
- The disciples of the Lord asked: What time shall the Kingdom of the Father come? Shall it come soon or shall it come in the distant future?
The Kingdom shall not come through waiting. Nor shall the kingdom come to one place. Instead the Kingdom of the Father is upon the whole earth, but only those who have the eyes to see shall see it. And it shall only come to those who build it.
- The rice harvest is great, but they who shall harvest are few. Pray unto the king to bring more harvesters unto the field.
- I have given it unto this people to be a light unto the world. For a city that is build on a hill cannot be hidden. But do men light a flame and put it under a basket? No, it is set on a high place that its light may shine forth unto the whole house. Therefor let your light shine forth unto the world, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

- Be not afraid of those who do persecute you for my sake. For they shall be brought unto repentance. And the Lord shall look upon you with compassion.
- That man who shall blasphemes against the Father shall find forgiveness; he that shall blaspheme against the Son shall find forgiveness; but that man who shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit shall not find forgiveness in this life nor in the next.
- You shall not make false promises, instead perform unto the Lord all you oaths. And behold I say unto you do not make great promises for you cannot make one hair black or white. But let your promises be, Yes or No.
- If a man becometh wealthy from the world, let him renounce the world and come unto the Father.
- For I say unto you that you should give unto the poor. But be sure not to give unto the poor to be seen of men, otherwise you shall have no reward of your Father in heaven.
- All of those who do hear my words and seeth to do them, he shall be like unto a wise man who buildeth is house upon stone. And when the storms came and the grounds were flooded the house stayed strong. And all those who hear my words and do not do them, shall be like a foolish man who buildeth his house upon the sand. And when the storms came and the grounds were flooded it fell and was demolished.
- Love your God and also love your brother. That is the greatest which you can do.
- If a man and a woman come together in a single house and they become one flesh, they shall cause the mountains to shake.
- Behold you, that I am the head of the body. For how can the body be without a head. For all do work together for the perfection of the body.
- Many people look upon their women as if they were nothing, and they do despise them. But this is not the way of my Father.
- My children, come unto me, my yoke is easy and my burden is gentle, do this and you shall find rest in me.
- Whoever shall put away his wife, save for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery should she marry again. For unless she be an Holy Woman she shall not marry again. And he who shall marry her who is divorced through unjust means, committeth adultery.
- The disciples of the Lord asked: We shall be children in the Kingdom of the Father? Only when you are joined together to become one, and clean your inside and outside; then shall you enter the Kingdom of my Father. For a child is new and pure. And you must become pure like them.
- Whatever person shall drink from my lips shall be imbued with my

. He shall be like unto me and I shall be like unto them. Now it is through this way that the mysteries shall be revealed unto him.

- Do not give gold and then demand a greater sum of gold in return.
- When you have started seeking do not stop until you find that which you are seeking. When you find what you are seeking it shall be strange to you, you shall be amazed and you shall rule over all things.

THE LESSER GOSPEL

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CHAPTER 1

Now during the eleventh year of King Linurang there came a messenger among the people of the King. And this messenger prophesied about the death of the Christ. And that it must shortly come to pass. For behold a large portion of the believers had been killed by King Nagurat. But Nagurat had died and Linurang had taken his place. And Linurang did not hate the believers, and he let them be. Therefor there were some believers among the people, and they did hearken unto the words of the messenger. And they did gather themselves together to hear his words. And behold the messenger spake unto the people, Oh people of the King, the time doth shortly come that the Christ must die. And this He must do to fulfill the law and to bring salvation unto all those who will believe in Him. For behold, ye must prepare yourselves for this time. For at the time of His death the earth will shake and rend. And great darkness shall cover the earth. And ye must prepare your homes and lands so that ye may survive this time. And he did speak a great many things unto the people. And behold the believers did hearken unto his words and did prepare their homes, and their lands, and their fields. And they did spread his the words to their families that they might also prepare themselves. And it came to pass that ten days did pass away and many of those who were not believers did mock them that did believe. And they did damage the property and supplies of the believers as a way to mock them. And the believers did suffer all these things in meekness for they knew that Christ would bring redemption unto them. Now after the space of five days had passed away the believers were beginning to become distressed over the actions of those who did not believe. And many did pray unto God that the persecutions might be lifted from them. And at that time, while many were lifting their voices to God, the sun did grow dark and the ground began to shake. And the shaking of the earth was so great that it might have split asunder. And many knew and cried that the time of the Lord's death was at hand. And the land will filled with all manner of disasters and many places were destroyed. And there were fires and burnings and the cities of the wicked were destroyed. And it came to pass that after the, earthquakes, and lightnings, and thunder had ended that a great darkness did fill the land. Yea, even the whole land was filled with an exceedingly great darkness. And the darkness was thick insomuch that no light could be seen. And many did suffer for lack of breath. And behold there were those who did attempt to light fires so they might be able to see. But no fires could be lit. And many were afraid. And others did say, It is the true sign of the Christ, who has died for our sins. It has been fulfilled even as our fathers and brethren had prophesied. And the Spirit of God came upon King Linurang. And he did exit his house and proclaim, with a loud voice saying, The god, which is the god of nature doth suffer.

CHAPTER 2

And the hearts of many of those who did not believe were filled with sorrow, because they knew of their rejection of the prophets. But within the city Malu, there arose a group of many of those that did not believe in the Christ, that said, Behold, it is because of the false beliefs of our brethren that this destruction has come upon us. For behold they have angered the gods, because of their worship of the false god known as Christ. And yea, they have led away many of our fathers, mothers, and brothers, and sisters to believe in this Christ. Even though we knew it to be wrong we suffered that they should live within our midst. And it is because of this thing that

the gods have punished us. Therefore, in this time of darkness we must punish the believers of the false god, Christ. Yea, we must smite them even unto death. And it was after this manner of speaking that the wicked did convince many that they should kill the believers of Christ. Now, because of the great darkness which had covered the land, and because of the great destruction that had come upon the land, there were many that did cry unto the Lord for protection. They did cry unto heaven for the safety of themselves and their families. And it came to pass that the wicked who had sworn to kill the believers, did listen for the cries of the believers. And because of the darkness they could not see, but they did follow the cries with their ears even until they did come near unto the believers. And when the wicked had neared themselves unto the believers they did draw their swords, or feel with their hands to find a stone, and they did smite down the believers. And this they did in order to please the false gods that they did worship. And they did continue to do this even until they had killed many hundreds of believers. And it came to pass that after a time many other believers did learn of the doings of the wicked men and many were afraid and did flee in the darkness. But behold there was a group of men who did take courage in their hearts. And they did gather together in the darkness and did assemble themselves. And they took up their weapons and they followed the cries of those who were being slain by the hands of the wicked men. And they did find the wicked men and slay them with their weapons. And theirs was a hard search for they did use their hands and ears to find the wicked men to slay them. And this they did to protect the believers. And they did gather the believers into one place even so that they might defend them. And it came to pass that they did call these brave and righteous men that Warriors of the Darkness. And insomuch as the wicked did attempt to kill the righteous in this time of darkness they did defend themselves and the righteous. And after three days the darkness did begin to clear. And many did gather themselves and rebuild their homes and lands. And there were still those who sought to destroy the righteous.

CHAPTER 3

And, Yea, the Warriors of the Darkness did remain to protect the righteous. And after a few years had passed away many cities had been rebuilt and those who had listened to the words of prophecy and had prepared themselves did not struggle for lack of food nor for destruction of land. For despite their persecutions God had preserved them. And a cry went forth upon the whole land that the believers should gather themselves into a place. For the Warriors of the Darkness had established a city at the base of a mountain. And they called it Garakayo. And believers did gather into this place. Now as the people did work in the fields behold a voice came upon the people. And the voice was a quiet voice, but even being a quiet voice all did hear it. And they did look for the person whose voice it was and they could find him not. And they did again hear the voice. And they turned their eyes toward heaven where the source of the voice had come. And they did hear the voice a third time, and each time the voice spake it did say, Behold, My most Beloved Son, for I am pleased in Him, and He hath glorified my name. Hearken unto Him. And it came to pass that they saw a man descend from Heaven in a beam of light. And the light rested upon the top of the mountain Garakayo. And the people did climb to the top of Garakayo, both old and young. And when they did reach the top they beheld a man floating in the air. And his appearance what one of great whiteness. For he shone with great glory and power. And he was also dressed in pure white. And the man set foot upon the ground so that he might stand in their midst. And behold the man put out both his hands and spake saying, Behold, I am Jesus Christ, I am He who was foretold of the prophets of old. And behold I am the light of the world and I am the life of the world. And I have partaken of the bitter drink that the Father has given unto me. And I have taken the sins of the world upon myself. And I have obeyed the Father in all things. Come forth and place your hands on my side, and feel the holes of the nails in my hands and in my feet. And do this that you may know that I am the God

