"Study the Tablet of the Holy Mariner that ye may know the truth and consider that the Blessed Beauty hath fully foretold future events. Let them who perceive take warning. Verily in this is a bounty for the sincere!"

'Abdu'l-Baha, Selections #233.

Preface to the commentary

A commentary on the Tablet of the Holy Mariner, read privily to Dr. Leland Jensen Establisher of the Baha'i Faith, Knight of Baha'u'llah and the Seventh Angel of Revelation 11:15 in the Spring of 1996, revised according to his behest, and submitted humbly at his request, to the people of Baha, the companions of the Crimson Ark, by a fellow servant of God the all Glorious in His Cause and under His Everlasting Covenant, in this 100th year after the passing of the center of His Covenant, Abdu'l-Baha'.

This is one servant's limited understanding of only an infinitesimally minute portion of the radiant gems of wisdom which abound in each and every word of this Glorious Tablet as set down by Baha'u'llah. It is in no way intended as, nor could it ever be considered, definitive by any measure.

Introduction to the commentary

The Tablet of the Holy Mariner is an extremely complex prophecy, which spans the reaches of time and space, and takes flight throughout the realms of both physical and spiritual understanding all at once. During the nights of the 9th and 10th days of Ridvan of 1996, while being allowed to peer ever so briefly into the depths of its ocean, this servant was transported to a realm wherein perception was felt to be coming from many points in the same instant. So overwhelming was this experience that the hand could not keep pace with the stream of consciousness and the writer lapsed into a state in which the pen began to write far more rapidly than the mind could organize the thoughts. This commentary represents a portion of what this servant had the capacity to commit to paper in the fleeting hours during which the gift of insight was bestowed, and the subsequent revisions and expansions thereof requested of this servant by Dr. Jensen. Pray God, may it assist others in carrying out the admonition of 'Abdu'l-Baha as quoted above.

The Tablet of the Holy Mariner with Commentary

He is the Gracious, the Well-Beloved! O Holy Mariner! Bid thine ark of eternity appear before the Celestial Concourse, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

The Holy Mariner is Leland Jensen. The ark of eternity is the ark of the Covenant, though not specifically the physical ark which the Hebrew people carried with them throughout the desert. For though there is a direct relationship to the historical ark, the

meaning intended here is one of spiritually symbolic significance. It is the ark of eternity in as much as God's Covenant with His creation is eternal, remains impregnable and can never be annulled.

The Celestial Concourse is the plane within the Abha Realm upon which dwell the Maid of Heaven and all her handmaidens. The Maid of Heaven is the Holy Spirit, which descended upon each of the Manifestations, and her handmaidens are the innumerable rays of that same Holy Spirit.

In this verse, God through the pen of Baha'u'llah calls Leland to arise to his mission in the presence of the Celestial Concourse. Now as the latter days of the Adamic cycle and the time just prior to the great projection of this Cause are as the days of Noah (Mat. 24:37), this verse can be understood as a reference to one aspect of Leland's mission, that being the gathering of the 144,000 elect (Rev.7:1-4), twelve thousand from each of the twelve tribes of Israel. This is the second re-gathering of the twice-scattered twelve tribes. The first re-gathering took place during Baha'u'llah's incarceration in the most great prison of Akka. There a remnant of each of the twelve tribes of Israel followed Him and settled around the area of Mt. Carmel and the city of Haifa. This first re-gathering was in fulfillment of the third part of God's Covenant with Israel as laid down by Moses i.e., the blessing, the curse and the re-gathering. Upon further investigation one finds that there are actually two re-gatherings prophesied to occur. A prophecy of this second regathering can be found in the book of Isaiah, 11:11. For there to be a second re-gathering it follows logically that there must also be a second scattering or "diaspora". Now as of the first re-gathering of the twelve tribes, Israel is given a new name as prophesied in the books of Isaiah (62:2 and 65:15) and Revelation (2:17). That new name is "Baha'i" which in the biblical text is translated into English as "of glory". Therefore it will become evident that both the second scattering as well as the second re-gathering prophesied will take place among the people under the name of "Baha'i". This second scattering or diaspora occurred in 1957 A.D. when the hands of the cause lead by Ruhiyyih Khanum violated Baha'u'llah's all-sacred Covenant and in so doing, scattered the Baha'i's of the world into the vast wilderness of confusion and error. (This episode is treated more thoroughly later in this commentary.) At that time (1957), Dr. Leland Jensen and his wife Dr. Opal Jensen were the only Knights of Baha'u'llah who had remained firm in the Covenant. Here is what 'Abdu'l-Baha proclaimed about the knights of the Lord; "How great, how very great is the Cause! How very fierce the onslaught of all the peoples and kindreds of the earth. Ere long shall the clamor of the multitude throughout Africa. throughout America, the cry of the European and of the Turk, the groaning of India and China, be heard from far and near. One and all, they shall arise with all their power to resist His Cause. Then shall the knights of the Lord, assisted by His grace from on high, strengthened by faith, aided by the power of understanding, and reinforced by the legions of the Covenant, arise and make manifest the truth of the verse: 'Behold the confusion which has befallen the tribes of the defeated!" Shoghi Effendi-The World Order of Baha'u'llah pg.17. As the Baha'i writings state that the knights of the Lord would establish the Kingdom in the world, and as only Dr.s Leland and Opal Jensen upheld the Covenant of God as given by Baha'u'llah, only they remained to fulfill this promise. Of these two knights, firm in the Covenant, and from among all the people of the world, it is

only Dr. Leland Jensen who comes to the world fulfilling prophecy by Name, Date, Address and Mission (golden criteria) as the Promised One of God to establish the World Order of Baha'u'llah, the Kingdom of God, on earth as it is in heaven. He accomplishes this by re-gathering the now scattered twelve tribes of Israel under the new name Baha'i from among the sans guardian followers of the "handsfaith" or misnamed "mainstream" Baha'is, and other groups. Leland gathers them under the provisions of God's Covenant through Baha'u'llah by anointing them or "sealing them upon their brow" with the true understanding of the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha and the seal of the Most Great Name of God. Leland guides the 144,000 into the ark of the Covenant to see them safely through the four winds of destruction, just as Noah gathered the pure-hearted people of the Adamic civilization onto his physical ark to see them safely through the flood. Once again, "As were the days of Noah".

Launch it upon the ancient sea, in His Name, the Most Wondrous, Glorified be my Lord, the All Glorious!

The call to Leland is continued whereupon he comes forth to begin his mission on the first day of Ridvan in the Baha'i month of Jalal (glory), day thirteen of that month or April 21, 1963 of the Christian calendar, exactly 100 years after the proclamation of Baha'u'llah in the garden of Ridvan. A prophecy concerning the beginning of Leland's mission here follows: "In the last two verses of the book of Daniel occur the cryptic words:---'Blessed is he that waiteth and commeth to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.' Many have been the attempts of learned students to solve the problem of the significance of these words. In a table talk at which the writer [J.E. Esslemont] was present, 'Abdu'l-Baha reckoned the fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy from the date of the beginning of the Muhammadan era. 'Abdu'l-Baha's tablets make it clear that this prophecy refers to the one hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of Baha'u'llah in Baghdad, or the year 1863:---'Now concerning the verse in Daniel, the interpretation whereof thou didst ask, namely," 'Blessed is he who waiteth and commeth to the thousand three hundred and thirty-five days." "These days must be reckoned as solar and not lunar years. For according to this calculation a century will have elapsed from the dawn of the Sun of Truth, then will the teachings of God be firmly established upon the earth, and the divine light shall flood the world from the East even unto the West. Then, on this day, will the faithful rejoice!" (Baha'u'llah and the New Era, pp 249-250) Also; Abdu'l-Baha quoted in: The Passing Of Abdu'l-Baha, pp. 49-50, compiled by Shoghi Effendi and Lady Blomfield. When a National Spiritual Assembly sought clarification from the beloved Guardian about whether the 1335 days culminate in 1957 or in 1963, Shoghi Effendi in a letter dated 30 June 1952 written on his behalf indicated: "Regarding the prophecy of Daniel: ... this prophecy refers to the hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of Baha'u'llah in the Garden of Ridvan, Baghdad. Reference to this can be found in "The Passing of `Abdu'l-Baha" in quotations from two of His Tablets. Further confirming words of the Master concerning Leland and his mission can be found on page 66 of Some Answered Questions within his commentary on the eleventh chapter of the book of Revelation wherein he quotes the following verse: "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven saying, 'The kingdoms of this world are

become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever." He then explains it thus: "The seventh angel is a MAN qualified with heavenly attributes, who WILL arise with heavenly qualities and character. Voices will be raised, so that the appearance of the Divine Manifestation will be proclaimed and diffused. In the day of the Manifestation of the Lord of Hosts, and at the epoch of the divine cycle of the Omnipotent which is promised and mentioned in all the books and writings of the prophets---in that day of God, the Spiritual and Divine Kingdom will be established..." (emphasis added) Some Answered Questions

The ancient sea is the Revelation of Baha'u'llah. His name, the Most Wondrous is one of the innumerable names of God, all of which are reflected within the name Baha. As this is the name of Baha'u'llah, it may be seen here that Leland is being summoned by God through the Most Mighty Pen of Baha'u'llah to launch the ark in His Name, the Glory of God.

