AND IT CAME TO PASS=EL=GOD

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As explained in the book, it was over a year ago I felt impressed to study the phrase “And it came to pass.” That impression came following the remarkable story of Professor Felix Mijnhardt of Pretoria University – a greatly gifted linguist. I share that story in Chapter 3 of the book. In the 1970s, he was probably the only person on the planet who was fluent in English, Afrikaans, Hebrew, and ancient Egyptian.

As you consider the details of his story, it becomes evident that He was raised up by the Lord – undoubtedly for many reasons – but to provide the much needed translation of the Book of Mormon from English into Afrikaans. During that process he determined that the phrase “And it came to pass” was an ancient Egyptian phrase.

As further explained in Chapter 3 by inductive scientific reasoning – looking at all the LDS scriptures – I had arrived at the hypothesis that this phrase had its beginnings, as a significant marker, in the Adamic language. This hypothesis arose for two reasons: 1) the usage of this phrase diminished over time in both the eastern and western hemispheres; and 2) as I read through these occurrences – and there are a lot of them (I counted 1,429 occurrences) – I discovered that the phrase “And it came to pass” is almost always associated with some past significant historic event in the Lord’s vineyard. I share some examples here as follows. My comments are in brackets [ ].

Genesis 7:10-11 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the Earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

Genesis 22:1-2 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

[ This is the first time “love” is mentioned in the Bible as Jehovah (Jesus Christ) asks Abraham to go to the same mountain (a three-day journey symbolic of Jesus’ three days in the tomb), where Christ knew He would be crucified at the same time of the year – some 19 hundred years later – as type and shadow of the atonement, where the Savior would spend “three days and three nights in the heart of the Earth.” (Matt. 12:39-40) This season becomes a common-celebration for Christians, Jews, and Muslims; see http://www.allanstime.com/Spiritual/common_holiday.htm ]
Genesis 37:23 **And it came to pass**, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him; [And Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt, where the Lord would raise him up to save the House of Israel temporarily during the seven years of famine as type shadow of the seed of Joseph (of Ephraim and Manasseh) saving the House of Israel in our time temporally and spiritually. (See Ether 13:1-12 in the Book of Mormon) ]

Numbers 16:31 **And it came to pass**, as he [Moses] had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them: [purging of the House of Israel in the wilderness, and they will be purged again in our day in preparation for them becoming a Zion (pure-in-heart) people, as we know from prophecy.]

2 Kings 22:11-13 **And it came to pass**, when the king [Josiah] had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying, Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us. [Let us hearken to the words of Christ and be saved temporally and spiritually in our day.]

Jonah 4:8, 10-11 **And it came to pass**, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die,...Then said the LORD, And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city... [The ruins of Nineveh have been found and this story verified; as the east wind opened the Red Sea for Moses and the House of Israel to save them and to destroy the Egyptians so will it again be a part of the purging in our day – to save the righteous and destroy the wicked. Nineveh, symbolic of the repentant Gentiles, will be saved with gathered Israel in the latter days.]

Luke 2:1, 2-5 **And it came to pass** in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed... And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. [And so our Savior was born in Bethlehem, which literally means “the house of bread,” and indeed, He is the bread of life in time and in eternity.]

Luke 24: 4-6 **And it came to pass**, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the Earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?
He is not here, but is risen. [The resurrection was the seventh sacred step -- capping the atonement -- and the Savior opened the door for all of us to be resurrected and to receive eternal life as we come unto Him.]

Acts 4:5-11 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. [This stone, Jesus Christ, is being rejected again by the leaders of this Gentile nation (USA) and those who reject Him will be destroyed as the FIRST becomes the LAST (see Chapter 23 in the book.]

1 Nephi 16:4 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, did exhort my brethren, with all diligence, to keep the commandments of the Lord...And it came to pass that the Lord was with us, yea, even the voice of the Lord came and did speak many words unto them, and did chasten them exceedingly; and after they were chastened by the voice of the Lord they did turn away their anger, and did repent of their sins, insomuch that the Lord did bless us again with food, that we did not perish. [There are 29 occurrences of this phrase in this single chapter as they travel toward the “Promised Land.” Notice the double usage of the phrase here as Nephi is able – temporarily – to get his older brethren to serve the Lord.]

3 Nephi 19:4, 25, 28-35 And it came to pass that on the morrow, when the multitude was gathered together, behold, Nephi... And the twelve did teach the multitude; and behold, they did cause that the multitude should kneel down upon the face of the Earth, and should pray unto the Father in the name of Jesus...And it came to pass that Jesus blessed them as they did pray unto him; and his countenance did smile upon them, and the light of his countenance did shine upon them, and behold they were as white as the countenance and also the garments of Jesus; and behold the whiteness thereof did exceed all the whiteness, yea, even there could be nothing upon Earth so white as the whiteness thereof...