that was prophesied of old, Yea I am the God over the whole earth. And I have died for the sins of the whole world. And behold all the people were amazed at what had taken place, and they did approach Christ and they did feel the marks in his hands and feet and sides. And they did rejoice and praise God for they knew that this was Christ who had been prophesied would come unto them. And it came to pass that Christ did bring forward twelve who had been righteous men and they were even of the Warriors of the Darkness who had protected the believers during the time of darkness. And the names of these men were Taletan, and Buka, and Angulu, and Kiro, and Saran, and Dulak, and Garek, and Butulam, and Surakan, and Bulakan, and Rida, and Gil. And Christ did call each of them forward and did bless them. And He did set them apart to be leaders of His kingdom in this land. For he did ordain them of the Holy Order of God. And He spake unto them saying, This I have done that there shall no longer be any conflicts between you. For there have been many conflicts and divisions among you. And you have had conflicts concerning your understanding of my teachings. For behold I say unto you that he who promotes conflicts is not of me, but he is of the devil. For the devil is the master of conflicts. And he inspires men to fight and be angry. But behold my teachings do not promote anger or fighting, but my teachings do put it away. And behold I do now teach unto you my doctrine. And what I shall teach unto you was given unto me by the Father. For I do testify of the Father and the Father Testifies of me. And the Holy Spirit does testify of both the Father and me. And the Father has commanded that all men should repent of their sins, and believe in me. And whoever will believe in me, and is baptized, will be saved. And they are those who shall inherit the Kingdom of God. And whoever shall not believe in me, and is not baptized, shall not be saved. And I say unto you that this is my doctrine. And I testify that it comes from the Father. And whoever believes in me believes also in the Father. And the Father shall testify of me for the Holy Spirit and testify of the Father and me unto he who shall believe in me and the Father. For the Father, and I, and the Holy Spirit are as one. And you must repent and become like a small child, humble and innocent in all things, and you must be baptized in my name. And if not, you cannot accept me. And I say unto you again, you must repent and be baptized in my name. And this is my doctrine, and the doors of hell shall not prevail against he who has my rock as his foundation. And whoever shall make more or less than this and preach it as my doctrine, shall preach an evil. For he has not my rock as his foundation, but has sand as his foundation. And the doors of hell shall open and accept those when the hurricanes shall come upon them. Now go forth among the people of this land and preach unto them the words which I have spoken. And after Christ had spoken these things unto the twelve he had chosen, he did speak unto all the people who were gathered around, saying: You shall be blessed if you will hearken unto the words of these twelve, whom I have chosen, and blessed, and set apart to be servants unto you. And you shall be baptized by them in water. And after you have been baptized with water I shall baptize you by fire.

CHAPTER 4

And those who believe in me and are baptized shall be blessed. And you shall receive forgiveness for your sins. For blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. And blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted. And blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth. And blessed are they who hunger and thirst for that which is righteous, for they shall receive the Holy Spirit. And blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. And blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. And blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God. And blessed are the who are harassed for my name's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. And blessed are you when men shall speak falsehoods against you, for you do my will, for you reward shall be great in heaven, and you shall be glad. For many who went before you were so persecuted. And I say unto you, I have given it unto you to become the salt of the earth, for your descendants shall spread abroad in the earth and shall be

as salt and shall be a delight. But if salt shall lose its savor how can the earth be salted? And the salt is not good for anything except that it be cast out and trampled on. And I say unto you, I have given it unto this people to be a light for the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. But behold do men light a candle and put it under a basket? No but they set it on a high place so that its light can shine forth unto the whole house. Therefor let your light shine before the world, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. But do not think that my mission is to destroy the law or the prophets. For I come not to destroy but to fulfill. For I say unto you not one small piece hath been removed from the law, but in me it hath been fulfilled. And behold, I have given you the law and commandments of my Father, that you should believe in me, and that you shall repent of your sins, and come unto me with a broken heart and a humbled spirit. For behold, you have the commandments in front of you and the law is fulfilled. Therefor you shall come unto me and be saved. And I speak unto you that unless you will keep the commandments, which I have given you, you cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven.

CHAPTER 5

And you have heard in the law that you shall not murder. For whoever shall murder shall be in danger of the judgment of God. But I say unto you that whoever is angry with his neighbor shall be in danger of judgement. And whoever shall speak a curse unto his neighbor shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefor if you shall come unto me, or you shall desire to come unto me and you remember that your neighbor has a conflict with you. Then you shall go to your neighbor and you shall reconcile with your neighbor. And then come unto me with a full purpose of heart, and I will receive you. Agree with your enemy when you encounter them, unless he shall take you and place you in prison through a devious means. And it is also written that you shall not commit adultery, But I say unto you that whoever shall look on a woman, who is not give unto him, to lust after her, hath already committed adultery in his heart. But I give unto you a commandment that you shall not allow any of these things to enter into your heart. For it is better that you should deny yourselves these things, and endure the burden, than that you should be cast into hell. And it is written that whoever shall put away his wife, save for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery should she marry again. And he who shall marry her who is divorced through unjust means, committeth adultery. And again it is written that you shall not make false promises, but you shall perform unto the Lord all your oaths. And behold I say unto you do not make great promises. And promise not by heaven, for it is God's throne. Nor by the earth, for it is his footstool. Neither shall you promise by yourself for you cannot make one hair black or white. But let your promises be simple Yes or No. For whatever is more than this is evil. And behold it is written an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say unto you that you shall not resist evil, but whoever shall hit you on your right cheek, turn unto him the other. And if any man shall sue you with the law and take away your clothes, let him have also your bahag. And whoever shall force you to walk a mile go with him two. Give to he who shall ask of you. And from him who would borrow from you do not turn away. And it is also written that you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But behold I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them who curse you, do good to them who hate you, and pray for those who take advantage of you and harass you. For if you do, you shall be children of your Father in heaven. For he causes the sun to rise on both the evil and the good. Therefor all those things of the old time, which were under that law and all fulfilled in me. And old things are done away with, and all things are new. Therefor I would that you should become perfect even and I and your Father in Heaven are perfect. For I say unto you that you should give unto the poor. But be sure not to give unto the poor to be seen of men, otherwise you shall have no reward of your Father in heaven. And you shall not donate and make it known. For those who do their reward shall be their renown. But when you donate don't let your right hand know what your left hand

doeth, so that your donation may be in secret. For your Father who sees in secret shall reward you openly. And when you prayest, you shall not pray openly, that you be seen of men. But when you prayest enter into your room and shut your door. Pray to your father who is in secret. For your Father who sees in secret shall reward you openly. But when you pray do not use vain repetitions, for some think that many words shall be heard better than a few words. But your Father knoweth those things you have need of before you ask him. After this manner should you pray. And this shall be a guide for your prayers: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHAPTER 6

And if you shall fast, do not fast in an false manner, to be seen by others that they shall know of your fasting. For such have their reward. But rather you shall wash your hair and your face. And do so that you shall not seem unto men to be fasting. For your Father who sees in secret shall reward you openly. And do not work for rewards of this earth. For such things shall be destroyed, and rot, and be stolen. But rather work for treasures in heaven. For such treasures cannot be destroyed, nor rot, nor be stolen. For whatever rewards you work for that it where your heart shall be. And the light of the body is the eye. And if your eye shall be focused upon righteousness, then your whole body shall be filled with light. But if your eye shall be focused on wickedness, then your whole body shall be filled with darkness. And if your light is darkness, then the darkness is great! And no man can serve two lords. For he will hate one of them, and love the other. Or he will hearken unto the teachings of one and not the other. You cannot serve God and Evil. And now after Jesus did speak these things unto the people. He turned unto the twelve that had been chosen, and he did say, Remember these things that I have spoken. For you are those who shall preach and serve these people. And do not concern yourselves with your life, nor for your food, nor your clothing. For behold, the birds do not sow, nor do they harvest, nor gather into storage, yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you better than they are? For who among you can increase your height with a simple thought? And why do you concern yourselves with your clothing? For the flowers do not work, nor weave, and they have the most glorious colors of all. And God doth clothe the stalks of the fields which are burned in fires. And if He shall clothe these low things, then should He not clothe you? For your Heavenly Father knows those things of which you have need. And if you shall first seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, then all those other things shall be given unto you. And do not think of tomorrow, for the things of tomorrow will take care of themselves. And are not the evils of today enough? And after Jesus had spoken these things unto the twelve, he spoke again to the people. And he did speak saying, Do not judge others, that they shall not judge you. For the judgment you render unto others shall likewise be rendered unto you. And why do you concern yourself with the sand that is in your brother's eye, but you do not consider the sliver that is in your own eye? Or will you say unto your brother, Let me remove the sand out of your eye. But yet you shall have a sliver in your own eye.