And let the angelic spirits enter, in the Name of God, the Most High. Glorified be my Lord, the All Glorious!

Leland is once again summoned to welcome the 144,000 angelic souls on board the ark that they may join him in the work of building the World Order of Baha'u'llah. He brings them into the ark under the provisions of the Covenant of Baha'u'llah. The 144,00 are here referred to as "angelic spirits" as they will carry the message and breathe the spirit or words of the "New Song" of the Kingdom brought by Baha'u'llah and established by Leland, the Seventh Angel. The 144,000 elect are the twice re-gathered twelve tribes of Israel. They assist the Establisher as messengers who carry the message of the catastrophe and the Kingdom as revealed by Baha'u'llah and taught to them by Baha'u'llah's Establisher, Dr. Leland Jensen.

Unmoor it then, that it may sail upon the ocean of Glory, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

The "ocean of Glory" is once again a reference to the sea of the Revelation of Baha'u'llah, the ocean of Baha, upon which the Ark of His Covenant sails.

Once the 144,000 elect have entered the ark, Leland is told to untie it from the docks and cast off to sea, charting the endless expanse of the calm waters of clear understanding in the ocean of Baha'u'llah's words.

The process of the 144,000 entering the ark is taking place now but will not be fully completed in this world of creation until just before the release of the four winds of destruction. These winds of destruction are, even as this commentary is being written, bound at the river Euphrates (Rev. 7:1-4).

After these purifying catastrophes, the fulfillment of this verse comes in a more literal way when the 144,000 elect set sail throughout the world and begin the monumental task

of educating the surviving population in the New Song as they learned it from The Lamb, Seventh Angel, Leland (Rev. 5:9, 14:3, 15:3). This teaching effort will, together with the election of the supreme tribunal comprised of the four beast nation's governments transformed into the four living creatures after they have recognized the spiritual authority of the true Universal House of Justice of Baha'u'llah with the Living Descendant of King David as its Executive BRANCH, accomplish the laying of the administrative foundation, the 12 Basic Principles of the Baha'I Faith, of the World Order of Baha'u'llah on a global scale.

Whatsoever Is Possible Of Accomplishment In Human Government Will Be Effected Through These Principles

1. The ONENESS of HUMANITY 2. INDEPENDENT, UNFETTERED INVESTIGATION of the TRUTH 3. The FOUNDATION of all RELIGION is 4. RELIGION is the SOURCE of UNITY 5. RELIGION and SCIENCE must CORRESPOND 6. The EQUALITY of MEN and WOMEN 7. The REMOVAL of ALL PREJUDICE 8. UNIVERSAL PEACE UPHELD by a SPIRITUAL WORLD GOVERNMENT 9. UNIVERSAL COMPULSORY EDUCATION 10. A SPIRITUAL SOLUTION to the ECONOMIC PROBLEM 11. A UNIVERSAL AUXILLARY LANGUAGE 12. AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL COVENANT, A PARLIAMENT OF MANKIND

Haply the dwellers therein may attain the retreats of nearness in the everlasting realm. Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

This verse may be understood as a prayer and a blessing from Baha'u'llah that those who live under the provisions of the Covenant will remain firm and steadfast throughout this earthly life and thereby attain their stations. This is eternal life, which is also referred to as heaven. Baha'u'llah states that paradise (heaven) is reunion with God, but since none can ever approach any proximity to God in terms of space or time as God is infinite and transcends all such concepts or perceptions, we understand this to mean what is called "nearness to God". Thankfully, 'Abdu'l-Baha' adds clarity to what this means by

defining nearness to be "likeness". Hence in taking on the (spiritual) qualities and attributes of God or being made in His image (spiritually) the soul becomes more "like" God in its attributes according to its capacity to show forth those qualities. 'Abdu'l-Baha' while upon the earth showed all humanity how to obtain their individual stations or nearness/likeness to God while still in this earthly life. His capacity was unique and He was therefore declared to be in His station of "the servant of the Glory" the exemplar of the Baha'i life

Having reached the sacred strand, the shore of the crimson seas, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

The sacred strand here signifies in a symbolic sense, the beach (strand) of the ocean of Glory to which all true seekers come after their long period of wandering across the dry, barren lands of longing in their search for the Beloved. This is symbolic of the seeker attaining the shores of the recognition of the Manifestation of God.

It is the shore of the crimson seas in that it is the place where the pure waters of life (the "crimson seas", the Revelation of Baha'u'llah) mark the end of the wilderness of our lifetime of search for the True One.

Now, there is another understanding of this verse, which is this: DNA is referred to as being organized into "strands". Therefore, this verse is in another view, a reference to the Davidic Kingship and God's everlasting Covenant with David. God has set this bloodline (strand of DNA) apart from the crimson seas of all other bloodlines within the sea of humanity. To have reached the sacred strand pertains to the attainment of those souls who, having come under the provisions of the Covenant, recognize the true meaning of the title of Christ to be a male lineage descendant of King David. Specifically in this instance, one who is anointed and an heir to the throne through the line extending from David to his son Solomon through the exilarcate to Baha'u'llah, and 'Abdu'l-Baha all the way to the present in an unbroken line from father to son. The Anointment pertaining to Jesus the Christ was not intended to place Him upon the earthly throne for His was not the line of ancestry to be seated upon that throne though He was a male lineage descendant of King David. Jesus the Christ was anointed by the Holy Spirit and fulfilled the prophetic Golden Criteria as the Manifestation of God and as such was exempt from all earthly constraints and had authority over the Davidic Kings of His day though He eschewed all things in the matters of earthly governance.

When we come to rest upon this shore we gain a deeper understanding of the Kingdom, which God intends for this world, and how it is to be established on earth as it is in heaven. We gain certitude through the assurances found within the Holy Writings of Baha'u'llah.

Bid them issue forth and attain this ethereal Invisible station, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious! The recognition of the Manifestation of God is in certain passages of the writings of Baha'u'llah, equated with the attainment of a sublime station. To quote Baha'u'llah; "The first duty prescribed by God for His servants is the recognition of Him Who is the Day Spring of His Revelation and the Fountain of His laws. Who representeth the Godhead in both the Kingdom of His Cause and the world of creation. Whoso achieveth this duty hath attained unto all good; and whoso is deprived thereof, hath gone astray, though he be the author of every righteous deed. It behooveth everyone who reacheth this most sublime station, this summit of transcendent glory, to observe every ordinance of Him Who is the Desire of the world. These twin duties are inseparable. Neither is acceptable without the other. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Source of Divine inspiration." Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah #155.

Here we see that to recognize and acknowledge the Supreme Manifestation cannot be the end of attaining one's station for indeed there is no end to the "attainment" of this "sublime station" in this earthly life until the soul is released from this mortal body. He states above that recognition is not acceptable without adherence to every law He has prescribed, nor will the observance of every law prescribed in His writings benefit one's soul if that one should refuse to recognize and accept His Manifestation. As Mohammad has said; "do they think that when they say they believe, they will not be put to the test?"

Leland, the Holy Mariner is exhorted to encourage those who seek, to recognize the irrefutable proof of the fulfillment of prophecy through the golden criteria and thereby attain their station in this life and the life to come, by living the Baha'i life, remaining firm in the Covenant, and teaching the Cause of God.

A station wherein the Lord hath in the flame of His Beauty appeared within the deathless tree; Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

The Flame of God's Beauty, the Holy Spirit, appears within the deathless tree, the Divine and Sacred Lote Tree, which is here, a symbol for Baha'u'llah.

