

# Cain, Abel and the Priesthood







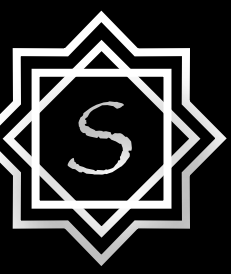
# Seer Stone



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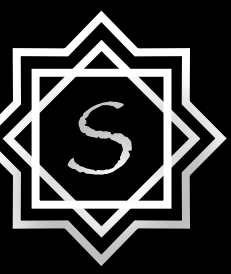
The  
Three Sons  
of  
Scripture



Sons of Men

Sons of God

Sons of Perdition



# Sons of God

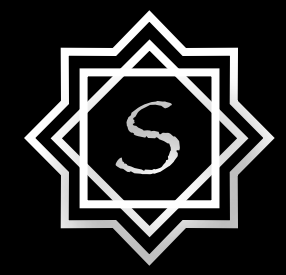
13 And Noah and his sons hearkened unto the Lord, and gave heed, and they were *called the sons of God*.

Moses 8:13

30 But verily, verily, I say unto you, that as many as receive me, to them will I give power to become the *sons of God, even to them that believe on my name*. Amen.

D&C 11:30





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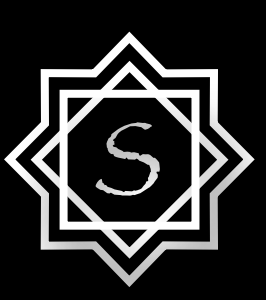
1 Hearken unto the voice of the Lord your God, while I speak unto you, Emma Smith, my daughter; for verily I say unto you, all those who receive my gospel are sons and daughters in my kingdom.

D&C 25:1

2 I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was crucified for the sins of the world, even as many as will believe on my name, that they may become the sons of God, even one in me as I am one in the Father, as the Father is one in me, that we may be one.

D&C 35:2





# Sons of Men

13 And Noah and his sons hearkened unto the Lord, and gave heed, and they were called the sons of God.

14 And when these men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, the *sons of men* saw that those daughters were fair, and they took them wives, even as they chose.

15 And the Lord said unto Noah: The daughters of thy sons have sold themselves; for behold mine anger is kindled against the *sons of men, for they will not hearken to my voice.*

Moses 8:12-15

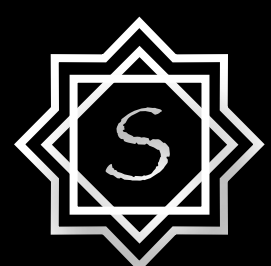
# Sons of Men

54 Wherefore Lamech was despised, and cast out, and came not among the *sons of men*, lest he should die.

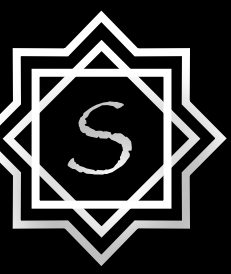
55 And thus the works of darkness began to prevail among all the *sons of men*.

56 And God cursed the earth with a sore curse, and was angry with the wicked, **with all the sons of men** whom he had made;

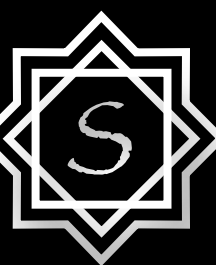
57 For *they would not hearken unto his voice, nor believe on his Only Begotten Son*, even him whom he declared should come in the meridian of time, who was prepared from before the foundation of the world.



# Sons of Perdition



**What do you have to do and know to  
become a Son of Perdition?**



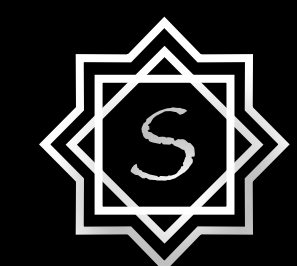
# Sons of Perdition

31 Thus saith the Lord concerning all those who **know my power**, and have **been made partakers thereof**, and suffered themselves through the power of the devil to be overcome, and to deny the truth and defy my power—

32 They are they who are *the sons of perdition*, of whom I say that it had been better for them never to have been born;

33 For they are vessels of wrath, doomed to suffer the wrath of God, with the devil and his angels in eternity;

D&C 76:31-33



# Sons of Perdition

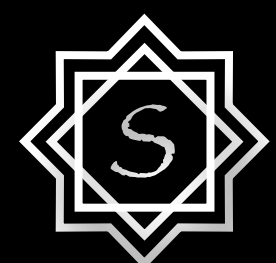
34 Concerning whom I have said there is **no forgiveness in this world nor in the world to come—**

35 Having denied the Holy Spirit after having received it, and having denied the Only Begotten Son of the Father, having crucified him unto themselves and put him to an open shame.

36 These are they who shall go away into the lake of fire and brimstone, with the devil and his angels—

37 And the only ones on whom the second death shall have any power;

38 Yea, verily, **the only ones who shall not be redeemed in the due time of the Lord,** after the sufferings of his wrath.



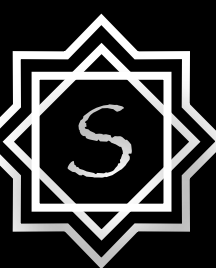
# Sons of Perdition

43 Who glorifies the Father, and saves all the works of his hands, except those sons of perdition who deny the Son after the Father has revealed him.

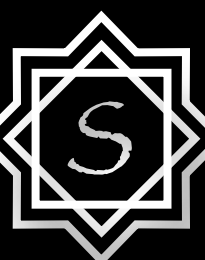
44 ...to reign with the devil and his angels in eternity, where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched, which is their torment—

45 And the end thereof, neither the place thereof, nor their torment, no man knows;

D&C 76:43-4



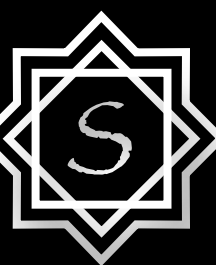
Cain was told that he could  
become “Perdition”





# Cain

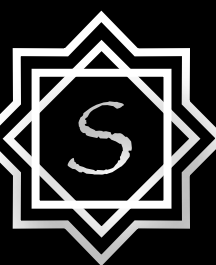
The Firstborn in the Gospel



12 And Adam and Eve blessed the name of God,  
and they **made all things known unto their sons and  
their daughters.**

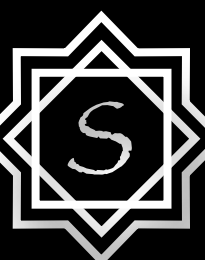
13 And Satan came among them, saying: I am also a  
son of God; and he commanded them, saying:  
Believe it not; and **they believed it not, and they  
loved Satan more than God.** And men began from  
that time forth to be carnal, sensual, and devilish.