CHAPTER 7

And do not give those things of holiness unto those who will not keep them holy. For they shall trample them under their feet, and mock them, and then they shall turn unto you and do the same. Ask and it shall be given unto you, search and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. For every person that asks, they shall receive. And he who shall search shall find. And he who shall knock, shall have it opened unto him. For who among you shall give a stone unto his child, when he desireth food. And if you who are sinners, can give good things

unto your children, how much more shall your Father, who is perfect, shall give good things unto you if you shall ask Him. And whatever you desire than men should do unto you, do you likewise unto them. For of those things that are given so shall those things be returned. And such is the law. And see that you enter into the constricted gate, for the wide gate leads to death. Because the gate is constricted and the path is narrow there are few that find it. And be warned of false prophets. For they shall come unto you in disguises. And you shall know a prophet by their fruit. For can good fruit come from a bad tree? Or can bad fruit come from a good tree? For every tree that does not bring good fruit is cut down and burned. And thus you shall know a true prophet, for by their fruit you shall know them.

CHAPTER 8

Not every person who shall say unto me, Lord, Lord, We believe, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. But he who doeth the will of my Father, who is in Heaven, shall enter. And Many shall say unto me, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name, and in your name cast out devils, and in your name done many wonderful works? And I shall say unto them, I have never known you, leave me. All those who hear my words and doeth them, he shall be like unto a wise man who built his house upon a solid stone. And when the storms came and flooded the land it stayed strong, for it had a strong foundation. And all those who hear my words and do not do them, he shall be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand. And when the storms came and flooded the land it fell and was demolished. And after Jesus had spoken these things he spoke again to the twelve, You are my disciples in this land, and you are an example unto them. And this is your land of inheritance for your Father has given it unto you. And behold the night had begun to fall. And the people did grow weary. And the twelve which Jesus had chosen did speak unto him, Lord, we would that you should stay among us and teach us. And Christ did speak saying, I will stay among this people for a time. For my Father hath commanded me that I should establish the boundaries of my kingdom in this land. And I will teach, and walk among you, that all the people of this land may know me. And after I shall depart you shall take my words and doings unto the remainder of the people in the lands of the kingdom. And they shall hear my voice and shall know me. For these shall be the boundaries of the Kingdom upon these islands. Starting from this land the boundaries do include this large island. And there is a large island in the north it is also part of my Kingdom. And there are small islands between these two large islands and they too are part of the Kingdom. And there is one large island in the south and many islands between this land and that one all of those are in the Kingdom. And there is also a long narrow island in the west, it too, and also the many small islands in the west are part of the Kingdom. Now every small island between the long island and the large island in the north, even every one which is near unto the large foreign land is for the Kingdom. And also there is a very large island in the south east. And it and all the islands between this land and the south island are in the Kingdom. And there are many small islands south of the southern island. And these shall be in the Kingdom until you come unto the larger islands in the south. These larger islands shall not be counted as the Kingdom, but if they desire to be counted they may. And the southernmost of these small islands shall be the southern most border eastward. And the northern most point of the large northern island shall be the northern most border eastward. And with these two as the border and island westward until you shall come unto an island in the east. And the Spirit shall be appointed unto you to know this island of which I speak. And all those islands within this boundary northward, eastward, and southward shall be in the Kingdom. And behold any man or nation who shall use their power to keep these lands from me and the kingdom shall be cast down and trodden upon. And they shall lose their power. For these lands were given by my Father to establish a Kingdom herein. And if any lands that I have not spoken shall desire to unite with this kingdom in this land they may do so. But it is not needful that every land join for I have established many kingdoms in many lands each according to the people

therein. And the time shall come that they all shall come unto me and be united as one. But until that time that I shall return in great glory there shall be many kingdoms.

CHAPTER 9

And after many days we did descend from the mountain Garakayo which we had called Banar because it was a holy place. And we did travel abroad in the land And he did also speak many more things unto us as we traveled abroad. And I teach you this, that there is but one Lord, and one Faith, and one Baptism. And there is but One God who is the Father of all things, who is master of all things. But I teach you this thing as my servants have taught, Every man differeth in his degree of grace. For every man differeth from his neighbor and not one man is alike. And grace has been given unto each according to his degree. And I have given responsibilities unto men. For unto some I have given apostles, and unto others I have given prophets, and unto others I have given evangelists, and unto others pastors, and teachers. For not all men shall come unto my Word equally, for every man differeth in his understanding. And I have given such that many understandings may increase in knowledge and wisdom and become perfect. And I have also give such that many understandings may work abroad in the lands to spread forth my word. And I have given such that many understandings may be uplifted according to his degree. For is it not better that a teacher should teach so that many may be uplifted rather than a few? And I have given such as the pattern until such a time shall come that all those who believe in me shall be unified, and come unto a more perfect knowledge of me. And then shall men be safe from the deceivings of wicked men. And from false doctrines. And they shall speak truth and love and grow closer unto me. For behold I am the head of the body. And how can the body be without the head. Nor without any part, for all worketh together for the perfection of all. For the kingdom of heaven is like a man who travels in a distant land, and he gathered his servants and charged them with the keeping of his property. And unto the first he gave five pieces of gold, and unto the second he gave two pieces of gold, and unto the third he gave on piece of gold. And he gave unto every man according to his degree. And he departed on his travels. And the first who had five pieces did go into the market and traded and had an increase of five pieces of gold. And in a similar manner the second who had two pieces did go into the market and traded and had an increase of two pieces of gold. But behold the third who had one piece of gold did dig a hole, and he placed the gold therein and covered it with earth. And the property was hid up. And after a time the man did return from his travel and met with his servants. And the first who had been given five pieces came forward and brought the increase of five pieces. And he spoke saying, Master, you did give unto me five pieces of gold and I did go and gain an increase of another five. And the man said unto him, You have done well, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things. Come, and enter into the joy of your lord. And the second who had been given two pieces came forward and brought the increase of two pieces. And he spoke saying, Master, you did give unto me two pieces of gold and I did go and gain an increase of another two. And the man said unto him, You have done well, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things. Come, and enter into the joy of your lord. And the third who had been given one piece came forward and he spoke saying, Master, I know you are a strict man. And you do work for an increase in all things. And I was afraid I would lose your one piece in the markets. Wherefore I did hid the piece that it would be safe. And I give unto you your property. And the man spoke unto him saying, You wicked and lazy servant. You did know that I do work for an increase. And you should have given the one piece to those traders and then when I returned I would have an increase. And take the piece from him and give it unto he who has ten pieces. For all of those who have been given according to their degree and they bring an increase they shall have a great amount. But those who are

given according to their degree and they increase not, they shall lose that which they were given. And send the third servant to the place of darkness.

CHAPTER 10

And as Christ traveled with the twelve in all the land he did do many miracles. And in all places they did travel Christ did command that the young children should be brought unto him. And he blessed them. Now he did also command that all the of sick or injured or weak should be brought unto him and he blessed them and healed them. And they did all witness unto the power of God. And the twelve were astonished for they did travel for many days to get from place to place. But when Christ did travel he would linger in a place and arrive in the next place before the twelve arrived. And they knew not through what means he did travel. And sometimes he did walk with them. And when they did cross the seas he did ride in the boat. But other times they would see him walking upon the water. And they did witness many miracles and blessings through the works of Christ.

CHAPTER 11

Now after were returned unto Banar Christ spake and saying, Behold, my Father is well pleased in this people. For many people look upon their women as a thing of naught, and they despise them. But this thing is not the will of my Father. For my Father loves women and does not despise them. And you have done well for your women do have a voice and they do have strength, nevertheless they do follow that order which has been established, in that they do follow the rule of their husbands. And their husbands do rule in righteousness for they obey the voice of God. And many other husbands have misused their authority for they do claim to rule righteously but they do mistreat their wives and their children. And these have no place in my Father's Kingdom. But you, my people, do great righteousness in your lives. And even those who did follow me did not understand. For my servant spake unto me saying, Cause Mary to depart from our presence. She is a woman, and women have not the right to live a life. And I spoke unto him saying, Behold, I shall bring woman as well as men. And those who hearken unto me will become a enlightened beings just as you became enlightened beings. For any woman will become righteous like a man who has become righteous will enter the kingdom of heaven. And I spoke this so that they should see that woman may have all the rewards that men have. And that men are not greater than women. And one day as we walked I beheld mothers suckling their young children. And I spoke unto my disciples, Behold these young children for those who shall enter my Father's kingdom must be like unto them. And my disciples did not understand and they asked me, We shall be young children in your Father's kingdom? And I spoke unto them saying, Only when you are joined with another and become one. And when you make your outside clean like unto your inside and you make your inside clean like unto your outside. And when no men and women are no longer single but are one. And when you have replaced your eye with a new eye, and replaced your hand with a new hand, and replaced you foot with a new foot. Only then shall you enter my Father's kingdom. For a young child is new and pure. And you must be pure like unto them.