Concealed within this understanding of this verse, this additional meaning was found; As the institution of the hereditary Executive Branch of the Baha'i administration (Davidic Kingship) is the ensign of God in the world, the Lord appears to all humanity within the Flame of His Beauty, (the Holy Spirit manifested in Baha'u'llah) within the deathless tree, (the tree of life illustrated by the genealogy chart of the Manifestations of God). The tree of life branches out into the world of creation (humanity), through the everlasting (deathless) bloodline of King David through Baha'u'llah. This bloodline now branches into all human bloodlines through the fulfillment of the prophecy given in Genesis 49:10. This prophecy came to pass in its fullness upon the ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha and the subsequent dichotomizing of the inheritance given in Baha'u'llah's book of the Covenant, the Kitab-i-Ahd. This dichotomy is discussed further in reference to another verse. By the time of 'Abdu'l-Baha's ascension in 1921, Leland Jensen who is Shiloh, which means "the land unto which are gathered..." or "the gatherer", had been

born into the world on August 22nd of 1914. Thus, once Shiloh (Leland) had come, the rod and scepter of the Davidic Kingship had departed "from between the feet of Judah" to include potentially any male heir from any bloodline through adoption or as it is referred to Biblically, "grafting" of a "wild olive branch" or in other words a gentile or non-Jewish son onto the Davidic family tree.

The grafting on of a non-Jewish son or "branch" was made necessary due to the violation of Baha'u'llah's Covenant by 'Abdu'l-Baha's half brother Mirza Muhammad Ali. This spiritual suicide of M.M. Ali made it necessary for 'Abdu'l-Baha' to choose another branch to succeed himself upon his passing. In order to abide by Baha'u'llah's Covenant, 'Abdu'l-Baha' still needed to pass along both parts of his inheritance, the conferred infallibility and the Davidic Kingship. A natural born son may have made this situation somewhat less difficult but it was not in God's plan for that to be. 'Abdu'l-Baha' had only one direct son and that blessed soul passed into the Abha realm in infancy. Thus the dichotomy was established; the inheritance was divided into its two component parts and each was bestowed upon two individuals, one of whom had to be adopted. This passing of the rod and scepter took place when 'Abdu'l-Baha' bequeathed his inheritance of the Davidic Kingship, which he received from his father Baha'u'llah, to his son, Charles Mason Remey whom he had adopted and who was not of any Jewish bloodline. 'Abdu'l-Baha bestowed conferred infallibility upon Shoghi Effendi who was his grandson by his daughter and therefore not in line to inherit the throne.

Wherein the embodiments of His Cause cleansed Themselves of self and passion; Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

In attaining the station associated with the recognition of the Supreme Manifestation, and in learning the New Song as taught by Leland Jensen, the Holy Mariner, his apostles and the 144,000 elect will "cleanse themselves of self and passion" for it is written that no unclean thing may enter the Kingdom. This cleansing is a perpetual process which the believer continually strives to maintain and intensify by living the life of a Baha'i which was exemplified by 'Abdu'l-Baha', who simply defined that as possessing a heart never harboring hate, remaining firm and steadfast in the Covenant of Baha'u'llah, and by teaching the Cause of God to the people of the world. Thus it is to be an "embodiment of His Cause".

Around which the Glory of Moses doth circle with the everlasting hosts; Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

As stated by Dr Leland Jensen, Moses revealed in microcosm the Kingdom of God when He set up the tabernacle with the priesthood as His successor to guide the Israelites in the time between His ascension and the appearance of the Messiah Jesus. At this juncture it would require an entirely seperate treatise on that subject specifically to begin to make an effort worthy of its depth. Dr Jensen also explained that the Ten Commandments of Moses were each confirmed and contained within the Revelation of

Baha'u'llah. The Messiah Jesus prophesied of and taught His faithful followers to pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. Both Moses and Jesus prophesied the dispensation of Baha'u'llah.

The Baha/Glory of Moses as a microcosm of the Kingdom brought by Baha'u'llah is a light(Baha/Glory) which shines from within the revelation of Baha'u'llah as is the light(Baha/Glory) of the souls of the everlasting hosts. Together they all circumambulate the supreme station of Baha'u'llah.

'Abdu'l-Baha' identifies the hosts or armies of God in a tablet revealed on April 19, 20 and 22 of 1916 and addressed to the Baha'i's of the US and Canada in the book, Tablets of the Divine Plan. He says: "The Blessed Person of the Promised One is interpreted in the Holy Book as the Lord of Hosts---the heavenly armies. By heavenly armies those souls are intended who are entirely freed from the human world, transformed into celestial spirits and have become divine angels." This passage bespeaks of the cleansing of self and passion. It also hearkens back to the third verse of this Blessed Tablet in reference to the angelic spirits spoken of therein. The hosts or armies of the Lord are the 144,000 elect, who circle everlastingly round that station spoken of in verses 7 and 8 which is once again that of Baha'u'llah.

Wherein the Hand of God was drawn forth from His Bosom of Grandeur Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Here the Hand of God came forward in the manifestation Baha'u'llah and with Baha'u'llah as His Supreme Pen He revealed His Kingdom as it is to be upon the earth. On behalf of those who attain the station set aside for those who recognize and turn toward the Sun of Truth and purify themselves to better serve the Cause of God, the Hand of God is extended to assure the victory through His chosen ones under the command of His Knight, the Seventh Angel, Dr. Leland Jensen.

Wherein the ark of the Cause remaineth motionless even though to its dwellers be declared all divine attributes Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

This verse prophesies a period, which begins with Covenant breaking. Covenant breaking has been a part of the history of every dispensation since the beginning of the Adamic cycle. It may be understood as a "necessary evil" which is made, by the will of God to, in the final analysis, serve to propel the Cause to complete and total victory. As it has been stated by Baha'u'llah, echoing the words of Jesus; "…iniquities must come, but woe betide those by whom they come…". The Holy Writings are dotted with many references to this effect.

This passage describes the effect that a period of successive upheavals and attacks from within the Baha'i world had upon the perceived movement and direction of the Cause.

These attacks were, as they always are, directed toward the Center of the Covenant and those who upheld the Divine Standard. As this Tablet of the Holy Mariner is prophetic and was revealed by Baha'u'llah, it is clear that it warns of a time to come after His ascension. Indeed, in the admonition from 'Abdu'l-Baha' before the beginning of this Tablet, it becomes even more obvious that this Tablet is addressed to the believers of the future even from The Master's perspective. Hence the focus of this commentary now turns to the time period beginning with the passing of Shoghi Effendi and continuing through but not necessarily ending in the immediate present.

Baha'u'llah in His Person and His Revelation was the complete fulfillment of all the prophecies of the Adamic cycle and especially those concerning the beginning of the next prophesied cycle, that being the advent and establishment of the Kingdom of God, also referred to as the Baha'i cycle. His advent was heralded to be the revealing of all the Divine names and attributes, all of which are contained in the Most Great Name of BAHA. Yet notwithstanding this fact of His Revelation and the infinite possibilities contained within, still the Cause of God appeared to be idling even though at one time the claimants to the name of Baha'i were numbered in the millions, far in excess of the prophesied 144,000 needed to be gathered unto the throne. This period of time is the time of gathering, when Leland, the Holy Mariner gathers the elect (144,000) army of God unto the throne, upon the ark and under the Covenant of Baha'u'llah. This gathering is proceeding according to prophecies given by Baha'u'llah wherein He speaks of this occurring as the "entry by troops".

O Mariner! Teach them that are within the ark that which we have taught thee behind the mystic veil, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Leland's mission is to teach the New Song to those for whom a place among the companions of the crimson ark is reserved. But although a place is set aside for each of those to whom Leland teaches the New Song, the choice remains their own to enlist in God's heavenly army of 144,000 or turn away. This is why the verse here seems to suggest that those to be taught already reside within the ark.

The New Song is a vast body of knowledge, which Dr. Jensen has been able to bring together, outline and teach with prescriptive precision in the most effective and concise method possible for one primary reason; that being the fact that as stated earlier, he fulfills prophecy by Name, Date, Address and Mission; the Golden Criteria. One very important part of his mission is that of High Priest After The Order of Melchizedek. Someone fulfills this role on the world scene only four times in the Adamic cycle. First to appear fulfilling this mission was Adam, the first universal Manifestation of God, also called Zadok (meaning righteous) from whence the title Melchizedek "king of righteousness" comes. The second was Shem the blessed son of Noah who met Abraham in the desert after the slaughter of the kings. The third to fulfill that mission was the Lord Jesus Christ, the second universal Manifestation of God and the fourth and final time for a High Priest After The Order Of Melchizedek to arise to fulfill a specific mission during

the Adamic Cycle was the person of Leland Jensen, Establisher of the revelation of Baha'u'llah who is the third universal Manifestation of God. Each of these was a full 2,000 years apart in time but one in their mission as the High Priest after the Order of Melchizedek, "a priest unto the Most High God"

There is a symbolic connection between the Aronic high priesthood of the dispensation of Moses, which has long been ended, and the High Priest After The Order Of Melchizedek, which connection is alluded to in the above verse. It must here be emphasized that the High Priest After The Order Of Melchizedek has far-reaching ascendancy to that of the Mosaic high priests, not to diminish in any way the role of those souls who acted in the capacity as Aronic priests. The High Priest After The Order Of Melchizedek is described in some ancient literature and prophetically as God's Personal or hand-picked High Priest, who is invested with supreme authority to carry out his mission infallibly. Dr. Leland Jensen, being this High Priest, was able to pass behind the "mystic veil" and be taught what he needed to know to accomplish his mission without flaw in any degree i.e., INFALLIBLY.