Father, I thank thee that thou hast purified those whom I have chosen, because of their faith, and I pray for them, and also for them who shall believe on their words, that they
may be purified in me, through faith on their words, even as they are purified in me. Father, I pray not for the world, but for those whom thou hast given me out of the world, because of their faith, that they may be purified in me, that I may be in them as thou, Father, art in me, that we may be one, that I may be glorified in them...

And when Jesus had spoken these words he came again unto his disciples; and behold they did pray steadfastly, without ceasing, unto him; and he did smile upon them again; and behold they were white, even as Jesus. And it came to pass that he went again a little way off and prayed unto the Father; And tongue cannot speak the words which he prayed, neither can be written by man the words which he prayed. And the multitude did hear and do bear record; and their hearts were open and they did understand in their hearts the words which he prayed. Nevertheless, so great and marvelous were the words which he prayed that they cannot be written, neither can they be uttered by man. And it came to pass that when Jesus had made an end of praying he came again to the disciples, and said unto them: So great faith have I never seen among all the Jews; wherefore I could not show unto them so great miracles, because of their unbelief.

[There are 13 occurrences of this phrase in this chapter and is a beautiful example of how the Savior’s prayer in John Chapter 17 can be fulfilled. They had 200 years of peace and Mormon reported that there “could not be a happier people.” (4 Nephi 1:16) Remarkably, this blessing will be repeated in our day, and we may partake as we come unto Him.] As also mentioned in Chapter 3, I next felt to test the hypothesis that the phrase “And it came to pass” began as an Adamic language marker, and I had the idea — to go to the oldest of our available scriptural texts and check the frequency of the occurrence of this phrase.

That text is the Book of Ether in the Book of Mormon. This is the record of the Jaredites as they came out from the Tower of Babel without having their language confounded and came to America; the Adena culture seems to tie to their culture both from archeological findings as well as from carbon dating. Their language would be the closest to the Adamic of any we have in our current scriptures. I was very excited to find 100% validation of the hypothesis as 100% of the chapters in the Book of Ether use that phrase.

“And it came to pass” is used more in that book than any other book in scripture and with the density of usage the highest. It is important as well that a hypothesis be tested with independent data, and we are fortunate to have the Book of Ether for that test. Hence, we have a second witness of the validity of this hypothesis.

Ironically, Moroni, who translated that record, almost never uses this phrase – except in one instance, which we will find to be historically significant. However, Moroni’s historian
father and prophet, Mormon, uses this phrase at a significant level in his writings. I will explain the significance of Moroni’s usage later.

As I write this (1 September 2014), I have found a third validation for this hypothesis tying this phrase as special marker to the Language of Adam. The Lord has said that in the mouth of two or three witnesses His word is “established. (Matt. 18:16) This third witness came as I was counting the occurrences of this phrase. In that process I noticed another unusual pattern, there are 52 occurrences where this phrase is used twice in the same verse – almost like a chiasmus around some important event.

Further, these occurrences were clustered around seven kinds of events: 1) the creation as described in the Book of Abraham; 2) there are several occurrences of this double usage in the Jaredite record (2200-600 BC); 3) Jacob 5 – the allegory the Prophet Zenos (~1200 BC) – the most elaborate allegory in scripture describing the history of the House of Israel over its 5,000 years through the end of the Millennium; 4) the events associated with the coming of the Lehites to America (592 BC); 5) the numerous battles the descendants of Lehi had before the coming of Christ to America; 6) the sign at the time of the Savior’s birth, the purging just prior to His coming the first time here in America, and around the scriptures He shares with them (0-34 AD), which is type and shadow of the purging of the world prior to His Second Coming; and 7) the events around the last battles as the Nephites were finally annihilated by the Lamanites, which is symbolic of the wicked destroying the wicked in the last days.


Joseph and Hyrum Smith were martyred on the 27th of June 1844. John Taylor, who was present, describes the significance of this event in Doctrine and Covenants Section 135. “And it came to pass…,” shows up twice in verse 5 of that section. Ironically, John Taylor is quoting from Moroni; this is Moroni’s only use of this phrase, and it shows up as a double usage in this verse. It is almost like Moroni’s stamp of approval on the work of these two great prophets as they conclude their work here on Earth, and John Taylor was inspired to write it thus.

Moroni is concluding the Jaredite record and is praying for the Gentiles (for us) that they (we) will repent (See Ether 13:36-38). Again, it appears Providential that Hyrum Smith
had turned down that page in his Book of Mormon just before they were killed. Hyrum was five years older than Joseph Smith, and he was always true to the Prophet Joseph. Hyrum was known as a man of integrity by both the Mormons and the non-Mormons. It is as if Joseph and Hyrum were praying for us – this Gentile nation to repent -- as they concluded their ministry.

D&C 135:5 And it came to pass that I prayed unto the Lord that he would give unto the Gentiles grace, that they might have charity. And it came to pass that the Lord said unto me: If they have not charity it mattereth not unto thee, thou hast been faithful; wherefore thy garments shall be made clean. And because thou hast seen thy weakness, thou shalt be made strong, even unto the sitting down in the place which I have prepared in the mansions of my Father.