CHAPTER 12

Now behold Christ did gather all the women of the people together. And there were many among them who had begun to follow Christ during his travels. And he called forth twelve of the women. And he did ordain them unto the Holy Order of God. This that they might be established as an order of women. And he caused that the twelve women should walk among the crowd and bring forth those women who were righteous, and upstanding, and trustworthy. And they did so and those which were brought forward He did cause them to be appointed as Teachers and

Priestesses unto the people, and also servants. And there were many prophetesses who did prophesy. Now these are the names of the twelve women: Seliam, and Liwan, and Torun, and Sugo, and Noriyu, and Nolo, and Mejaya, and Kejave, and Venaji, and Nagariwa, and Doyu, and also Moturo.

CHAPTER 14

And Christ did gather the twelve again around him and also the twelve women and he did prepare them for his departure. He spoke unto them saying, You know that here is another land from whence I came, and that I have preached my word unto them. And the Father did command me that I should speak unto them concerning you. And I spake unto them saying: Other sheep I have which are not of this flock, I must also bring them, and they will hearken unto my voice and there will be one flock and one sheep herder. But many of those people did not understand my words for many believed I spoke concerning the gentiles in their land. But they understood not my words. For I spoke unto them concerning the other Tribes that my Father hath lead away out of the land. And you are among the other sheep. And there are also other sheep which are not in this land, and they are not in the land of Jerusalem, and they are not of those other people whom I have already visited. For there are many more lands and there are even many more worlds. And I have been commanded that I should go unto them. And they shall hearken unto my voice and there will be one flock and one sheep herder. And I give unto you a commandment to write all these things which I have spoken unto you. And this you shall do so that if those people in Jerusalem, who have been with me during my ministry, do not ask the Father in my name to know concerning the other sheep, they may come to know concerning you. And this knowledge they may receive by a witness of the Holy Spirit. And if you shall do so you may also receive a witness of those other tribes which you do not know. And you shall write these things so that the future generations of these people may come to a knowledge of me, their Redeemer. And they shall become part of the Tribes of Israel. And I speak unto you that my Father hath commanded me that I should give this land unto you and your seed. And this land shall be your inheritance. For behold I am the Lord of all nations and I have established myself as King in all lands and of all people. For you are one of my people. Now spread these words among the people that whosoever shall obey my commandments shall be saved in the last day. And you have receive many of my commandments and you have received that law which was given in ancient times. And you have received this because of your righteousness and because your ancestors, which were of the loins of the gentiles, were joined with those who were of the loins of Levi. And now I have also given unto you that law which you shall now obey. And you shall preach this law unto the people. For there are many parts of the old law which you have received that I have fulfilled. And the twelve did hearken unto Him. And they did as he commanded. Now the time came for Christ to depart and he stood in the midst of the twelve and a bright light came upon them and he was lifted up to heaven. And the twelve and twelve women were amazed.

CHAPTER 15

And the twelve did divide themselves in pairs. And they divided the land into six areas and they might preach there and oversee the kingdom. And they would meet twice every year to meet and discuss the kingdom. And thus they divided Taletan and Buka, did go into the northern most island. And Angulu and Kiro, did go into the land northward which was south of the northern most island. And Saran and Dulak, did go into the many islands south of the land northward and also to the many small islands in the west. And Garek and Butulam, did go into the southernmost islands. And Surakan and Bulakan, did go into the islands in the east. And Rida and Gil, did go into the large land in the south-west. And also the twelve women did travel

abroad in the land. And they taught of Christ and of repentance. Three into the north, and three into the south, and three into the east and likewise three into the west. And each did preach the gospel and bring souls unto Christ. And the entire land became united in Christ. Yea, they did become one kingdom. And there were no longer any tribal wars. But think not that there were no more tribes for they did still remain. But behold they were peaceful every tribe with another. And they did not war one with another. And they were all united. And there were many miracles in the land and there was great knowledge that did come forth among the people. For because of their righteousness the spirit did pour out knowledge and wisdom upon them. And the people did become rich and there was not a poor man among them. And the kingdom was mighty and beautiful.

THE PROPHECY OF THE PROPHETESS LIWAN

And it was prophesied by Liwan, that in the last days there shall be raised up a group of twelve women. Now these were the words which she prophesied unto those other women who were among the twelve. They shall be like us in many ways. For in that time when the works of our people shall be restored by he who shall write, there will be twelve women. And they have been reveled unto me and they shall be revealed unto him. For he shall see their faces. And thy shall be renowned, for many shall know them. And these shall be twelve women who shall work among the people to bring to pass the kingdom. And three of them shall be sisters. And they shall be found and taught they ways of our people. And they shall be taught the will of the Almighty God concerning them. For He has a special purpose laid up in store of them. And He has many great blessings for them. And many shall come from these islands, and some shall be found in many places of the world.

Ma, she shall be one who dwells in the water. She shall live in the city of many towers and pillars. For people shall live within the towers and pillars. And they shall reach to the sky. The sky shall be filled with much smoke. And this place shall be a place of great importance.

Ora, the woman of light. She shall live in two cities. One, the city of her youth shall be in the northern island. It shall be a city of rice and sugar. The other city shall be in the distant land beyond the great waters. It shall be the city of groves of trees. She shall be known by many people.

Enajala, she shall learn to care for others and aid them. She shall come for the city of the low place.

Enajalaka, the angel. She shall be the most renowned of all the women. She shall be known by a great many of the descendants of this people. She shall have a great desire to help those of her people. And when she is young there shall be a separation in her life. And she shall cleave unto her father.

Janava, she shall travel the world. She shall come from the place where the river doth flow under the earth.

Just as there were three sisters among us. So shall there be three sisters who will be raised in that day. And their names shall be Janama, and Jama, and Larana. They shall come from that city of much salt.

Maraya, she shall come from a distant land across many waters. It shall be called the city of the queen of angels. It shall be a great and vast city. And the people there shall be unlike our people. For they shall have many strange ways.

Gawanadalana, she shall be from those who are beyond the great sea and the great land and the second great sea towards the east. She shall also live within the same city as Ma.

Raba, she shall learn to give comfort to those in need. She shall be dressed in white. She shall be born in a distant land. But here home shall be among these islands.

Karasatana, she shall also learn to care for others. She shall find great joy in this thing. She shall be called beautiful by many. She shall live in the fortified city.

Now behold these twelve women shall divide, according to three, and they shall go forth into all the four directions in the east and west and north and south. And they shall proclaim the kingdom and bring many unto a knowledge of the promises of God. And they shall do the works of God among the people. And now they shall seek to hearken unto the voice of him who hath brought forth the history of those people. For he shall guide them in all their doings for he shall speak the will of the Lord concerning them. Nevertheless they shall not see him for he shall be called to work among the people. But he shall send words of command unto them and they shall obey. And after a time of their work they shall be called even as we have been called and they shall be queens unto the world. And they shall be known unto the world as beautiful, and lovely, and generous. And they shall be clothed with beautiful clothing. Now behold these women are called of God and he knows them and his blessings which he hath in store for them shall be poured out upon them. For if they shall hearken unto God and do these things they will have greater blessings than they have yet received. For they shall receive every blessing God hath prepared for them.

THE BOOK OF THE STRANGERS

CHAPTER 1

I, whose name is Maunea, do write the history of my people. And I know not if it is true or false. But I know that these stories are important for my children. And my father had told unto me stories about our ancestors who did travel from a far land. And our ancestor whose name was Elhia was spoken unto by God and he did take is tribe out of their homeland. And they did travel many years until they came unto a great sea. And God did send down a boat from heaven which did carry the tribe across the great sea. And God did deliver these people unto a new land. And there were many tribes in the land and their tribe did spread in the land. Now because of these other tribes they did become mixed and their tribe was diluted. And there was a division among the tribe. Now I know not if these things are true for there are many things that seem to be impossible.

CHAPTER 2

Now behold, the children of the son of Elhia were not faithful to that which had been taught unto them by their fathers. And many great men did rise up and preach to them. And these things which were preached I know not of, for they are lost to me. And I know only of those things that were spoken unto me by my fathers. And there were also kings which were raised up among them. And a righteous man preached to a king. And the king ordered him to be killed by flame. And flame did also kill the king. And that which is evil shall be rewarded with evil. And all men should seek to do that which is good.

CHAPTER 3

And there came a time when good men did preach those things which they believed to be true. And they went to their enemies and preached unto them. And despite the great hatred of their enemies many did hearken unto them and did believe. And a great king did also believe. And after many years there were great contentions and wars among the people. And there was a great teacher and warrior who did fight among the people. And there are many other stories which we have heard concerning these lost people. And it was during these times of contentions and wars that our great father Haga did live.