This passing behind the "mystic veil" is a reference to the veils within the Tabernacle that was instituted by Moses for the practice of the religion that He brought to the Hebrew people and for the ablution of the sins of the people once each year. For once each year the high priest would pass beyond the veil that separated the Holy of Holies (which contained the Ark of the Covenant) from the inner sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Then with the veils separating him from the rest of the priests, he would whisper the Name of God, which no others knew, and open the Ark of the Covenant and consult the writings of Moses concerning the Law of God. There was far more ritual and much more depth to this than is possible to detail here. For the purpose of this commentary, it must suffice to illustrate the allusion to the High Priest passing behind the mystic veil. The point to be magnified is that at no time could anyone but the high priest pass beyond that final veil and peer into the holy of holies. So too only the High Priest After The Order Of Melchizedek can pass beyond the symbolic "mystic veil" and gaze so deeply into the vast ocean of the holy writings of Baha'u'llah, glean the intricate knowledge of the Covenant, and teach it to the companions of the crimson ark (the rest of the priests in attendance) for the salvation of all mankind. This High Priest in this day is Leland Jensen.

The topic of Dr. Jensen's fulfillment of the mission of High Priest After The Order Of Melchizedek is one worthy of at least an entire book of its own. To begin the reader on that journey it is fitting to include some references to prophecies fulfilled by Leland from the books of the Bible, and Baha'i writings. The prophecies for his name, address and mission are given in the book of Zechariah chapter 3, entire. Those for his date are found in the book of Daniel 12:12 and the two passages from the Baha'i books quoted earlier; Baha'u'llah and the New Era by J.E. Esslemont and Some Answered Questions by 'Abdu'l-Baha' and also Ezekiel's Temple In Montana by Neal Chase. It would also behoove those who wish to know more of this subject to study the books of Ezekiel and that of Hebrews, both books to be found within the Holy Bible.

Perchance they may not tarry in the sacred snow-

white spot, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

This verse may be understood as an admonition to all those who hear the New Song in the hope that they will not let their newly deepened knowledge of Baha'u'llah and His Everlasting Covenant lay fallow in their hearts and minds by failing to rise up, go forth and teach the Cause of God. Once one has searched for and found the Beloved, it is not simply enough to draw inward and take up the quiet life of a pious monk. All Must Teach the Cause of God

But may soar upon the wings of the spirit unto that station which the Lord hath exalted above all mention in the worlds below, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Thus it is that through living the life, being firm in the Covenant and teaching the Cause of God, the believer will attain their station wherein they will be blessed to circle round the Manifestation Whose Station is here described as being "exalted above all mention in the worlds below." It is also true that even the station to which the individual believer can attain is beyond all earthly description and were it to be seen it would be so unspeakably glorious that it would cause the believer to desire death so as to flee to it directly. Baha'u'llah once out of necessity, for an example to be set and for a wisdom of God beyond question, revealed the stations of two believers in his presence who persisted and could not be discouraged from insisting they be permitted to view that ultimate attainment. Upon seeing what they requested being shown to them one succeeded in suicide and the other was prevented from doing so and lived and, as it is told, went completely "insane". We would not know the fate of these two had Baha'u'llah not seen fit to tell us that they were both permitted to attain their station. Both attained the station of martyrdom the same as if they had been slain by the enemies of the Cause. For those alive in these days, Martyrdom becomes a daily process of sacrificing something of oneself in the pathway of service to God in His Cause. A way called "living martyrdom". This blessing is conferred upon the believer by their remaining firm in the Covenant, teaching the Cause of God and living the Baha'i life as exemplified by 'Abdu'l-Baha' These three points are each and all parts of the same effort. Chief among these however is firmness in the Covenant for all else is contained within the Covenant.

May wing through space even as the favored birds in the realm of eternal reunion; Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious! May know the mysteries hidden in the seas of Light. Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

God's desire for all mankind is expressed here, as it is in so many other places throughout the revealed word through the pen of Baha'u'llah, so eloquently and with

such depth and beauty that it is to the mind of this servant beyond any further summation or commentary. One is reminded here of the profound simplicity of The Hidden Words.

At this point during the period of meditation upon these passages, the mind had lost its ability to organize coherent thoughts and the heart was moved by a gratitude so ineffable that the writer was moved to seek from the deep well of understanding which only the Manifestations of God can provide and what was made readily applicable to the emotions evoked by these verses was the following prayer revealed by the Bab:

All majesty and glory, o my God, and all dominion and light and grandeur and splendor be unto Thee. Thou bestoweth sovereignty on whom Thou willest and doth withhold it from whom Thou desirest. No God is there but Thee, the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted. Thou art He Who createth from naught the universe and all that dwell therein. There is nothing worthy of Thee except Thyself, while all else but Thee are as outcasts in Thy holy presence and are as nothing when compared to the glory of Thine Own Being. Far be it from me to extol Thy virtues save by what Thou hast extolled Thyself In Thy weighty Book where Thou sayest, "No vision taketh in Him, but He taketh in all vision. He is the Subtile, the All-Perceiving." Glory be unto Thee, O My God, Indeed no mind or vision, however keen or discriminating, can ever grasp the nature of the most insignificant of Thy signs. Verily, Thou art God, No God is there besides Thee. I bear witness that Thou Thyself alone art the sole expression of Thine attributes, that the praise of no one besides Thee can ever attain to Thy holy court nor can Thine attributes ever be fathomed by anyone other than Thyself. Glory be unto Thee, Thou art exalted above the description of anyone save Thyself, since it is beyond human conception to befittingly magnify Thy virtues or to comprehend the inmost reality of Thine Essence. Far be it from Thy glory that Thy creatures should describe The or that anyone besides Thyself should ever know Thee. I have known Thee by virtue of Thy making Thyself known unto me, for hadst Thou not revealed Thyself unto me, I would not have known Thee. I worship Thee by virtue of Thy summoning me unto Thee, for had it not been for Thy summons I would not have worshipped Thee.

Prayer revealed by The Bab

They passed the grades of worldly limitations and reached that of the divine unity, the center of heavenly guidance.
Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

There are those who throughout the Baha'i era to the present have achieved a high level of accomplishment within the Cause of God. If by the aid and assistance of God and their own choosing they remained firm in the Covenant until they passed from this world to the life hereafter then they attained their own station, whatever that may be in regard to their individual spiritual capacity. This we are promised is the reward of a lifetime spent

being firm in the Covenant, teaching the Cause and living in accordance with the precepts, principles, and laws (aqdas) of the Baha'i Revelation.

The rest of this divinely revealed Tablet and the next five verses in particular tell of the fate of those who ascend to a lofty height of spiritual reflection and then for reasons of their own pursue a station which God has not ordained for them. It tells also of the effect these acts of Covenant Breaking have upon the worlds of earthly creation and the spiritual realm as well.

They have desired to ascend unto that state which the Lord hath ordained to be above their stations. Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

As Nimrod who was Noah's great grandson sought to exalt himself as a god and thus came to be known as Satan/Lucifer, the fallen angel so also have countless souls followed in that path.

This verse is pertinent to those souls during the Baha'i era from 1844 to the present who from within the Cause of God have attempted to usurp it, or render it inert by scattering the faithful into the wasteland of confusion and error. Most prominent and flagrant among those of the past are Mirza Yayah, Baha'u'llah's half brother, Mirza Muhammad Ali, Abdul-Baha's half brother, Ruhiyyih Khanum, the wife of Shoghi Effendi and her partner in violation, Hasan M. Balyuzi and the remaining Hands of the Cause originally appointed by Shoghi Effendi. Khanum, Balyuzi and these same Hands plotted and carried out a scheme to eliminate Shoghi Effendi and the Guardianship as provided for in the Will and Testament of Abdul-Baha and in their own words "seize control" of the administration of the World Order of Baha'u'llah as well as the minds of the believers for their own ambitions and in so doing violated the Everlasting Covenant. This violation continued through the present day with others from within the Cause of God who attempted to remove and render ineffective the great grandson of Abdul-Baha, the living Executive Branch of the administration of the Baha'i Faith. Even now they attempt to delay the progress of the Cause of God and it's promulgation but to the people of Baha, God has promised the victory and those within the Ark of the Covenant witness the failure of these violators at every turn as the following verse attests.