Moses 5:12-13



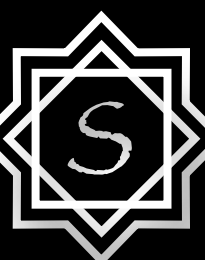
16 And Adam and Eve, his wife, ceased not to call upon God. And Adam knew Eve his wife, and **she conceived and bare Cain, and said: I have gotten a man from the Lord; wherefore he may not reject his words.** But behold, Cain hearkened not, saying: Who is the Lord that I should know him?

Moses 5:16



Cain, holding the priesthood and in the position to become the first patriarch was not righteous in his priesthood activity and priesthood responsibility of serving others

“Am I my brothers keeper?”

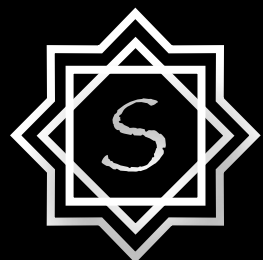


20 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock, and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel, and to his offering;

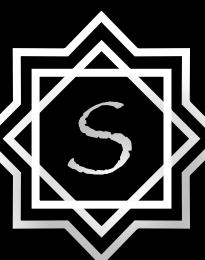
21 But **unto Cain, and to his offering, he had not respect.** Now Satan knew this, and it pleased him. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

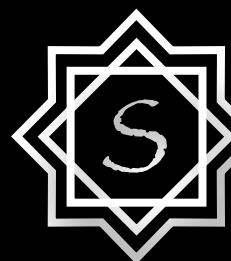
22 And the Lord said unto Cain: Why art thou wroth? Why is thy countenance fallen?

Moses 5:20-22



The Lord speaks to Cain about the  
Priesthood Covenants he had made





23 If thou doest well, thou shalt be accepted. And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door, and Satan desireth to have thee; and except thou shalt hearken unto my commandments, I will deliver thee up, and it shall be unto thee according to his desire. And thou shalt rule over him;

**‘If you are not true to the covenants you have made you will be in Satan's power’**

25 And it shall be said in time to come—That these abominations were had from Cain; for he rejected the greater counsel which was had from God; and this is a cursing which I will put upon thee, except thou repent.

Satan speaks to Cain about the benefits of following him

And introduces the secret “oaths and Combinations” based on Cain’s ‘endowment of power’ he received from this father.

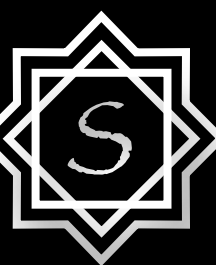




29 And Satan said unto Cain: **Swear unto me by thy throat,** and if thou tell it thou shalt die; *and swear thy brethren by their heads*, and by the living God, that they tell it not; for if they tell it, they shall surely die; and this *that thy father may not know it*; and this day I will deliver thy brother Abel into thine hands.

30 And Satan sware unto Cain that he would do according to his commands. And **all these things were done in secret.**

Moses 5:29-30



13 And it came to pass that Akish gathered in unto the house of Jared all his kinsfolk, and said unto them: Will ye **swear unto me** that ye will be faithful unto me in the thing which I shall desire of you?

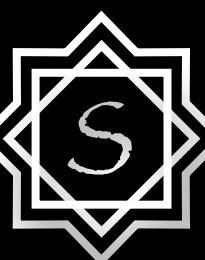
14 And it came to pass that **they all sware unto him**, by the God of heaven, and also by the heavens, and also by the earth, and **by their heads, that whoso should vary from the assistance which Akish desired should lose his head; and whoso should divulge whatsoever thing Akish made known unto them, the same should lose his life.**

15 And it came to pass that thus they did agree with Akish. And Akish did **administer unto them the oaths** which were given by them of old who also sought power, **which had been handed down even from Cain, who was a murderer from the beginning.**

32 And Cain went into the field, and Cain talked with Abel, his brother. And it came to pass that while they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and slew him.

33 And Cain gloried in that which he had done, saying: *I am free; surely the flocks of my brother falleth into my hands.*

Moses 5:32-33

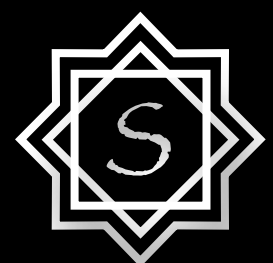


34 And the Lord said unto Cain: Where is Abel, thy brother? And he said: I know not. Am I my brother's keeper?

35 And the Lord said: What hast thou done? The voice of *thy brother's blood* cries unto me from the ground.

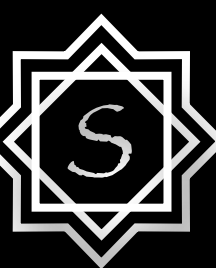
36 And now thou shalt be cursed from the earth which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand.