CHAPTER 4

And Haga did lead the people by the Spirit. And he also did learn the ways of building with wood. And because of many wars people had a desire to move away from their land. And so Haga did build a large ship. And he did take his family in to the ship and traveled to a northern land. And others did follow. And after many years Haga who was the son of Haga did take leave

of the people. And he did take journey with boats to find a land for himself away from that of his fathers. And they did travel upon the sea into the west. And there did arise a great storm and they were pushed off course. And they had wrecked upon an island. And Haga decided to await rescue from his brethren. But at no time did any rescue come Wherefore Haga did make his home upon the island. And behold there were many other people who were already inhabitants upon the islands. And it was common that people from distant lands should come unto these islands. And it was during the time of his awaiting of rescue that Haga did take unto himself a wife of the native people of the island. And she bore him a son. And this son did go forth upon the islands and did find a beautiful woman among the people of a distant island. And he did marry her but she did not believe the religion of her husband. And their children did not follow the religion of their father. And his children did spread themselves out in the islands. For they were very curious and did seek to explore. And seeing that they were very skilled in the art of navigation, they did discover many new lands. And thus the children of our great father Haga did spread abroad upon the islands.

CHAPTER 6

Now, I, whose name is Maunea, am a descendant of our great father Haga. But I do not follow after his religion. And I do know save it be rumors of their beliefs. And we do live upon an island of the sea. And there are many inhabitants, and many governments are established upon these islands. And we have not a place to be free. Wherefore, I have gathered my family. And we have prepared boats, that we may depart into the sea to find a land of freedom. For behold there is a rumored land in the west that is a free land, and a land of much riches. And the people of these islands do call me a fool for my desire to find this land. For they believe it to be but a rumor. But I do believe that it must be true. And I do know that we shall not perish upon the sea.

CHAPTER 7

Now I, whose name is Maunea, did gather my family, and much food and water, into our boats, and we did depart into the ocean. And we did use the stars as a guide. And we did travel for a great many days and nights. And behold, our food supply was used up, and some had spoiled. And my family did grow in pains of hunger. And they did become angered with me for they thought that those who had mocked us spoke the truth. And they thought that there was not land of freedom. And behold they did lose hope and we did drift in the midst of the sea. But behold as many had lost their hope, one of our party did sight a land in the distance. And he did call out to the others. And all the people in the boats did look towards the land, save those who were too weak to move. And we did regain our strength and navigate toward the land. And after we had landed we did find much food, and wild game. And we did eat until we could no longer eat. And behold we did send out scouts to explore the land. And this land was very vast, Yea even greater than the island were we had departed. And I, whose name is Maunea, knew that this must be the land of freedom. And we did begin to make homes and settle the land. And after many days my sons were scouting in the land. And they did come upon a group of people and they did approach the people. And they people were very dark and were of small height. And they were a very peaceful people. And they did have a strange form of worship. But behold it was familiar to me for it was after the manner of my ancestors and I did become sure of the truthfulness of the histories of my ancestors. And behold, one of the people from the other group did speak unto my sons. And it did amaze them that he could speak our language. And he did

Speak unto them that he had a gift of the Spirit in that he could speak our language. And he did follow them to our community. And he did come unto me and speak unto me. And I did learn that the land was a great and vast land and that it was all united as one people. And we were amazed that such a large number of people could be united. And he did teach unto me the reason that they were united. For they did believe in a man named Christ, who was the Son of God. And he did teach all our people and because our ancestors had also believed after a similar belief, for they knew that a man such as Christ should come. And we knew that this Christ must be He who was prophesied according to legend. And we did join the people and were baptized and learned the ways of Christ. And I knew that the histories of my people may be important, for they did speak of people who did believe that Christ should come. Wherefore I did write this history of our people upon this land. And with the aid of our neighboring people we did translate this history into the language of leader of the Kingdom. And we will deliver this history unto the leader of the Kingdom.

THE SONG OF

BANALI

O, Father, I offer this prayer unto thee.

You are the most high being of all.

The father of my spirit, and my King.

I pray that those who shall read these word shall know,

They shall know of your goodness and your love.

Only through your law can we be made alive.

Your perfect law and perfect plan.

From your bosom I descended to the world small.

Here I live my life to prove that I am worthy of you.

I call upon you to send my ancestors to strengthen me.

They who have gone before shall give me aid.

And protect me from the spirits who wander the earth.

I do seek to destroy the power of the evil one.

He shall not control me.

He shall be sealed if I shall seal my heart and mind from him.

Unto the Lord, my God, I give my devotion.

His almighty hand shall guide me to the light.

He giveth no test I cannot bear.

Help me to obey your voice.

Bring me to he that we may be joined within.

The temple of your holiness, your place upon this world.

And after I shall return to the dust, raise me up again.

And see fit to grant me mercy to return to your bosom,

That I may become like you and inherit the reward you have in store for me.

Selections From
THE BOOK OF

NAMWARAN

CHAPTER 1

Namwaran was a righteous man who hearkened unto the Lord. And behold he had lived all his days in the City by the River. For this city was a place devoted unto God. And he learned the ways of God when he was young. Yea, he learned the words of the prophets even Suran, and Ahkman, and even the words of Christ, and Datara. And he knew of the history of the Mahardika and how they had fallen from favor with God. And how they had divided themselves into tribes each according to his own language. And He also learned of the Kings who had risen among the people and the rich people who did have dominion over the peoples of these lands. And behold Namwaran did serve the people of the city and did his part to keep righteousness upon the land. Now Namwaran was called of God to preach the gospel to the unbelieving people. And in the twenty-first year of His life he took himself up and began to teach the people. And Yea, he did teach a great many people about the ways of God, and about his commandments. But behold the people did reject him for they were hardened in their hearts. And they did reject the ways of Christ. Now many people did become angered with the believers. For the believers did constantly send people to preach the gospel And the unbelievers did grow tired of the intrusions of the believers into their lives. And they would that the believers should let them alone. Wherefore many non believers did speak harshly unto the believers. And many did say, I was born unto the religion of my parents and I shall die in the religion of my parents. And Yea, their hearts were hardened. And it was because of this unwillingness to learn more of the ways of God that God cursed them with poverty, and with plagues, and with contentions. And Yea the land was cursed with a great heat even so much that all the land was bathed in bright sunlight during the day. And because of this great heat the skin of the people was darkened. And God revealed unto the people through the prophets and teachers that until the day shall come that the people return unto God the cursing should remain. And after hearing this many people did curse God. And because of their wickedness God did increase the curse upon the land insomuch that there should be only two seasons, the season of the great heat And the season of great rain. And it shall remain so until the return of the Lord during the time when the seasons shall be confused, and the world shall be in turmoil.

CHAPTER 2

And it came to pass that Namwaran did speak all those things he was commanded. And after this manner did he teach the people. And it came to pass that many of the people did hate the believers and they took up their weapons and went to war against the City by the River. And many believers were slain but behold they did repel the invaders. Now behold upon hearing this Namwaran did make his return unto the City by the River. And after many days he did arrive home. And behold he found many of his family had been killed by the invaders. And Namwaran mourned greatly. But it was a time of great sorrow and joy for behold Ruman, the son of the brother of Namwaran, was yet alive and being cared for by a family of believers. And he did run unto the son of his brother and embrace him. And he wept greatly because of the joy he felt, for God had preserved the son of his brother. And he took the son of his brother unto his home. And together they did rebuild it. And Namwaran taught the son of his brother in the ways of God in the same manner that he had been taught. Yea, he did teach unto the son of his brother the atonement of Christ. For Christ had been born in a far away land and there he suffered for the

sins of all mankind and he gave up his life. And it was through this that He overcame death. And because of His great sacrifice all those who believe in him may be saved. And behold Ruman did ask his father's brother, Is it enough for a man to believe in Christ? And Namwaran did say unto the son of his brother, What do the scriptures say? And Ruman spake unto him, They do say that our works are as worthless scraps before God. And Namwaran did say unto the son of his brother, You speak correctly. For there is nothing we can do to enter the Heavenly Kingdom of God except it be through Christ. Wherefore can a man who rejoiceth in wickedness And do all manner of sin enter into God's Heavenly Kingdom? And Ruman said unto him, Nay. And Namwaran spake saying, But the man doth believe in Christ, is it not written that all those who believe shall be saved? And the son of his brother did speak unto him saying, Yea, it is written, but is it not also written that no dirty thing may enter into God's Heavenly Kingdom? And he sayeth unto the son of his brother, Yea, so it is enough to only believe? And Ruman spake saying, Nay, for if one believes but does not seek to obey the commandments his belief is counted as naught. But only those who shall seek obey the commandments and believe can enter into God's Heavenly Kingdom. And he spake unto Ruman, You speak the truth, for if a man believe but seeketh not to obey the commandments his belief is a lie. And he that lieth committeth a sin, and he who sinneth and repent not cannot bear God's presence and cannot enter His Heavenly Kingdom. And Namwaran taught many more things unto Ruman, the son of his brother.