> Whereupon the burning meteor cast them out from them that abide in the Kingdom of His Presence, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

This verse of this gloriously prophetic tablet is both being fulfilled now and is yet to be manifested upon another level of reality. The burning meteor is Jesus upon His return as the High Priest after the order of Melchizedek who is Dr. Leland Jensen. He casts the violators of The Covenant down from their place of assumed authority upon God's Holy Mountain, which in one symbolic sense is Mt. Carmel. The following quote from Biblical scripture is worth pondering here: "Though they dig into Sheol, from there shall my hand take them. Though they climb up to heaven, from there I will bring them down. Though

they hide themselves on the top of Carmel, from there I will search out and take them..."Amos 9:2-3. In fact, the entire book of Amos is a storehouse of prophecies about Israel, the twentieth century and the Baha'i Dispensation. Leland accomplishes this on one front by showing those who choose to sincerely investigate, the true understanding of the Will and Testatament of Abdul-Baha. Even by this single act of lifting the veil which aforetime had enshrouded this charter document of the World Order of Baha'u'llah, Dr. Leland Jensen fully exposes the violators, their schemes, and all those who have followed in their Covenant-Breaking ways, particularly from 1957AD up to this present day and time. The understanding of this verse as all others does not end with the unfolding of a single pearl of understanding. The effect of Dr. Jensen's explanations and commentaries upon the world continues to intensify as the attacks of the violators of the Covenant have resulted in the drafting of a document issued from the Executive Branch of the Universal House of Justice entitled "The Burning Meteor" which, no matter how it is received by the violators and their agents will result in the destruction of their corrupt and satanic "administration" and the driving of their personnel from off the holy place of Mt. Carmel. God has promised that He will accomplish this through the hand of the descendant of David, the living Executive Branch of the Universal House of Justice. And finally, due to these repeated violations of God's Covenant, and the increasingly aggressive attacks by them upon the living descendant of David, God's chosen Branch, soon will come the literal fulfillment of this prophetic verse wherein an actual burning meteor will impact the earth somewhere within the Mediterranean Sea driving the violators off Mt. Carmel in what even the unbelievers will proclaim to be an act of God. Both the spiritual burning meteor and the physical burning meteor result in the cleansing of the earth itself and the "earth of men's hearts". In reference to the "earth of men's hearts" the following verse from Baha'u'llah is quoted to shed the light of truth upon the reader: "...endeavor to comprehend the meaning of the 'changing of the earth'. Know thou that upon whatever hearts the bountiful showers of mercy, raining from the 'heaven' of divine revelation have fallen, the earth of those hearts hath verily been changed into the earth of divine knowledge and wisdom. What myrtles of unity hath the soil of the hearts produced! What blossoms of true knowledge and wisdom hath their illumined bosoms yielded!" Kitab-I-Igan pg. 30.

And they heard the Voice of Grandeur raised from behind the unseen pavilion upon the Height of Glory:
Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!
"O guardian angels! Return them to their abode in the world below,
Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

In these two verses, those violators hear the "Voice of Grandeur" calling out to have them put in their place so to speak. On an earthly level of fulfillment this may be understood as Leland the High Priest and his acolyte, the scion of David publicly exposing the Covenant-breakers and their litany of misdeeds through the projection of the Cause of God to the entire planet through the world wide media and catastrophic acts of God which keep pace with each other in the fulfillment of prophecy for all to see and bear witness to. These things will show the violators in all their hiding places, and His

Justice will be done upon them, and His Mercy for those who return to the Provisions of The Covenant

"Inasmuch as they have purposed to rise to that sphere which the wings of the celestial dove have never attained; Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

The violators have in their hearts the ambitions of Nimrod/Satan. They seek to set themselves above God's chosen authority upon the earth. That authority which the violators of The Covenant (Khanum and the Hands of the Cause) attempted to set themselves above was the first born son of Shoghi Effendi which was the First International Baha'i Council which had as it's Executive Branch, Abdul-Baha's son, Charles Mason Remey. In the performance of this nefarious and dirty deed, Khanum and her cohorts were literally attempting to assume the Divine Authority of God over all the peoples of the earth. Their followers and others formerly within and from without the Baha'i Faith continue these evil efforts up to the present moment.

These verses should of course be seen as depicting events upon both the earthly plane and the Abha realm beyond the limits of all space and time. Along these lines one may see these verses telling of God dispatching a company of His angels in the Abha realm to escort the souls of those who choose a satanic path in this life without repentance to that "abode in the world below" i.e. hell.

"Whereupon the ship of fancy standeth still which the minds of them that comprehend cannot grasp." Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

The "ship of fancy", the Ark of the Cause, has been unable to set sail since 1957 due to the fact that the oppression of the hands of the cause led by Khanum has kept the pure-hearted Baha'is throughout the world from independently investigating the reasons for the purported "ending of the guardianship" thereby preventing them from entering the Ark of Baha'u'llah's Covenant. It must also be noted that Shoghi Effendi stated that those of his generation would not be able to attain a complete understanding of the Will and Testament of Abdul-Baha. This was as we can now see, because the promised one of God, Dr. Leland Jensen had not yet come forth to begin his mission, of which a portion was to illuminate those of the following generation to the subtleties of that Charter Document of the Kingdom of God.

Whereupon the maid of heaven looked out from her exalted chamber, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

This maid of heaven is the Holy Spirit. Her exalted chamber is the celestial concourse in the Abha realm, and on the earthly plane, the Manifestation through whose eyes she gazes out upon the world of creation.

And with her brow signed to the celestial concourse, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious! Flooding with the light of her countenance the heaven and the earth, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

The Holy Spirit, though manifested in the person of Baha'u'llah, never actually leaves or loses her connection to the celestial concourse and the Abha Realm. With this connection and through Baha'u'llah revealing "the light of her countenance", the Holy Spirit permeates the vast reaches of all space, all time and all of heaven beyond. This flooding grace of God's Holy Spirit through Baha'u'llah's revealing of it has, since His advent, continued to increase day by day and will continue to do so for the next 500,000 years regardless of the wayward choices and actions of any of God's creatures.

And as the radiance of her beauty shone upon the people of dust, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious! All beings were shaken in their mortal graves. Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

The Holy Spirit shines forth upon mankind, the people of dust. As Baha'u'llah has told us, God says that we are all created of the same dust of the earth and so he frequently addresses us, "O children of dust", "O son of dust", "O moving form of dust", "O offspring of dust", and finally, "O children of Adam". Recall that Adam means "of red earth". As Baha'u'llah began to address the "people of dust", the whole world was set into a commotion by the soul-stirring message that he revealed. "All beings" (souls) "were shaken in their mortal graves" (earthly bodies). Some tremble with delight, others with fear but none are unaffected. This agitation continues still and has not reached it's crescendo. Here is a quote from Baha'u'llah's "Epstistle to the Son of the Wolf", which for this servant illuminates this verse: "Darkness hath been chased away by the dawning light of the mercy of thy Lord, the Source of all light. The breeze of the All-Merciful hath wafted, and the souls have been quickened in the tombs of their mortal bodies. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled by God, the Mighty, the Beneficent."

She then raised the call which no ear through all eternity hath ever heard, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

The call here raised is the Most Great Name of God. Never before Baha'u'llah, was it revealed to mortal ears, yet incredibly, the echo of it's vibration outside of space and time, reached to the other side of the world in the year 1863 and was heard by a visionary and prophet in the United States named George Williams. The subject of George Williams and the prophecies of Joseph Morris are topics which deserve an intensive study for their relationship to the Revelation of Baha'u'llah and the Establishment of the

Kingdom of God in America. Two works to be thoroughly perused in that investigation are Entry by Troops, and Ezekiel's Temple In Montana by Neal Chase.

And thus proclaimed: "By the Lord! He whose heart hath not the fragrance of the love of the exalted and glorious Arabian Youth,"
Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!
"Can in no wise ascend unto the glory of the highest heaven."
Glorified be my Lord, the All Glorious!