Moses 5:34-37

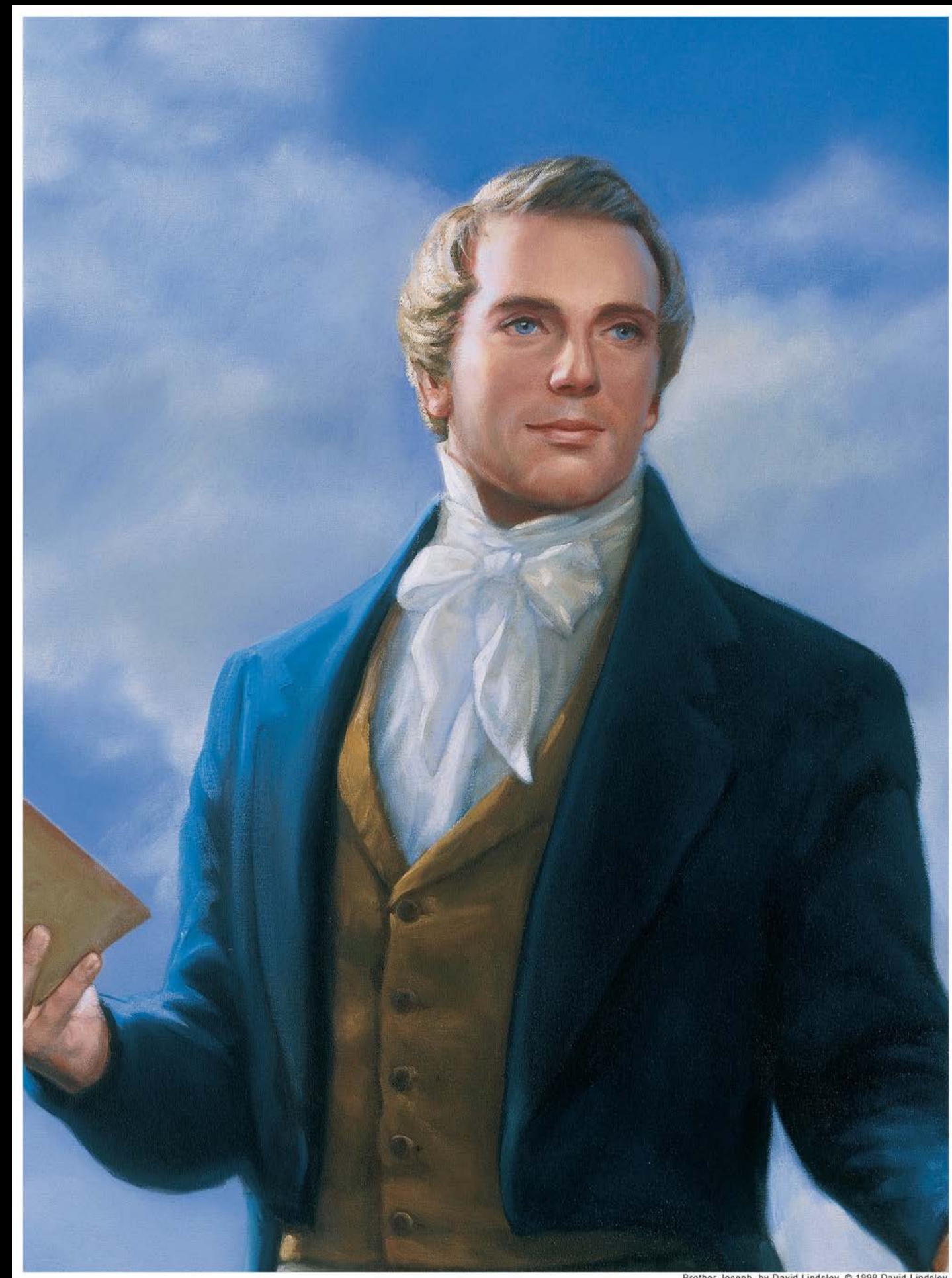


In the Targums it says “ the voice of thy brother’s  
**blood(s)** *[in the dual]* cry from the ground”

This means the voice of thy brother’s descendants cry  
from the ground...those who have been foreordained  
to be the patriarchal line of Abel

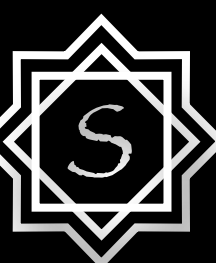


# The Descendants of Able were set apart as the Patriarchs in the councils of heaven



Every man who has a calling to minister to the inhabitants of the world was ordained to that very purpose in the Grand Council of heaven before this world was. I suppose I was ordained to this very office in that Grand Council.

TPJS, p.365



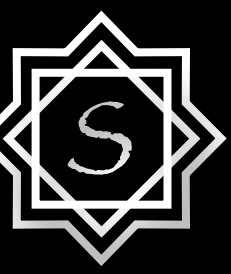
# Cain

Livelihood

Tiller of the Ground

Lifestyle

Sedentary



# The “Burden” of Cain

## **Livelihood**

## **Tiller of the Ground**

When thou tillest the ground it shall not henceforth  
yield unto thee her strength...

## **Lifestyle**

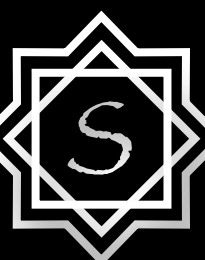
## **Sedentary**

...A fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the  
earth.

## **Priesthood**

## **Should have been the Birthright son**

cursed him as pertaining to the Priesthood...Pharaoh being of  
that lineage (Cain) by which he could not have the right of  
Priesthood,

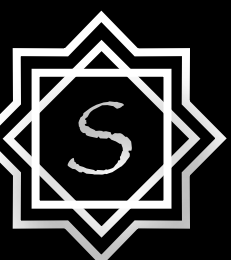




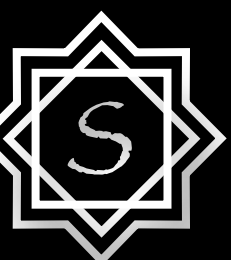
Cursed are all those that shall lift up the heel against mine anointed, saith the Lord...they are the servants of sin, and are the children of disobedience themselves.

Wo unto them; because they have offended my little ones they shall be severed from the ordinances of mine house..They shall not have right to the priesthood nor their posterity after them from generation to generation..

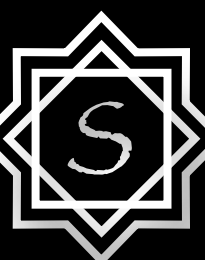
D&C 121:16-24



Cain Murdered his priesthood leader Abel,  
believing that he and his posterity would now  
have the birthright authority to rule over  
mankind for the rest of world history, to  
‘murder and get gain’.



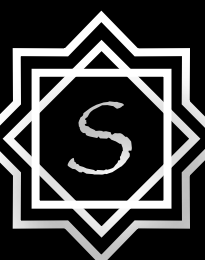
Abel now murdered, a new patriarch  
is needed as the other children of  
Adam and Eve have rejected the  
Gospel.



2 And Adam knew his wife again, and she bare a son, and he called his name Seth. And Adam glorified the name of God; for he said: God hath appointed me **another seed, instead** of Abel, whom Cain slew.

3 And God revealed himself unto Seth, and he rebelled not, but **offered an acceptable sacrifice**, like unto his brother Abel. And to him also was born a son, and he called his name Enos.

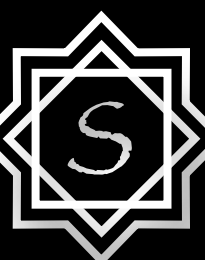
Moses 6:2-3



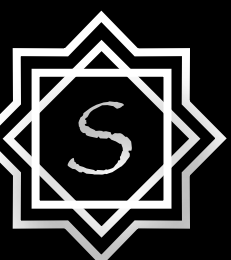
39 Behold thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the Lord, and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that **he that findeth me will slay me**, because of mine iniquities, for these things are not hid from the Lord.