CHAPTER 3

And it came to pass that Namwaran did also learn the arts of battle. And he did so that he might defend himself and the son of his brother from those who hated the believers. And he did practice with all manner of weapons and did spend many years perfecting his movements and skill. Wherefore he did gain confidence and humility even so much that he did successfully defend the City by the River from many attacks by non believers and, Yea, he did become a warrior of great renown. And he did also teach these arts unto Ruman And it came to pass that in the twenty-eighth year of Namwaran's life the Chief of the great Kingdom of Tundun did hear of the great warrior. And the Chief did send a messenger to call Namwaran to appear before him. And Namwaran did leave the duty unto Ruman to defend the city and took his travel to the Kingdom of Tundun. And after the space of many days he did arrive and appear before the Chief. And the Chief did call upon Namwaran to raise an army to defend the Kingdom of Tundun. For the tribes outside of the Kingdom of Tundun were jealous of the favor that had been given unto the Kingdom. For the foreign powers did look favorably upon the Kingdom of Tundun. And they did give aid unto the Kingdom. And the tribes did desire to steal that aid so that they could become rich. And Namwaran did agree to train an army. And the Chief of Tundun did desire to know what payment Namwaran desired with which to compensate him. And one of the Chief's advisers had a daughter who's name was Jydana. And he spake unto the Chief saying, Let him take my daughter Jydana to wife. Wherefore we may assure his loyalty unto our Kingdom. And the Chief spoke unto Namwaran saying, In addition to the payment though shalt request I will give unto you the daughter of my adviser. For she is very fair and beautiful to look upon. And Namwaran said unto the Chief, the payment I request is only that I may also use the army to defend the cities of the believers. And behold the Chief agreed, for there was not any contention between the Kingdom of Tundun and the believers. And Namwaran also spake saying, I know not if I can take your adviser's daughter to wife for I know not if she is given unto me of the Lord. For it is the ways of the believers that a man cannot take a woman to wife save she is given unto him of God. For it is only through the Spirit of God that a family can grow in faith and righteousness. And behold it is the belief of the believers that if a

man shall be bound to a wife or two, or three, or as many as are given unto him, in a sacred place they shall remain bound together. And all the children they have shall be bound with them. And this is a strong belief of the believers. For it is very important. Wherefore allow me to meet her and to court her and also that I may know of God if she hath been given unto me. And the Chief did agree for he did not share the believe of the believers, but he did not demand that it be rejected.

CHAPTER 4

And it came to pass that Namwaran did go up to the house of the daughter of the Adviser. And he did meet the daughter. And he beheld her and that she was very beautiful. And his desire was unto her for he had experienced much loneliness. And he did converse with her. But she had not a desire unto him. Wherefore Namwaran departed the land and returned unto his home. But he was not discouraged. For he did send unto her writings of great love. And he did pour out his heart unto her. And the desire of her heart began to turn unto him. And she did begin to love him. And he did speak unto her concerning his beliefs and those things which were important to his heart.

CHAPTER 5

And it came to pass that Jydana did covert unto the ways of Christ. And she was baptized in the waters of the Great Bay by the City of the River. And Namwaran did baptize her. And because there was no longer any temple in the land, for the sacred things had since been removed to a place of safety. Namwaran did construct a tabernacle out of bamboo. And he and Jydana were married after the holy fashion in the tabernacle.

CHAPTER 6

And Jeydana did bear Namwaran a daughter. And Namwaran did train his army for many years. Now after these years Jeydana did also bear a son. Now behold Ruman did remain in the City by the River and he did continue to work among the city for there had a risen much unrighteousness among the believers for they began to turn unto the desires of their hearts rather than the will of God. And Namwaran desiring to provide a righteous household for his family did build a righteous home that there should be an inheritance unto his children. And he did build his home as fortress to protect them from the wicked people in the land.

CHAPTER 7

And it came to pass that many tribes did come unto the Kingdom of Tundun to war against them. And they did bring all manner of weapons. And it came to pass that Namwaran did gather his army. And they did go up to meet the armies of the tribes. And they did begin to war against the armies. And Namwaran did lead the armies in many successful battles against their enemies. And after many years of war Namwaran did leave the command of the armies. For there were fewer wars in the land and the Kingdom of Tundun had become more established in the land. And Namwaran did see that the numbers of believers were decreasing. For some had

been killed and others had fallen from their belief because of the strength of the foreign beliefs in the land. And he knew that he must preserve the words of God, for future generations.

CHAPTER 8

And it came to pass that Namwaran did take those words of God which were in his possession and he took them to the mountains. For he knew where the sacred and precious things had been stored, that they might be hidden up. For this knowledge had been passed down by all who had been called High Priests. And did find the cave. And he did store the records within the cave. Now it came to pass that God did speak unto him and command him to gather the records of His words given among the Mahardika. And He did command Namwaran to bring all the records into this cave. And there the records should be preserved until a future time when they should come forth and bring light unto all those who should read them. And behold Namwaran took himself and went abroad in the land And did gather many records. And he went from city to city to gather records. But behold he did see much wickedness in cities that had been cities of believers. And there were very few believers left in the land. For the ways of all the children of Ahkman had been perverted. And they did tear down the worship places of the believers. And they did destroy all the works and records of the believers, insomuch that there were no remnants left of the believers in the land. And this was the reason Namwaran did gather the records. And he did preserve copies of the records from destruction.

CHAPTER 9

And behold Namwaran did journey into a southern land for he knew of a record that did exist there. And he entered the land And went unto the keeper of the records. And he did request to review the records. And the keeper of the record did give him permission to view the records. And Namwaran did enter into his house and did read the records. And Namwaran did find the record which he knew was there. And it was called the Record of the Ancients. And it was so named for it did contain a record of the history of the world from the time of Adam until the time that an ancient people did travel unto these lands. For it did also contain a record of those who were charged with keeping these records. For they did disperse in the earth and become inhabitants of these islands. And thus the records did come into the hands of the people of these islands. And the Record of the Ancients was a very valuable record for it contained much writing and knowledge. And the record was very large. And Namwaran did ask the keeper if the records if he could take the records to keep them. And the keeper of the records refused for he knew they were of great value. And Namwaran offered a great sum of gold in exchange for the records and the keeper of the records agreed that if Namwaran would deliver unto him the gold he would give him the records. And behold Namwaran did take leave of the keeper of the records. And he did travel to the territory of a nearby chief who was an ally of the Chief of Tundun. And Namwaran did approach him. For the Chief did know of the legendary Namwaran. And Namwaran did ask a great favor of the Chief. For he desired to purchase the Record of the Ancients but had not money wherewith to purchase them. And he did ask a favor of the Chief that he might loan the sum of money needed to purchase the record. And the Chief did agree for he knew Namwaran was a servant of the Chief of Tundun and was a loyal and honest man. For he had fought in many battle to protect their lands. And the Chief did deliver unto him the gold. And Namwaran did take the gold to the keeper of the records and did purchase the Record of the Ancients. And he did return with the records to the cave where which he had hid up the other the records.

CHAPTER 10

And it is a righteous work that records should be kept and preserved. For God hath given us a ability to keep records and it is such that the works of our days may be kept. And those generations who keep records shall be judged out of the records they keep. And they who might keep records but do not keep them, shall be judged severely.

CHAPTER 11

Now this was the great prophecy of Namwaran. And behold after many years Namwaran did finish gathering the records of the Mahardika. And he had taken them to a secret cave and hidden them there. And the number of these records was great. And Namwaran had grown to a great age and had endured much hardship from the gathering of these records. For behold he had traveled the whole land round about to gather these records. And it was his intention to bring many of these records together and form a book which would go forth among the descendants of Suran in the last days. But behold Namwaran did pass away before he could begin the work. And he died in favor with God for he had brought to pass much righteousness and he was a righteous man.

THE BOOK OF RUMAN

CHAPTER 1

I, Ruman, am the son of the brother Namwaran, even that same Namwaran who did defend the Kingdom of Tundun and did gather the sacred records of this land. And after the brother of my father had died he was buried in the land he loved. And I did take myself up to find the records which the brother of my father had gathered. And I did journey to the place of his death and searched the land round about. And it came to pass that I did climb an exceedingly high mountain and I found a cave and I did enter into the cave. And behold it was filled with all manner of treasure and records. And Yea I did even find a record which my father had written concerning his dealings upon the land. And I did search the treasures and I did find much gold, and silver, and pearls, and precious jewels. And yea any man who would possess these treasures would become a rich and powerful man. And I did find those sacred articles which had been stored away. But I knew that these treasures were reserved for the Kingdom of God. And I beheld the records which were in the cave And they were numerous, And I did spend many years reading them. And there were many records including the large scroll which was written in part by our forefather Suran. And it did contain his record as well as those writings from the ancient people who did come into this land. And, Yea it did include the writings of Ahkman And many other prophets. And there was also the record of the Strangers, which did come unto us from travelers that came from a land far away. And there was the record of the Ancients, which contained the writings of those men who did populate the world and even those who first came unto these islands. And there was also a record of the great warrior Danku who defended the land. And there were many sacred books revealed unto us by the prophets. And only those of a higher understanding may receive these books. And there were many more records from many prophets and messengers. Yea, insomuch that it took me many years to read all of them. And did read them and I did read many of all those glorious blessings God had given unto the people of this land when they were righteous. And also those terrible punishments when they had been wicked. And I also read many prophecies concerning the future generations that would inhabit these islands. And that if they would follow the Laws of God given in the these records and the other books they will posses then they shall become a mighty, and beautiful, and rich people. And God shall bless them continually. And I also read that there would be a book that shall go forth among them and it shall contain the words of these records. And I did know that it was impossible for all of these records to be made into one book. And Yea, it would take many years to read them all. So I Ruman took it upon myself to write the book that should go forth among the people. And I did gather those records which I knew were of the greatest importance. For I did go forth and gather copper that I might melt it. And I did make cuts in the dirt now after this I build up a great fire and I did melt the copper in a large bowl. Now after the copper had been melted I did pour it into the cuts in the earth and I did form ingots. Now after I had formed ingots of copper I did hammer them into sheets. And it was upon these sheets that I did write my record that it might come forth in a future time.