In these two verses, Baha'u'llah proclaims that those who would attain the station of true believer must show forth the qualites of love and devotion to the Covenant which was demonstrated by the Bab in His Revelation and supreme sacrifice to "Him whom God shall make manifest", i.e. Baha'u'llah. As The Bab, in His blood lineage was a direct descendant of Muhammad this verse is understood to be a reference to Him as "the exalted and glorious Arabian Youth". His love and devotion to Baha'u'llah was so pure and complete that He gave His life in glorious martyrdom to usher in the Revelation of Baha'u'llah. This is however but the beginning of the prophetic meaning of these verses. Indeed it has no ending as it pertains directly to the succession of Davidic Kings, in this day having become the Executive Branch of the Baha'i administration. See Psalm, 89 and Jeremiah, 35:15-22 for a record of God's promise to King David that his throne would NEVER lack a man to be seated upon it. Abdul-Baha, in his Will and Testament, gives a detailed description of the qualities which any individual must possess in order to inherit the position of Executive Branch of the Universal House of Justice, i.e. the Davidic Kingship continued in accordance with God's eternally binding Covenant with King David and indeed all mankind. The following quote from paragraph 18 of Abdul-Baha's Will and Testament is his clear interpretation of what Baha'u'llah in this tablet describes as "the fragrance of the love of the exalted and glorious Arabian Youth". It reads; "O ve beloved of the Lord! It is incumbent upon the guardian of the Cause of God to appoint in his own lifetime him that shall become his successor, That differences may not arise after his passing. He that is appointed must manifest in himself detachment from all worldly things, must be the essence of purity, must show in himself the fear of God, knowledge, wisdom and learning. Thus should the first born of the guardian of the Cause of God not manifest in himself the truth of the words:---'The child is the secret essence of it's sire'. that is should he not inherit of the spiritual in him (the guardian of the Cause of God) and his glorious lineage not be matched with a goodly character, then must be (the guardian of the Cause of God) choose another branch to succeed him." Then one need only to read the book of Psalms, chapter 89 to understand that the second of these two verses alludes to the qualities of the one who will ascend to the position of Executive of the true Universal House of Justice, which is the continuation of the throne lineage of King David as Covenanted by God Almighty.

This verse can also be understood to refer to Shoghi Effendi as he derived his patrilineal descent from Muhammad through the Bab. This means that he was a male line

descendant of the Bab. He was also descended from Baha'u'llah through his mother's family. This dual or "collateral" lineage of Shoghi Effendi is a central point for two primary reasons: 1. It makes him absolutely unique in his heritage. 2. It places him in the female line of the family of King David and therefore outside of the line of heirs to the throne. Abdul-Baha speaks to the first point directly within the text of his Will and Testament thus: "Salutation and praise, blessing and glory rest upon that primal branch of the Divine and Sacred Lote-Tree, grown out, blest, tender, verdant and flourishing from the Twin Holy Trees; the most wondrous, unique and priceless pearl that doth gleam from out the Twin surging seas..." Abdul-Baha, Will and Testament, part one, page 3, paragraph 2.

There have now been established several key elements of the Cause of God which is the establishment of His Kingdom (King over Domain) on earth as it is in heaven. They are as follows: 1. That the Davidic throne is that throne upon which the Lord God places His Chosen King, a line of inheritance which is to last forevermore. 2. That Baha'u'llah, the manifestation of this day of God is the prophesied second Christ, the Messiah Ben David, and heir to the aforementioned throne. 3. That true to the plan and promise of God, Baha'u'llah's lineage continued through His son Abdul-Baha. 4. That this lineage was continued after Abdul-Baha through his son, Charles Mason Remy Aghsan. 5. That the manner in which this lineage was continued by Abdul-Baha which was necessitated by the direct intervention of the Hand of God fulfilled prophecy of Biblical scripture as given in Genesis 49:10, "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

At this point the dichotomy must be examined to gain an understanding of how this lineage of David is continued and how its continuation in this unique and very particular manner fulfills the aforementioned prophecy.

There were two main parts of the inheritance that Baha'u'llah possessed to pass onto His heirs. These were; 1. The Davidic Kingship and 2. The condition of infallibility, which he had the prerogative to confer upon his heirs. Both gifts being conditioned upon the heirs named in the Will remaining firm and steadfast in the Covenant after His passing. Baha'u'llah, in His Will, hereafter referred to as Kitab-I-Ahd or The Book of The Covenant, named two of His sons to succeed Him in a linear fashion, i.e. one first, and then upon his passing the other would follow. Baha'u'llah named Abdul-Baha as the first to succeed Him. Abdul-Baha was, upon his passing, to be succeeded by his younger half-brother Muhammad Ali. In accordance with Baha'u'llah's Kitab-I-Ahd each in his turn would receive the two-part inheritance, both the Kingship of the lineage of David and the infallibility conferred upon them by the authority of the Supreme Manifestation of God, Baha'u'llah. Baha'u'llah provided for only two persons to receive the conferred infallibility and thereafter as stipulated in the Kitab-I-Ahd, that condition would only be manifested within the body of a duly elected global legislative council/court which has as it's executive head and member for life, the living person seated on the throne of David through the inheritance from David to Baha'u'llah to Abdul-Baha to his son and so forth for as long as the sun shines and the grass grows, i.e. at least the entire life of this globe, although infinite suns shine on infinite earths and the grass grows upon them all. ANY

council, court or other collective of people no matter what the circumstances of their formation as a group for whatever reason which has not, as it's chairperson, the actual living breathing descendant of King David who's lineage and appointment are both duly confirmed, is without equivocation NOT the Universal House of Justice provided for within the writings of Baha'u'llah, consummated within the writings of Abdul-Baha, and given earthly form under the Guardianship of Shoghi Effendi.

As Abdul-Baha's half-brother Muhammad Ali chose to turn against Abdul-Baha, attacked and attempted to usurp the inheritance from Abdul-Baha during Abdul-Baha's rightful and dutiful exercise of all of the rights, prerogatives, priviledges, and supreme responsibilities which that inheritance carries, he (Muhammad Ali) willingly and knowingly cut himself off from his portion of that same inheritance and in so doing violated the Covenant of God and was subsequently removed from the line of heirs by the one and only person who had the authority to do so, Abdul-Baha.

This self-destroying act of Covenant-breaking by M. Ali combined with the merciful hand of God calling the infant soul of Abdul-Baha's only male child back to the Abha paradise provided for the fulfillment of the prophecy given in Gen. 49:10. It was the duty of Abdul-Baha to follow through with Baha'u'llah's Will, the Kitab-I-Ahd, by bequeathing his two-part inheritance. He accomplished this by passing the gift of Conferred Infallibility to his grandson Shoghi Effendi who had spent nearly his entire childhood and youth at Abdul-Baha's side. The dichotomy arises due to the fact that Shoghi Effendi could not inherit the Davidic Kingship as his fatherly lineage was not from the line of David and he was therefore ineligible to inherit the throne. In order to follow through with the other primary provision of Baha'u'llah's Kitab-I-Ahd, Abdul-Baha sought out from amongst the believers, one whom he could see possessed the qualities and attributes necessary to fulfill the role of heir to the Davidic Kingship known in the text of Abdul-Baha's Will and Testament as the Executive Branch of the Universal House of Justice. He was able to find such a one in the person of Charles Mason Remey Aghsan, a man of non-Jewish descent whom he adopted and in so doing grafted him into the male lineage/throne line of the family of King David, thus fulfilling the prophetic words of Gen. 49:10. For more on the continuation of the lineage of King David, go here: The Most Mighty Document and here: Passing The Test Of God

Thereupon she summoned unto herself one maiden From her handmaidens, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious! And commanded her: 'Descend into space from the mansions of eternity, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious! 'And turn thou unto that which they have concealed in the inmost of their hearts.' Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

A ray of the Holy Spirit is sent from the Abha Realm into this earthly world of being for the purpose of looking into the hearts of those who profess to hold fast unto the True Faith of God in search of that quality of pure love spoken of in the previous verse.

"Shouldst thou inhale the perfume of the robe from the youth that hath been hidden within the tabernacle of light by reason of that which the hands of the wicked have wrought, Glorified be my Lord the All-Glorious! "Raise a cry within thyself, that all the inmates of the chambers of Paradise that are the embodiments of eternal wealth, may understand and hearken; Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

The perfume of the robe from the youth is the love for God and His Covenant as revealed by Baha'u'llah, which love, the Bab, Abdul-Baha, and Shoghi Effendi each shone forth.

The robe itself may be understood to mean both the Revelation of Baha'u'llah, which the Revelation of the Bab was encompassed by or wrapped within, and which both Abdul-Baha and Shoghi Effendi wrapped themselves in as a garment of light, and as the sweet fragrances of the angelic aura which we are taught we will exude as we take on the spiritual qualities we are capable of reflecting if we clothe ourselves in that robe of the Revelation of Baha'u'llah.

The robe that hath been hidden is the fullness of the understanding of the Covenant of Baha'u'llah which is hidden within the Will and Testament of Abdul-Baha. Throughout the ages, the deeper understanding of God's Revelation through His Manifestation (often referred to as a robe or garment in the Baha'i writings and the Bible as well) has of a necessity, and through the wisdom of God, been "hidden within the tabernacle of light" due to what the ungodly and wicked ones have perpetrated against the Cause of God and His Promised Ones throughout each of the Divine cycles.