40 And I the Lord said unto him: Whosoever slayeth thee, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. **And I the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.**

Moses 5:38-40



Whatever the “mark:” it was not part of the curse or ‘burden’ but given by God to protect and preserve Cain from the wrath of others.



21 Now this king of Egypt was a descendant from the loins of Ham, and was a partaker of the blood of the Canaanites by birth.

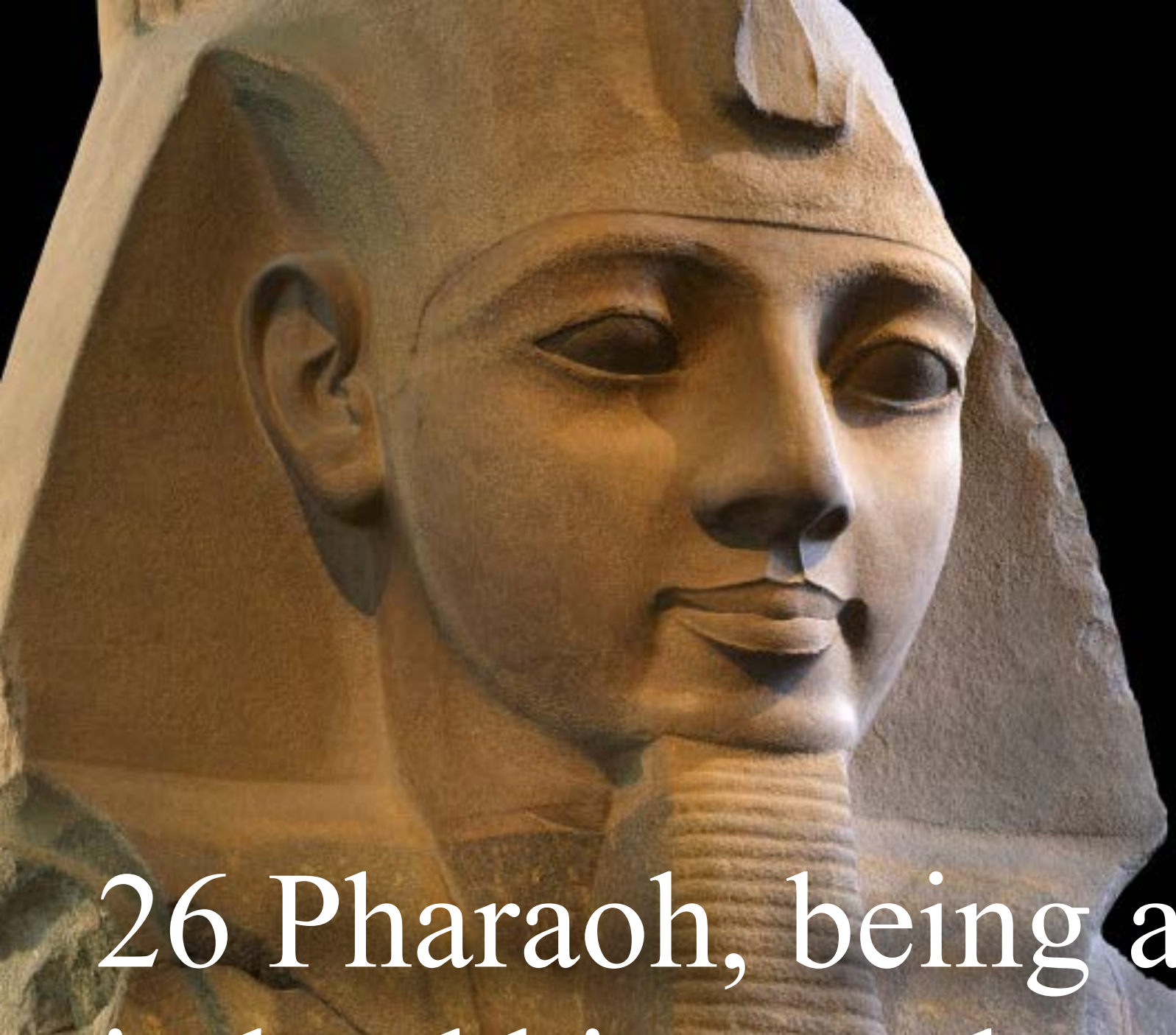
22 From this descent sprang all the Egyptians, and thus the blood of the Canaanites was preserved in the land.

24 When this woman discovered the land it was under water, who afterward settled her sons in it; and thus, from Ham, sprang that race which preserved the curse in the land.



Abraham 1:21-22, 24

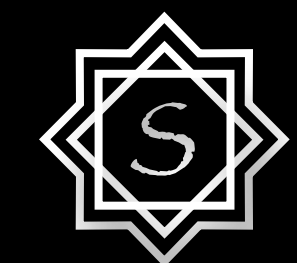




25 Now the first government of Egypt was established by Pharaoh, the eldest son of Egyptus, the daughter of Ham, and it was after the manner of the government of Ham, which was patriarchal.

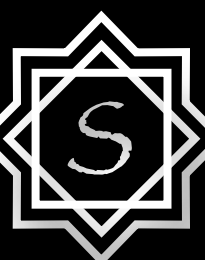
26 Pharaoh, being a righteous man, established his kingdom and judged his people wisely and justly all his days, seeking earnestly to imitate that order established by the fathers in the first generations, in the days of the first patriarchal reign, even in the reign of Adam, and also of Noah, his father, who blessed him with the blessings of the earth, and with the blessings of wisdom, but cursed him as pertaining to the Priesthood.

Abraham 1:25-26



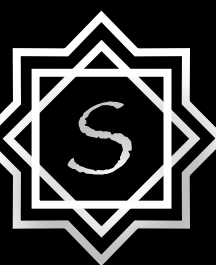


**Because the descendants of Cain were  
not identifiable the “policy” was  
instituted by implication**



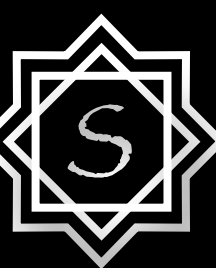
8 For behold, the Lord shall *curse the land with much heat*, and the barrenness thereof shall go forth forever; and *there was a blackness came upon all the children of Canaan,*

Moses 7:8



22 And Enoch also beheld the residue of the people which were the sons of Adam; and they were a mixture of all the seed of Adam save it was the seed of Cain, for the seed of Cain were black, and had not place among them.