CHAPTER 2

And behold my brethren, the children of Suran have fallen from the true path of Christ. And they do worship gods of their own design, or gods of the foreigners who have gained power over our land. And I cannot find any believers left in the land. For they have all died, or been killed, or

have fallen from their belief. And I alone retain a belief in the Eternal True God. Now I write this that future generations may come to a knowledge of the true pattern of worship given unto us by Christ. For worship is to show love and devotion unto God. And we should worship God every day of our lives. And at all places and at all times we should remember God and show unto Him devotion. And we should obey his commandments and keep him in our minds. Wherefore we must also worship God on the seventh day. And all those near unto each other should gather together in a house. And they should pray and sing praises unto God. And the elder or priest should expound the scriptures unto all those who shall assemble. And he shall preach unto them the meaning thereof. And the elder or priest shall speak unto the people, and teach them of the laws and commandments of God. And he shall exhort them to be obedient and faithful. And an elder or priest should break bread and offer a prayer of dedication to God. And they shall partake of it as a memorial of the Body of Christ. And all who are present, who have been baptized, and are willing to obey the commandments of Christ of this shall partake of the bread. And those who are not baptized shall not partake of the bread. For those who are not baptized have no covenant with Christ and have no need to partake. And those who are young children are perfect in Christ. For those who partake of this rite and are not baptized, it shall be a condemnation unto them, and they are guilty of a grave sin. Wherefore live always in righteousness. And after all have partaken of the bread an elder or priest should bring forth wine and offer a prayer of dedication to God. And they shall drink as a memorial of the Blood of Christ. And all those who have eaten of the bread and drunken of the wine shall remove their sandals. And the Servants who have delivered the bread and the wine shall wash their feet. And after all have partaken of the bread and wine and washed their feet, those who were forbidden, shall be allowed to return again to their places. And after their worship they should eat of a feast which was prepared for the Sabbath. And this they should do to keep the Holy Day of the Sabbath. And they should eat of the feast in memory of Christ and in a solemn manner. And after the feast all who did attend should return to their homes. And no man should have to travel a great distance to worship on the Sabbath for many churches should be organized. And there should be as many as organized to for the people.

CHAPTER 3

And they shall also worship at the temple. For they shall partake of those rites which are performed within the holy walls of the temple. And they shall do this to show their devotion unto God. And many shall gather together on the Sabbath within the temple And partake of the rites. And I have written earlier in this book of the covenants within the temple. And these things should be done that they may worship God in their lives, in their Sabbaths, and in the temple.

CHAPTER 4

And it came to pass that as I did sit and ponder upon those things which I should write to close this record I heard a sound afar off. And as I sat in the mouth of the cave I saw a man approach from whence the sound came. And he was a most strange man, for he was not like the people of Suran. For behold he was a tall man, and his skin was white. And he did carry a great load in a satchel. And now as he did approach closer the cave in which was resting he called out in a loud voice saying, Ruman, come forth, and speak with a messenger of God. And now behold upon hearing those words I did approached the man. And I did ask the man, How be it that thou knowest my name? And the man said unto me, Behold I know a great many things, for I am a servant of God. And I know all these things through the power of the Almighty. For His power is

great, and His knowledge is perfect. And I did inquire Him again saying, Why hast thou come unto me, for I am not but a simple man? And the man again spoke unto me saying, Oh, Ruman, behold I am John. That very same John that did walk with Jesus and I am the disciple whom He loved. Now Behold I did marvel exceedingly for more than nine hundred years had passed away since Christ had visited our people. And I did speak unto him again saying, Behold your age must be exceedingly great for the Son of God hath long since been resurrected. And your age must be greater than that of any living man. Upon hearing this John didst again speak unto me saying, Now did Jesus not say unto me: You shall tarry until I come. Wherefore it was appointed unto me to remain upon the Earth until the time of His second coming. Now behold I shall not taste death. But it has been appointed unto me to bring to pass the work of the Father until that time which has been appointed, yea even that time which the angels in heaven do not know. And John did continue to speak unto me, For behold Ruman I did come unto you as commanded by the Almighty God. For I do bring unto you a special record and a witness, that your writings should be accepted by the seed of thy brethren.

CHAPTER 5

And he did show unto me a scroll And on it was written the words of a vision which John had seen concerning this world. And I did read it. And there were a great many signs, and wonders, and symbols in this vision and I did not read the entire vision, but only that portion which John did show unto me.. Now behold, I did not fully understand the meaning of this vision, nevertheless it was like unto that vision which was seen by Katalua. And I did ask him many questions concerning this vision. And I did ask him, what is the crystal sea that was before God's throne. And he said unto me the crystal sea is the earth. For it shall be come perfected and the world shall be as a means of seeing and they shall look into it and learn the mysteries of the universe. And things shall be made clear. And I asked him, what are the four creatures. And he said unto me, these four creatures are symbols of all of the creatures of the earth. And the calf represents the lowest creatures, And the Lion represents higher creatures, And the eagle represents even greater creatures, And the man represents those intelligent creatures who have dominion. And I asked him, who are the twenty four people who worship he who sits on the throne. And he said unto me, these are the twelve apostles of Christ they are also another group of twelve that God shall chose as His apostles who shall preach at the time of the second coming of Christ. And I asked him, what is the book that had seven seals. And he said unto me that it represents the knowledge, will, and works of God but that they are only those things that concern this earth. And I asked him, what is the meaning of the seven seals. And he said unto me that they represent periods of time in the history and future of mankind. And I asked him, what is the meaning of the first seal and the white horse and the man that ruled. And he said unto me that the horse do represent those who do proclaim the words of Christ. And the rider of the horses is Christ insomuch that he, or rather his works, or carried forth by those who proclaim his words. And I asked him, what is the meaning of the fifth seal and the white garments that were given to those slain. And he said unto me, The fifth seal is the time that beginneth with Christ. And it is the time of the first church. And the white garments symbolize that Gospel of Christ which was spread forth among the dead. And I asked him, why must those who were slain wait for a time. And he said unto me, they must wait for the those martyrs who live during this time. For once all have been killed And are gathered together they shall bring a great work. And I asked him, what is the meaning of the sixth seal and four angels and also the angel from the east. And he said, they are four angels that have been sent out from God to bring the gospel to all nations. They also have power over the earth. And the angel from the east does not represent one person but any who shall bring forth the gospel. And I asked him, who are those