And now I … bid farewell unto the Gentiles; yea, and also unto my brethren whom I love, until we shall meet before the judgment-seat of Christ, where all men shall know that my garments are not spotted with your blood. The testators are now dead, and their testament is in force. And, as we look at these seven clusters, we again see a basic decrease in density over time.

Notice, there are no double occurrences in the Bible. And as Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum were martyred, we see the last and single occurrence of this phrase in double usage – like a capstone – having shed their innocent blood for the cause of Christ as a witness to the world. So we have in the double usage of the phrase “And it came to pass” – as it were – even a fourth witness of the significance of these phrases as they map back to the Adamic language.

It will be interesting to see how this all comes together as the Lord reveals all things in His own due time as part of the restitution of all things promised before His Second Coming. (Acts 3:18-21)

By way of summary, in Chapter 3 of the book, It’s About Time, using the inductive scientific method of reasoning we validated a hypothesis for the phrase “And it came to pass.” In this method, one observes the data -- noting trends, patterns, and relevant features. Then a model, hypothesis, or theory was determined that fits the data.

Next, we tested the hypothesis with an independent relevant data set and obtained a 100% validation of the hypothesis that for the phrase “And it came to pass,” most probably had its origin as a key word or marker in the Adamic language. Because the usage of this phrase diminished over time in both the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, this diminishing trend gives us evidence for the Adamic language being the most sophisticated language – the opposite of the theory of evolution.
After I had validated this hypothesis, I learned of Dr. Leet’s work. I was delighted to learn – as I also point out in Chapter 3 – that the phrase “And it came to pass” has a Gematria value of 30, and as she shows, it relates to the word EL = God and ties to past events. Her model for this phrase fits perfectly what I had already induced scientifically from all the LDS scriptures, which, of course, includes the Bible.

Dr. Leet’s work was like a third witness for the importance and significance of this phrase. Recently, a fourth witness came forth as a significant double usage of this phrase became apparent.

In addition to all these witnesses, Professor Leonora Leet also develops a model for the phrase “And it shall come to pass” in her book, The Secret Doctrine of the KABBALAH, Recovering the Key to Hebraic Sacred Science. This model is based on Hebrew traditions and scriptures. In her book she shows that this phrase translates from the Hebrew with a Kabbalistic-Gematria tie to the “holiest of divine Names” (Jehovah) and that it further ties “to a future product of causality.”

In other words, where we see this phrase, it is as if Jehovah is saying, “I AM” is telling you very important future events. In contrast, Dr. Leet shows from the ancient Hebraic sacred science that the phrase “And it came to pass” ties to God = EL telling us of important past historic events. In addition to the above four witness, the fact that Dr. Leet’s model fits the occurrences of the phrase “And it shall come to pass” in all the LDS scriptures is a profound fifth witness of God’s fingerprint harmonizing all of scripture in a scientific way. My analysis here utilizes the deductive scientific method of reasoning: one has a model (hypothesis or theory) and then all the data are examined in light of that model. The LDS scriptures -- both modern and ancient -- fit that model in an incredible way even though her model is based on the Torah and ancient Hebrew tradition and culture.

Specifically we read from Dr. Leet’s book that, “The form of the verb chayah, meaning ‘to be,’ appearing in the word vehayah, normally translated ‘and it shall come to pass,’ has the same Gematria number as the Tetragrammaton, the holiest of divine Names, since it simply transposes its letter from YHVH to VHYH, the Gematria value of these letters being 26 (Yod = 10, Hey = 5, Vav = 6, and Hey = 5).” And as she says, “two words having the same Gematria number are considered to have a meaningful relationship.

You can see why I was so excited to find, in addition in her book, a model for the phrase, “And it shall come to pass…” I discuss this in detail in Appendix M. There are about 200 occurrences of this phrase in the LDS scriptures, and they fit Dr. Leet’s model perfectly.
The following link gives the Numerical Equivalents of Hebrew and Greek Letters http://www.greaterthings.com/Word-Number/Methods/HebrewGreekEnglish.htm
If you, the reader know of other studies like this, I would love to know. Please go to our web site and leave a comment www.ItsAboutTimeBook.com, so that we may benefit from other’s studies. So far I have not found any other like it.

I found the following linguistic study, “Who wrote the BoM?” to be interesting and relevant, but significantly different in the detail: http://rsc.byu.edu/archived/book-mormon-authorship-new-light-ancient-origins/7-whowrotebook-mormon Thank you, Lord, for bringing this information forth for us at this time! I believe the message of this appendix, Appendix M and of this book is for our day, for this nation, and for the world to repent and come unto Christ and is validated by not only inductive and deductive scientific reasoning, but most importantly by the Spirit.

The direct linguistic evidence we see here is very far reaching, and as time goes on I expect the evidence of God’s love will be manifest in ever more directions. The messages around these two phrases profoundly help us to prepare not only the days ahead, but give us hope in this most exciting time in the history of our planet as we look forward to the glorious day of the Lord.

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