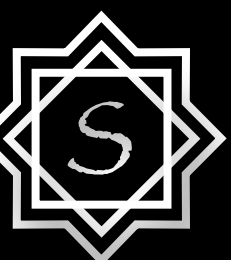
Moses 7:22



# The Priesthood

The Church has recently stated that the restriction of priesthood to the Blacks was a policy rather than a doctrine.

**This is true.** The *doctrine* however, is that the Seed of Cain could not have the right to the priesthood and a belief that the seed of Cain were black based on scriptural references, led to a **general restrictive policy**, to maintain the doctrine not knowing who might or might not be a descendant of Cain



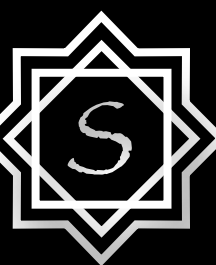
What would the safe *policy* be, if *all* that was known about the descendants of Cain was, that they had **red hair, blue eyes and freckles**



# Doctrine and Policy

It was a doctrine that the descendants of Cain  
were restricted,

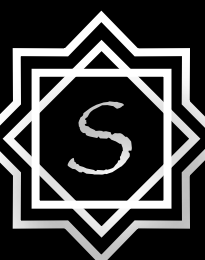
It was a policy that Blacks be restricted



Joseph Smith ordained Elijah Able to the priesthood  
However, there was no initial question to initiate the  
revelation.

After the ordination, Joseph translated the Book of  
Abraham and received the revelation that:

*‘the seed of Cain would not hold the priesthood until  
the seed of Abel had chance to come to the earth and  
fulfill their responsibility’*



# What was it that the seed of Cain lost?

**to be a “minister unto all  
the people”**

3 Nephi 28:18

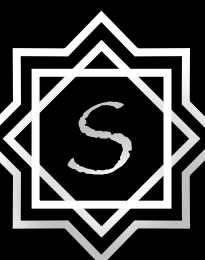
**“to minister unto you, and  
to be your servants”**

3 Ne 12:1

**“they shall bear this  
ministry and Priesthood  
unto all nations”**

Abr. 2:9

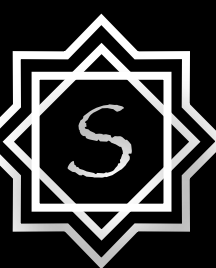
**an authorized  
responsibility to  
*administer* to all  
those who would  
like to participate  
in the Gospel**





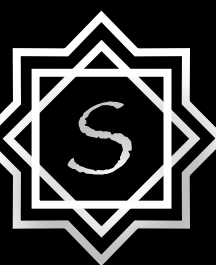
**The seed of Cain was restricted from the administration of the Gospel, not from the participation in the Gospel**

**There are many cultures and peoples that have dark skin who are not the descendants of Cain.**



There is no 'Rank' in the Kingdom only 'Responsibility'

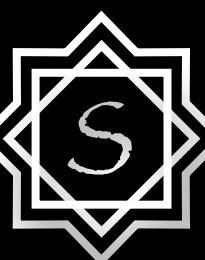
Priesthood is a Responsibility of  
Service not a requirement for  
Salvation



26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

29 For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves to day to the Lord, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

Exodus 32:26-29

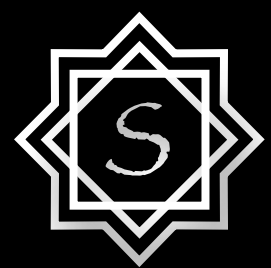


6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, **that they may minister unto him.**

7 And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, **to do the service of the tabernacle.**

8 And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, **to do the service of the tabernacle.**

Numbers 3:6-12

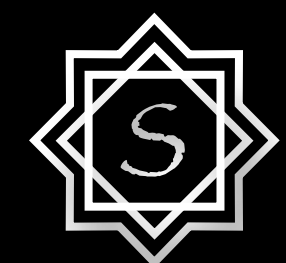


9 And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they are wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel.

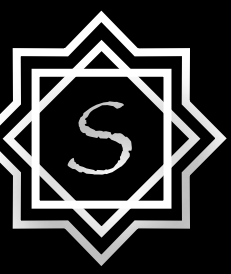
10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, and **they shall wait on their priest's office**: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

11 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

12 And I, behold, **I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn** that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine;



# The Patriarch Abel



Every Sealed man becomes a Patriarch to his  
family...

There are 'Grand Patriarchs' who must hold the  
Melchizedek Priesthood authority in their  
responsibility for the spiritual and temporal  
welfare of those outside direct family lines

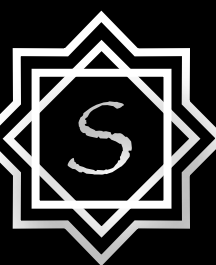


The Patriarch is a '*prophet, priest and king* to  
his family'

**A Prophet**--to give inspired guidance

**A Priest**--to provide the necessary ordinances of  
salvation and exaltation for his family

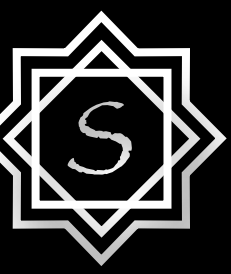
**A King**--to provide the temporal protection and  
prosperity





The Patriarch is a 'prophet, priest and king to his family'

The Birthright son is not only responsible for his own family by virtue of the Patriarchal Priesthood that he holds, but is also responsible for spiritual and temporal welfare of his father's posterity which requires the authority of the Firstborn.

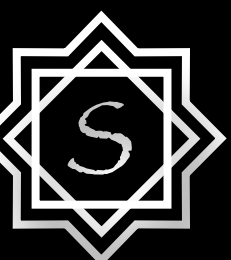


To be responsible for those outside of the immediate family a different authority is needed:

Melchizedek Authority

The 'authority' of Christ

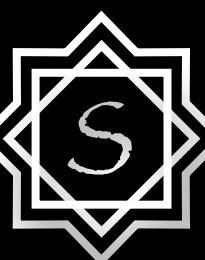
The Firstborn and Birthright son of the Father with an inherent authority for the spiritual and temporal welfare of all His Fathers Creation



# Firstborn and Birthright

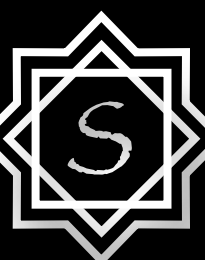
This 'Grand Patriarch' is the **birthright** son who should also be the firstborn son.

However, the 'birthright' goes to the **first 'righteous born son'** who may not be the firstborn.