In the Dispensation of Baha'u'llah, the robe, which hearkens back to the time of Adam and which was passed on to Noah and renewed by Jesus Christ, was hidden within the true understanding of Abdul-Baha's Will and Testament which was both symbolically and literally sealed with seven seals. These seven seals could only be unsealed and the full understanding of that divine document be laid before men's eyes with the coming of Jesus the Lamb, Dr. Leland Jensen, the one called Shiloh in Gen. 49:10.

If the divine fragrances are perceived that messenger sent is instructed to transmit the good news to her fellow dwellers in the Abha Paradise as a joyful proclamation.

"That they may all come down from their everlasting chambers and tremble, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

"And kiss their hands and feet for having soared to the heights of faithfulness; Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious! "Perchance they may find from their robes the fragrance of the Beloved One." Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

The angelic hosts and those souls who have ascended to the Abha Paradise such as the saints and the martyrs will, when they hear the joyful cries of that handmaiden of the Holy Spirit, descend toward the earthly realm and draw near to those true believers on earth from whom she inhaled that "perfume of the robe". These "inmates of the chambers of paradise" will be so near to the faithful in at least a spiritual sense, as to be able to "kiss their hands and feet" in blessing and love for their having demonstrated such an uncommon degree of love for God as shown through firmness and steadfastness in His Covenant throughout each of the tests which are sent as a mercy from God to strengthen and purify the soul and make it fit for the attainment of it's heavenly station. This kissing of the hands and feet is understood by this servant as being symbolic of the aid and assistance of the angelic hosts that surround one who is firm in The Covenant and rises to proclaim Baha'u'llah and defend the Cause of God and The Covenant. The hands are symbolic of their efforts, their works, and the feet are symbolic of their travels throughout the land to promulgate the true Gospel of the Kingdom of God, going forth as apostles, as well as being symbolic of understanding. The kissing is a symbol of blessing and Divine confirmation. The following passage from Baha'u'llah's prayers and meditations seemed to this servant to be relevant at this juncture. From prayer #179 on page 236: "And when thy promise came to pass, and the set time was fulfilled, Thou didst lift, to an imperceptible degree, the veil of concealment, and lo, all the inmates of the kingdoms of Thy Revelation and of Thy creation shook and trembled, except those who were created by Thee, through the fire of Thy love, and the breath of Thine eagerness, and the water of Thy loving-kindness, and the clay of Thy grace. These are they who are glorified by the Concourse on high and the denizens of the cities of eternity."

> Thereupon the countenance of the favored damsel Beamed above the celestial chambers even as the Light that shineth from the face of the Youth Above His mortal temple; Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

The favored damsel, and the handmaiden who was summoned eight verses ago, are both symbolic references to a ray of the Holy Spirit, the maid of heaven. The distinction given between the maid of heaven and the handmaid and the favored damsel throughout this holy tablet is that of degree or intensity, not essence, for the maid of heaven, the favored damsel and the handmaidens are all symbolic portrayals of the Holy Spirit, the Logos or complete thought of God revealed through and by His Manifestation, and the individual rays of the light of that revelation to which the believers may be receptive.

Here, the light of the Holy Spirit (maid of heaven) through that ray (handmaiden) sent down to the earthly plane permeates the heavenly realm with the brightness of the Revelation of Baha'u'llah as reflected in the face (countenance) of Shoghi Effendi who beamed forth that aspect (ray) of Baha'u'llah's Revelation (Holy Spirit) as he delineated the administration of the World Order of Baha'u'llah for all the world to realize and rejoice in.

An additional understanding of the favored damsel is that of her being the New Jerusalem (new law of God) prepared for her marriage to The Lamb, Jesus upon His return, Dr. Leland Jensen, who as the High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, establishes that law in the world FOREVER. Remember that it is the High Priest alone who, though he does not write the law, does bring it forth from behind the mystic veil and plants it firmly in the land as it was planted firmly within the earth (the land) of the heart of Leland the High Priest himself by God. Thus will it be firmly rooted within the soil of the earth of the hearts of men and thereby the Kingdom of God will be established.

She then descended with such an adorning as to Illumine the heavens and all that is therein. "Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

This ray of the Holy Spirit is so spiritually brilliant and beautiful that the light or Baha floods the heavenly realm. Those who dwell within that heavenly realm perceive what the people of the earthly realm are yet veiled from. They witness the effulgent splendor, Baha of the Kingdom of God as it is in heaven and is soon to be on earth.

She bestirred herself and perfumed all things in the lands of holiness and grandeur. Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

After Baha'u'llah revealed the fullness of the Gospel in the complete plan of God for the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven, His Revelation began to vivify both the earthly and heavenly realms. This life-giving effect of the Revelation of Baha'u'llah continued with Abdul-Baha and Shoghi Effendi, then through the mission of Leland Jensen to the present day.

The lands of holiness and grandeur are in the earthly sense, each of the lands through which Baha'u'llah passed and remained for a time while carrying out His divinely appointed mission.

Another understanding of this, which follows prophetically, is that this refers to the physical location of the New Jerusalem within the heart of the Rocky Mountains of the United States. This physical relocation of the prophesied New Jerusalem from the Biblical Holy Lands to the heart of the Rocky Mountains of the U.S. is given elsewhere in both the Baha'i and Biblical scriptures. This commentary will attempt to weave these two aspects of the meaning of these passages into a coherent pattern for the reader.

When she reached that place she rose to her full Height in the midmost heart of creation, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

That place is Akka and Mt. Carmel. There, from the arrival of Baha'u'llah, the Holy Spirit revealed to us through Him continued to arise to ever-greater prominence until the beginning of the mission of Leland Jensen in 1963.

Her rising to her full height is Shoghi Effendi appointing the first International Baha'i Council with Charles Mason Remey Aghsan as its president. By the time of Shoghi Effendi's passing in 1957, this council was established and officially recognized as the Baha'i World Court in what by then had become the state of Israel, formerly the land of Palestine.

The midmost heart of creation may be understood in the following context: God is creating man in His spiritual image. He began this process just over 6,000 years ago with the Adamic peoples who are identified later to be the Semitic people or Semites taking the name from Shem, the blessed son of Noah. This same people came to be called the Hebrew people from whom the twelve tribes of Israel came. These twelve tribes settled in and around the land of Palestine and throughout the entire Middle East. This part of the world is therefore in one sense the heart of God's creation. The midmost heart thereof is the valley of Sharon and Mt. Carmel including both Akka and Haifa.

Another understanding which has been alluded to earlier and deserves an entire commentary of it's own is that the midmost heart of creation represents that "earth of men's hearts" which is so eloquently spoken of throughout the writings of Baha'u'llah.

Shoghi Effendi's role as Guardian, according to the plan of God carried out by Abdul-Baha, could only be fulfilled once by Shoghi Effendi specifically and NEVER REPEATED. The continuous line of the Executive Branch (Guardians) who serve as the presidents of the Universal House of Justice in succession from father to son is promised by God to NEVER END. It was therefore Shoghi Effendi's duty, as laid upon him by his grandfather Abdul-Baha in his Will and Testament, to appoint the aforementioned First International Baha'i Council and it's President/Executive Branch as his successor. It was ordained by God that the individual whom Shoghi Effendi appointed as the President/Executive Branch of the First International Baha'i Council was the adopted son of Abdul-Baha and as such the immediate successor to Abdul-Baha in the never ending line of heirs to the Davidic Kingship. The role of Guardian as it applied to Shoghi Effendi was unique as stated clearly in Abdul-Baha's Will and Testament. This unique quality was due to his dual lineage from The Bab (paternally) and Baha'u'llah (maternally) and his inheritance of Conferred Infallibility. It is important to note that his unique lineage would prevent him from being able to fulfill the Will and Testament of Abdul-Baha by appointing an offspring of his own, had he had any, as the succeeding Guardian. Therefore even if Shoghi Effendi had fathered a hundred male children not one of them could have been his successor as they could not have inherited the Davidic Kingship and

due to their having the same lineage as Shoghi Effendi his uniqueness would no longer be a fact

Shoghi Effendi's successor was the First International Baha'i Council with an heir in the father to son line from Baha'u'llah, and therefore an heir to the Davidic Kingship as its President/Head/Member-For-Life/Executive Branch. No infallibility was conferred upon any individual following Shoghi Effendi. None is implied in these titles associated with the Davidic Kingship. Conferred Infallibility as stated in Abdul-Baha's Will and Testament, will rest upon the Universal House of Justice with the living descendant of Baha'u'llah, heir to the throne of King David, seated as it's Executive Branch. This Conferred Infallibility is only visited upon this council when it is functioning with the Executive Branch. This is true for each of the four stages of its development as given by Baha'u'llah, 1. International Council, 2. Baha'i World Court, 3. Supreme Tribunal, 4. Universal House of Justice. Without this Executive Branch, there is nothing other than a spiritually lifeless, unguided coalition of men acting in violation of the eternal Covenant of God, whose decisions can render nothing but injustice. In fact in naming his successor to be the FIRST International Baha'i Council, Shoghi Effendi anticipated another wave of Covenant-Breaking violators to arise, thus requiring the establishment of a SECOND International Baha'i Council after the advent of another person promised by God and spoken of by Abdul-Baha. That promised one to appear on the scene after Shoghi Effendi was Dr. Leland Jensen, Knight of Baha'u'llah, and Establisher of the Baha'i Faith, The Holy Mariner.