one hundred forty-four thousand who shall be sealed. And he said unto me they are twelve thousand men from each of the twelve tribes of Israel. And they shall be gathered at the last days and shall rule in the Kingdom of God. And I asked him, what is the meaning of the seventh seal and also the quiet that shall be in heaven. And he said unto me the seventh seal is the Sabbath of the earth. For this time shall last one thousand years and shall be filled with peace and holiness. But there shall be a time at the beginning that is the cleansing of the earth. And I asked him, what is the meaning of the seven angels with the seven trumpets. And he said unto me, they represent the seven periods of the creation and the seven periods of the earth. For seven is a holy number and thus the angels are seven. And I asked him, what is the small book that was given unto you to eat and why did it change taste. And he said unto me, the book was a commandment unto me to gather the tribes of Isreal. And When I first received this commandment it seemed unto me to be a glorious thing. But after I had started the work I saw that it was a very difficult and hard work. And I asked him, what is the temple that you were commanded to measure. And he said unto me, it is the temple that will be build after the pattern given by Ezekiel. And I asked him, why is the holy city trampled under foot. And he said unto me the city shall be conquered and a part of the city shall be destroyed to make way for the building of the Holy City of Jerusalem. And I asked him, who are the two witnesses. And he said unto me, they are two prophets who shall come into the nation and preach the gospel to the inhabitants thereof. They shall also lead the city in defense against those who shall fight against them. I asked him, what is the meaning of the creature. And he said unto me, the creature represents all those who follow the devil. And some political kingdoms, and some are churches, and some are merchants. And I asked him, what is the meaning of the crystal sea mixed with fire. And he said unto me, the crystal sea mixed with fire does represent the earth at the time of cleansing. For there shall be many who follow the word of God and the evils of the world shall pass over them. And the world shall be unto them as a crystal sea and they shall look into it and learn the mysteries of the universe. And things shall be made clear unto them. But unto the wicked the earth shall be as fire and they shall endure plagues, and evils, and earthquakes, and lightnings, and all manner of affliction. And I asked him, what are the plagues that shall be delivered by the seven angels. And he said unto me, they are seven plagues which shall cleanse the earth of the wicked. And the first shall be poured out upon the dry land. And there shall be a sore which shall go forth among those who have the mark of the creature and those who worship his likeness. And the second shall be poured out upon the seas. And they shall become like the blood of a dead man and he wicked thereon shall die upon the waters. And the third shall be poured out upon rivers and springs. They too shall become as blood, and they shall not be good for drink. And the fourth shall be poured out upon the sun. And the sun shall increase its heat. And many shall be burned with fire because of this. And the fifth shall be poured out upon the throne of the creature. And those who follow him shall be filled with darkness and they shall loose their senses, and they shall bite their tongues with the hope to feel pain. And the sixth shall be poured upon the river Euphrates. And the water shall dry up and it shall be a preparation for a street of Holiness which shall pass through there. And the seventh shall be poured out into the air. And there shall be great earthquakes, and lightnings, and thunders. And there shall be great hail which shall cause great destruction. And I asked him, who is the false prophet from whom one of the three spirits in the form of frogs come. And he said unto me, he is one who shall come and lead many after false paths. And those who shall live in the seventh seal must be warned of him. And I asked him, what are the three spirits in the form of frogs. And he said unto me, the three spirits are three beliefs that shall go forth among men to bring to pass the will of Satan. And one spirit shall possess a King, and another Spirit shall possess a Priest, and the third spirit shall possess a Prophet. And they shall lead the world in much destruction and wickedness. And I asked him, who is the man who rides upon the white horse and what is the name that no man knows. And he said unto me, the man is the Word of God, even the only begotten son. And the name is that which must be received of all men. For

each shall receive a name which no other man knows. And this shall be his name unto God. For this name shall be written upon a white stone that shall be given unto him. And I asked him, who shall loose the devil at the end of the thousand years. And he said unto me, it shall be the wickedness of the people who shall allow the devil to be loosed. For as long as men are righteous the devil is bound. And because of the righteousness in the thousand years the devil shall be bound. But pride shall enter into the hearts of men at the last days of the thousand years and the devil shall thus have power over men. And I asked him, what is the great city of Jerusalem. And he said unto me, this is the city of God in heaven that is reserved for those of this earth. And he did answer all things put to him And I did grow in my knowledge of God and in what I had learned of the vision. Even so much that the meaning of the vision was more clear unto me.

CHAPTER 6

And he did also speak unto me concerning the record which I had written that contained the history of my people and also many prophecies concerning the future times. And he caused that I should bring it forth and I did. And he did read that which I had written, even every part. And he said, Many shall look upon these words and say, Did not John warn us of these things in the Bible? Did he not speak unto us saying, If any man shall add unto these words, God shall add unto him the same plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall remove from the words of this book, God shall remove his part out of the book of life. So why then should we give heed unto these new words which John hast warned us away from. Now I speak unto these, Behold I am John, even that same John which did write the words of which you speak. And I do know of that which is written in the record that has been written and it is good. Wherefore I have accepted it and I know that God hath approved this record, for it doth contain His Word. Therefor I do say unto you that if any man shall hearken unto these words it shall not be counted towards him as adding unto those things which I have written. For I John approve these words, And he that shall hearken unto them shall not have plagues added unto him for they will not be adding unto my words, for I accept these words as if they are mine. But let there be a warning to all people for I testify unto every man that heareth these words that they are true And if any man will deny these words it shall be counted unto them as if they had taken away from my words. And any man that taketh away from my words, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life. So if it be wisdom in God that thou shalt read these things do not dismiss them, for he that dismisses these words commiteth a grave sin. And I leave these words with you as a blessing and a warning, for unto those who accept these words it shall be a blessing but unto those who deny these words it shall be a warning. And He which sayeth, "Surely I come quickly," also testifieth of these things. Even the Lord Jesus.

CHAPTER 7

Now John did leave these words with me to include as a testimony of the words which I had written. And I know that He is truly a messenger of God And those who hearken unto his words shall have everlasting life. And now behold John did give unto me a special mission, that I

should remain upon the earth until the time that this record should come forth. And after this, John did leave my presence and depart into lands unknown and I know not where he went. Now behold after John did depart a bright light came over me and I saw what seemed to be a person. And the person spake unto me saying, I am Paul an Apostle of Jesus Christ. And I have come to deliver you a message. And he did say, I have come unto you to be a second witness of the truthfulness of this book. And I shall speak unto those who would deny this book. For there shall be those who shall recall my words to the churches of Galatia. And they shall say we cannot accept this book because of the words of Paul, for even though they, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto us than that which he has preached unto us, let him be accursed. As they had said before, and so say they now, if any man shall preach any other gospel unto us than that we have received, let him be accursed. And I say, those who deny these writings because of my words do not understand them, and they do not know the gospel I have preached. For behold I certify unto you, that the gospel which is preached from this book is of me is not after the ways of man. And it has not been received of man, neither was it taught from the ways of man, but it did come forth by the revelations of Jesus Christ. And I have accepted this book and, Yea even Christ has accepted this book as a true witness of Him. And the messenger did leave and the bright light disappeared. And I knew that this messenger was true for he did nothing but speak the will of the Lord. Now I did write the words of those messengers who came unto me.

CHAPTER 8

And now I do close this record that it may come to stand as a witness unto the people of these islands of the mission of Jesus Christ And His love for the people of this land. And if any who find this record shall read it and take it into their hearts they shall come to know the truthfulness of it. And those who shall pray unto God And ask Him, in faith, if this record is true, and if it be His will, the Spirit shall witness unto them the truthfulness of this record. And if there be any remains that our people have left in the land, and they shall come forth, then it shall also be an evidence of the truthfulness of this record. And also if any shall read the prophecies within this book and see that they come to pass then it shall stand as a witness of the truthfulness of these things. And I have prepared these sheets of copper that they might be preserved until the time that they shall come forth. And I have stacked these plates together. And I do also possess a vial containing earth from the place where Christ first set foot upon these islands. For it was collected shortly after His arrival And has been held sacred for many years. And also a shaft of bamboo which doth contain many sacred writings which are not to be given unto the world. And this record is complete and those of you who read this and believe, and come to a better knowledge of Christ, and obey His law, shall have a place in His kingdom and shall have unnumbered riches both in this world in and these eternal world. Now I leave with you this prophecy for in a future time these sheets shall be preserved in the earth. And they shall be delivered unto a man in the form of a vision. And he shall translate them into his language. And he shall send forth a portion of the record and after a great many people have accepted it he shall bring forth the other portions of the record. For he shall appoint one to stand before him unto the world. And he shall speak the words of the man. And the people shall find the twelve women who shall go forth as the women of old and they shall build the kingdom. And after the kingdom is established and a great temple is build these copper sheets shall be shown unto the world. And when this time shall come all men may view these things and examine them. And they shall have a sure knowledge of their truth. And they shall also view other evidences that do show the truth of these things. And it mattereth not if some may receive this record as a parable or if they receive it as a true account, for did not Christ teach many truths in parables. For it

mattereth not if it is true or a story for what mattereth is that those who shall read it shall turn unto God, and Christ their redeemer, and unite together in God's Kingdom. And I leave this now with you, may we meet at the feet of Jesus Christ, the Savior of all the universe. I know that He lives and that He is the head. His works are great and also his glory. Praise be to Him forever and ever!

ROCK OF

RUMAN

After I finished the translation of the last of the copper sheets I saw a large stone. On this stone were the same symbols I saw on the copper sheets. The translation of these writings was shown to me. This is the translation:

And I, Ruman, have returned unto the place where I have stored up the sacred things for I am still yet alive. Now even eighty years have passed away since I hid up the record unto the Lord. And I have come to know that it is true what John spoke, that I should remain upon the face of the land until the time that this record shall come forth. And in my time upon the far away islands I have been studying, and learning, and guarding, And it has been revealed to me who shall open up this record. For he shall be one the descendants of Suran and he shall live in a distant land. And he shall speak a language of these islands and also a language that is not that of the people these islands. And he shall translate the record into his language And he shall write it. But Behold I know that God hath accepted my work. And he shall deliver these writings to the descendants of the people of these islands. And after they have gone forth, then the whole earth shall know of our people and the covenants God hath made with us. And they shall know of the goodness and truthfulness of God and His works. Now I do leave to build a righteous Kingdom in the east.