Adam is the first Man, The Father of the Race, the  
Father of all mankind

Adam is the first father and “Patriarch of Humanity”  
by being the “first man”. Adam is the ‘firstling’ of  
humanity, not necessarily the Firstborn or the  
Birthright son of God



Adam

Cain

Abel

Seth

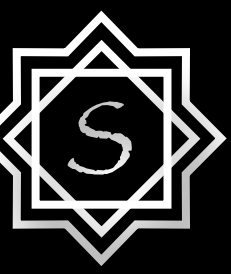
Bubba

Billy Bob

Offering  
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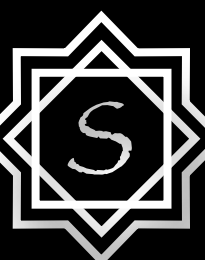
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accepted

Abel is chosen to be the Priesthood  
Leader and Patriarch.



The Younger is  
often chosen to  
be the priesthood  
leader and  
Patriarch

Michael/Lucifer  
Abel/Cain  
Shem/Japheth  
Isaac/Ishmael  
Jacob/Esau  
Joseph/Ruben  
Ephraim/Manasseh  
Moses/Aaron  
Nephi/Laman

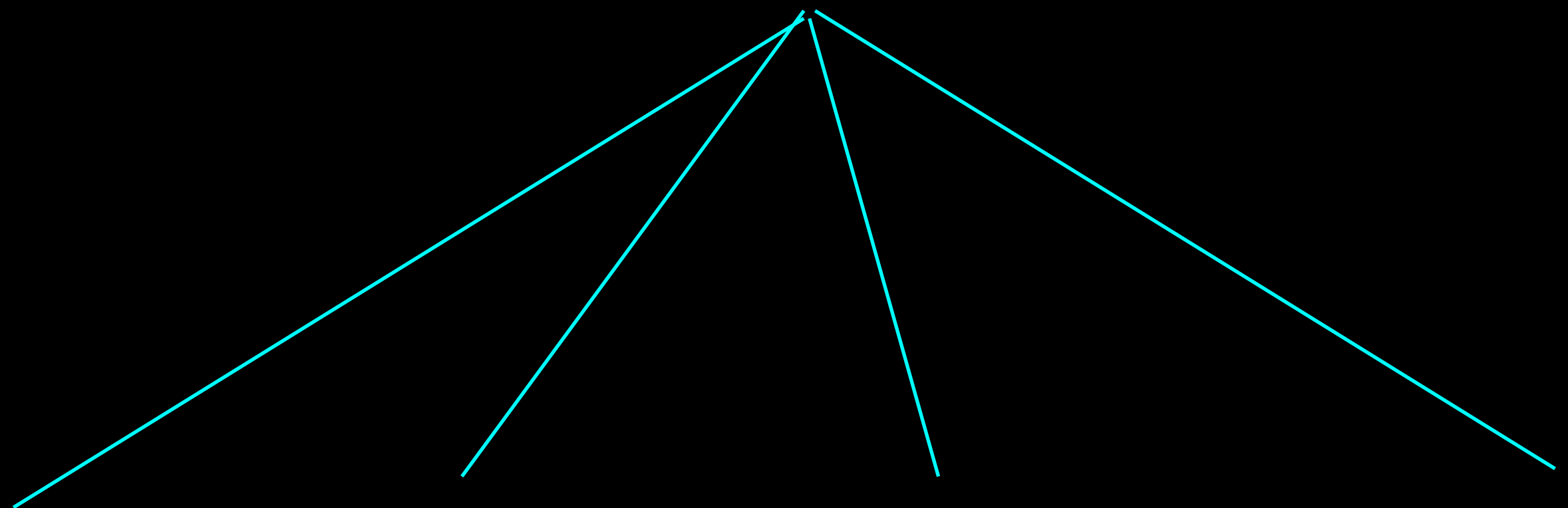


Adam



Abel

Abel becomes Grand Patriarch  
responsible for all his fathers posterity

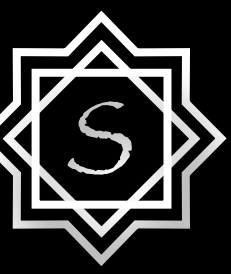


Cain

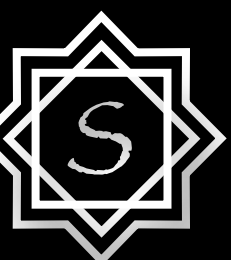
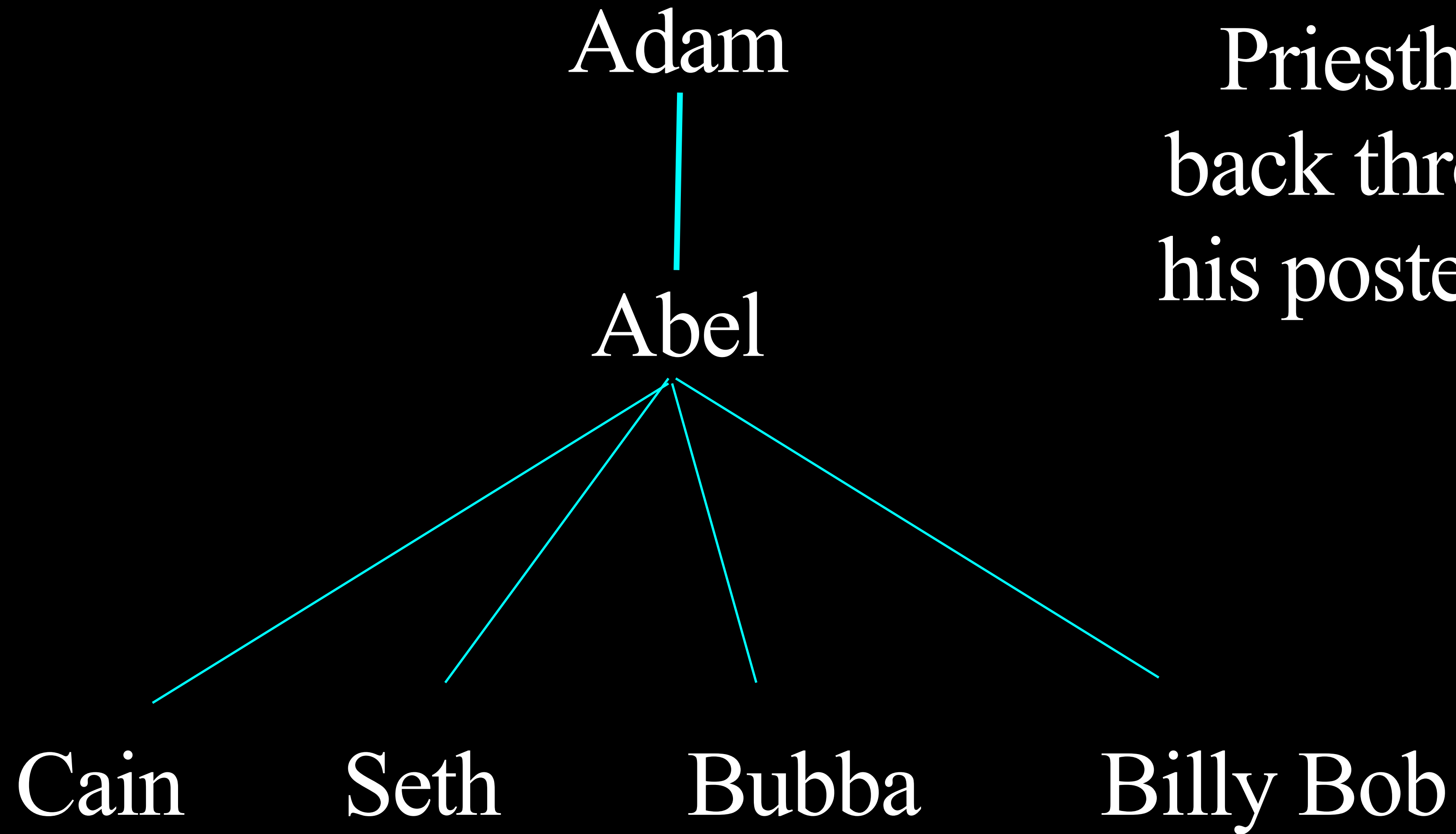
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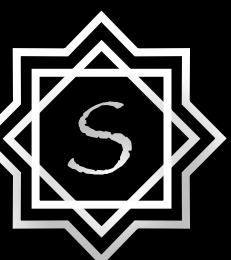


For this reason the  
Priesthood is traced  
back through Abel and  
his posterity (D&C 84)





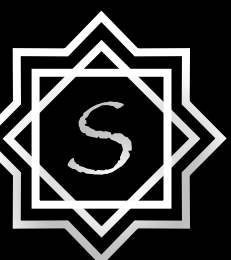
Cain murdered his priesthood leader  
hoping that he and his posterity would  
become the patriarchal leadership (Kings)  
throughout the world's temporal existence



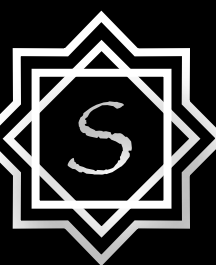
Cursed are all those that shall lift up the heel against mine anointed, saith the Lord...they are the servants of sin, and are the children of disobedience themselves.

Wo unto them; because they have offended my little ones they shall be severed from the ordinances of mine house..They shall not have right to the priesthood nor their posterity after them from generation to generation..

D&C 121:16-24

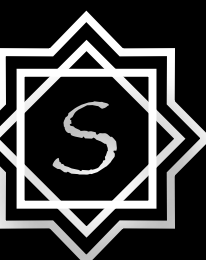


With the murder of Abel the  
patriarchal leadership moves to  
the next righteous son:  
Seth the substitute for Abel



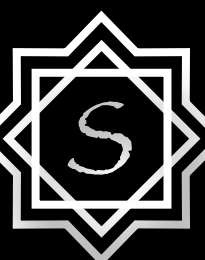
2 And Adam knew his wife again, and she bare a son, and he called his name Seth. And Adam glorified the name of God; for he said: *God hath appointed me another seed, instead of Abel*, whom Cain slew.

Moses 6:2



# The Grand Patriarchs

Adam  
Abel / Seth  
Enos  
Cainan  
Mahalaleel  
Jared  
Enoch  
Methuselah  
Lamech  
Noah  
Shem

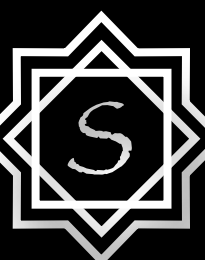


# The priesthood is traced back through Abel rather than Seth in D&C 84:16

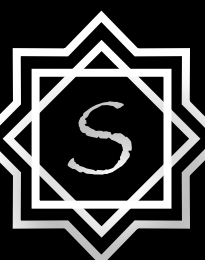
14 Which Abraham received the priesthood from Melchizedek,  
who received it through the lineage of his fathers, even till Noah;

15 And from Noah till Enoch, through the lineage of their fathers;

16 **And from Enoch to Abel**, who was slain by the conspiracy of  
his brother, who received the priesthood by the commandments  
of God, by the hand of his father Adam, who was the first man



This lineage through Abel  
implies the Levirate law of  
Marriage was in effect.



# Levirate Marriage

The custom of a widow marrying her deceased husband's brother or sometimes a near heir. The word has nothing to do with the name Levi or the biblical Levites, but is so called because of the Latin *levir*, meaning husband's brother, connected with the English suffix *ate*, thus constituting *levirate*. This system of marriage is designated in Deut. 25: 5-10

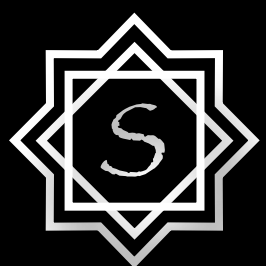




5 If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her.

6 And it shall be, that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

Deuteronomy 25:5-10

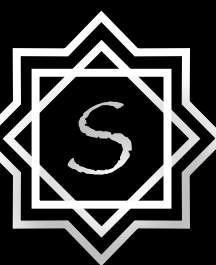


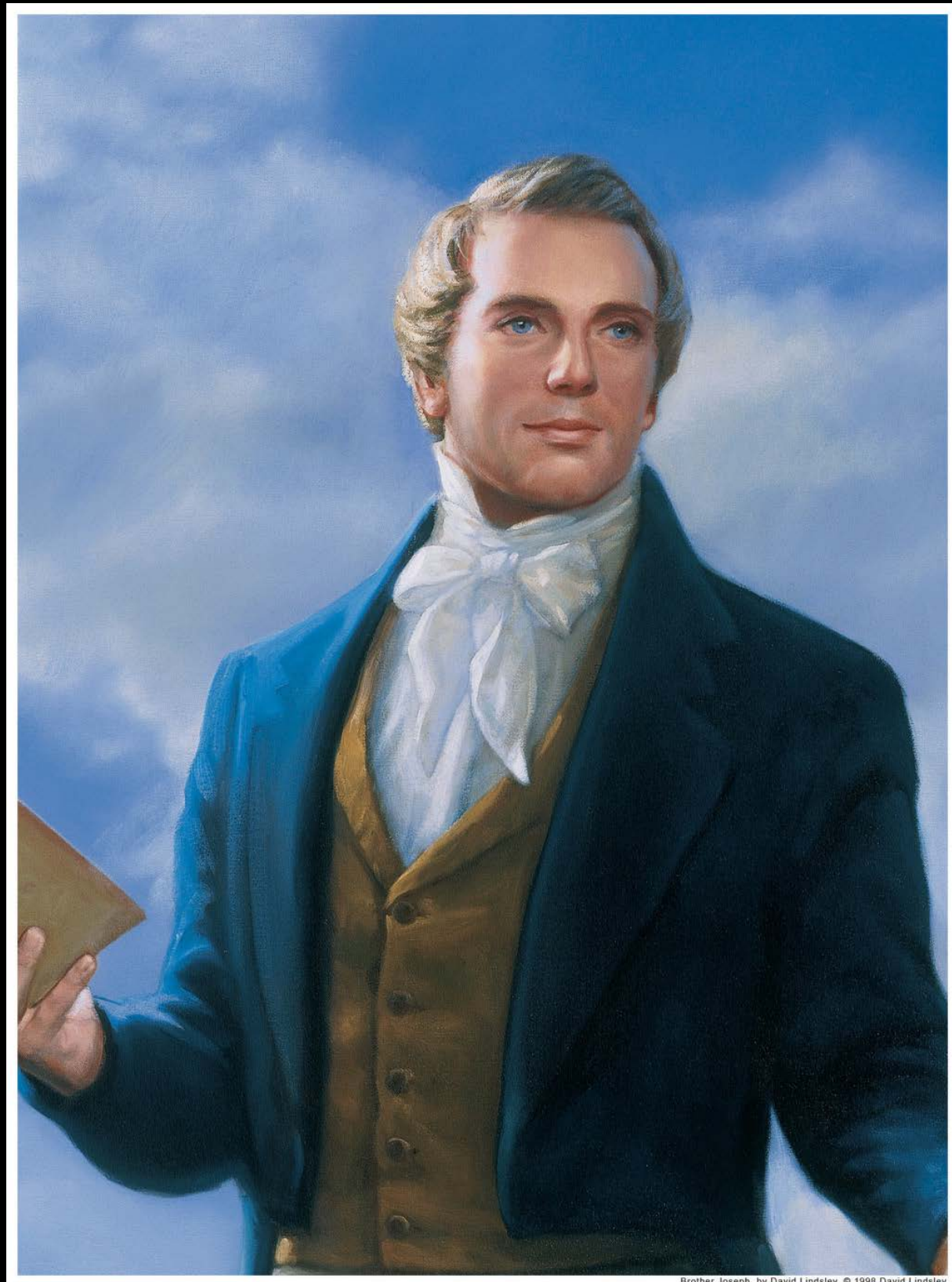
# The Burden of Cain

Earth would not yield her strength

He would be f Fugitive and Vagabond

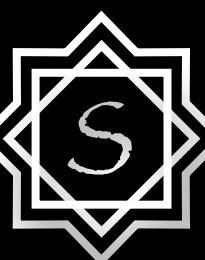
His posterity would not have the Priesthood





‘The seed of Cain would not hold the priesthood until the seed of Abel had a chance to come to the earth and fill their responsibility’

Joseph Smith



# The 'Patriarchal Responsibility' of the descendants of Abel

**Adam**  
**Abel (Seth)**  
**Enos**  
**Cainan**  
**Mahalaleel**  
**Jared**  
**Enoch**  
**Methuselah**  
**Lamech**  
**Noah**  
**Shem**

**Abraham**  
**Isaac**  
**Jacob**  
**Joseph**  
**Ephriam**

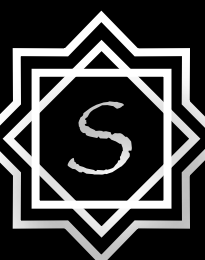
**Joseph Smith Sr.**

**Hyrum Smith**

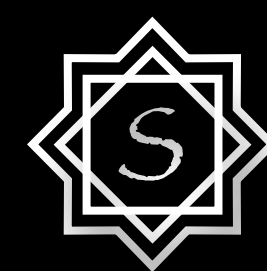
**Joseph F. Smith**

**John Smith**

**Eldrige G. Smith**

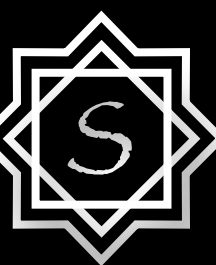


The revelation about the priesthood was given in June of 1978 and was read to the church on September 30, 1978 at the October General Conference. Within a few months of that announcement another revelatory event happened that fulfilled the prophetic statement of Joseph Smith.:

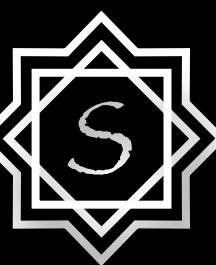


President N. Eldon Tanner, under the direction of President Kimball, read a letter to the Church

“Because of the large increase in the number of stake patriarchs and the availability of patriarchal service throughout the world, we now designate Elder Eldred G. Smith as a Patriarch Emeritus, which means that he is honorably relieved of all duties and responsibilities pertaining to the office of Patriarch to the Church.”



The release of Eldred G. Smith as Patriarch to the Church took place at virtually the same time the priesthood was made available to all worthy males. President Kimball's inspiration and timing was not just incredible, but inspired, as these events unfolded according to the prophecy of Joseph Smith: 'that the seed of Cain would not be able to hold the Priesthood until the Seed of Abel (the patriarchal seed) had a chance to come to the earth and fulfill their responsibility.' That the Revelation on the Priesthood in 1978 happened in concert with the release of Patriarch Smith was no accident, even if the connection was not fully understood.



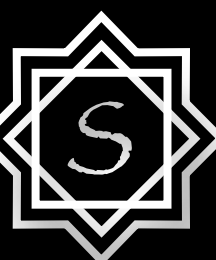
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Joseph Smith

1978

The Priesthood is given to all worthy males

The Descendent of Abel is Released







# Seer Stone