In the remaining verses what is intended by the Youth is this offspring of Shoghi Effendi i.e. the infant UHJ, the First IBC.

And sought to inhale their fragrance at a time that knoweth neither beginning nor end Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

This favored damsel, the new law of God, prepared as a bride to be wed to the newly formed administration of the World Order of Baha'u'llah, as manifested in the First IBC with the heir to the Davidic Kingship as its president, searches out the fragrance of the pure hearts of those Bahai's who claim to be firm in the Covenant, those ones who had earlier sought to ascend to a station beyond that which God had ordained for them and thus caused the ark to remain motionless for a time. She is sent to find out why the Cause of God appears not to progress.

As Baha'u'llah proclaims; "Glorified be God, He is the One Who searches mind and heart!", this turning of the handmaid "unto that which they have concealed in the inmost of their hearts", and seeking "to inhale their fragrance" in fact happens to each individual soul in every moment of its existence, from the future to the past, the past to the future and in the eternal present at the very same "time" and therefore "knoweth no beginning nor end".

She found not in them that which she did desire.

and this, verily, is but one of His wondrous tales. Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

That favored damsel did not find in them the love of God and firmness in His Covenant which was so evident within the Bab, Abdul-Baha and Shoghi Effendi.

She then cried aloud, wailed and repaired to her own station within her most lofty mansion, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

That glorious handmaiden, not finding those who professed the Love of God and Firmness in His All Sacred Covenant after the passing of Shoghi Effendi to be filled with the fragrance of the love of "the robe of that youth", and seeing how they sought to usurp the authority of that institution which God Himself had crowned with His own chosen King, that First IBC with Abdul-Baha's son as its Executive Branch, expresses her grief with a mournful cry and hastens back to her abode within the Abha-Realm. This tragic event is being repeated in this very day since the year Mustagath (2001) as prophesied elsewhere by Baha'u'llah surrounding the succession of Abdul-Baha's great grandson to the position of Executive Branch of the IBC/UHJ. Observe and compare the following selection from The Hidden Words:

O Bond Slave of The World! Many a dawn hath the breeze of My loving-kindness wafted over thee and found thee upon the bed of heedlessness fast asleep. Bewailing then thy plight it returned whence it came.

Baha'u'llah

Persian Hidden Words #30

And then gave utterance to one mystic word, whispered privily by her honeyed tongue, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious! And raised the call amidst the Celestial Concourse and the immortal maids of heaven: Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious! 'By the Lord! I found not from these idle claimants the breeze of Faithfulness! Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

She then reports that those who proclaimed the name of Baha were not faithful to the Cause of God, not Firm in the Covenant. These "idle claimants" are specifically those closest to Shoghi Effendi, namely the hands of the Cause who were charged with the greatest responsibility to teach and spread the Divine Fragrances worldwide as well as to support Shoghi Effendi in his service as Guardian of the Cause of God and to uphold the Covenant and to be ever watchful within their own ranks and to protect the person who would be the Executive Branch of the UHJ from exactly the type of coup which they had

planned and perpetrated against the very one who was appointed to that position by Shoghi Effendi as well as Shoghi Effendi himself.

This entire scenario has been repeated during the lifetime of the current (third) guardian, Neal Chase Ben Joseph Aghsan in an ongoing attack by the aggressive satanic minions to render the Cause of God ineffective. As promised by God, all their efforts are proving only to propel the Cause rapidly to its ultimate and absolute victory. But these trials and tests for the Cause and those who remain steadfastly firm in the Covenant are not without a toll as the remainder of the verses of this first part of this Tablet are a testament to.

'By the Lord! The youth hath remained alone and forlorne in the land of exile in the hands of the ungodly.'
Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

The favored damsel, the New Jerusalem, prepared as a bride, finds that her betrothed, the Youth who is representative of Shoghi Effendi's first-born lineal descendant, the first International Baha'i Council originally placed on MT. Carmel near Haifa Israel, had been driven into exile by the evil plotting of the ungodly hands of the Cause against its appointed president/Executive Branch and heir to the lineage of David, Charles Mason Remey Aghsan. Those hands and Ruhiyyih Khanum, in a manner of speaking, kidnapped and placed the "youth', that first International Baha'i Council, Shoghi Effendi's first born lineal descendant into exile by dismantleing it before it could convene even one meeting with the descendant of David chairing the meeting. Therefore the bride (Holy Spirit) showed up to infuse the groom (council body) with the spiritual vivification but the groom (council body) had never come together. She is understandably horrified and grieved as described in these verses.

She then uttered within herself such a cry that the Celestial Concourse did shriek and tremble, Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Many are the passages within the writings of Baha'u'llah wherein He relates the effects that the acts of mankind, both good and evil can cause in the realm on high. The reader is here urged to understand that this in no way implies that the effects of the doings of Gods creatures whether good or evil extend to God Himself for as Baha'u'llah tells us; "Exalted is He above the need of any of His creatures." and "neither can your good works profit us nor your evil deeds harm us."

And she fell upon the dust and gave up the spirit. It seemeth she was called and hearkened unto Him that summoned her unto the Realm on High. Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

The favored damsel's fall upon the dust may be understood as that portion of the Revelation of Baha'u'llah which Shoghi Effendi adumbrated, Baha'i administration being corrupted and used for the earthly glorification of those Covenant-breaking violators from the time of Shoghi Effendi's passing up to and including the present day. Her giving up of the spirit then would be symbolic of the fact that the corrupt sansguardian administration with its headless monster dictatorship which infests Mt. Carmel is utterly and unredeemably devoid of the spirit of the Revelation of Baha'u'llah and is therefore a satanic, antichrist abomination clinging to the side of Mt. Carmel like an evil parasite. The spirit of that favored damsel cannot truly die, but remains safely hidden away behind the mystic veil. Then take heart, and consider the fact that as seen earlier, the Holy Mariner sees behind that mystic veil. Leland saw their violation of the Covenant for what it was from the very beginning.

Glorified be He that created her out of the essence of love in the midmost heart of His exalted paradise!
Glorified be my Lord, the All-Glorious!

Glory to God for His love is so great that He creates and sends down unto us His radiant Holy Spirit, a creation of incomprehensible beauty and value and yet He endows each of us with the freedom of choice to embrace it or, sadly, to turn from it. This servant is reminded of a verse from the long obligatory prayer:

"Praise be unto Thee O our Lord that Thou hast sent down unto us that which draweth us nigh unto Thee and supplieth us with every good thing sent down by Thee in Thy books and Thy scriptures. Protect us we beseech Thee O my Lord from the hosts of idle fancies and vain imaginations. Thou in truth art the Mighty the All-Knowing."

Thereupon the maids of heaven hastened forth from their chambers, upon whose countenances the eye of no dweller in the highest paradise had ever gazed. Glorified be our Lord, the Most High! They all gathered around her, and lo! they found her body fallen upon the dust; Glorified be our Lord, the Most High!

The maids of heaven, being rays of the Holy Spirit which to this day have not yet been revealed speed forth to witness the unthinkable horror of her body, the uhj/tuhoj of the violation, now lifeless, (devoid of the spirit) and mutilated, (without its HEAD/Executive Branch) fallen upon the dust, (corrupted into an organized, money religion and used for the materialistic glorification of all those who would seek its offices). Witness the parallel of the Persian Hidden Words #77:

"O Son of Justice! In the night-season the beauty of the immortal Being hath repaired from the emerald height of Fidelity unto the Sadratu'l-Muntaha, and wept with such a weeping that the concourse on high and the dwellers of the realms above wailed at His lamenting. Whereupon there was asked, Why the wailing and weeping? He made reply: as bidden I waited expectant upon the hill of faithfulness, yet inhaled not from them that dwell on earth the fragrance of fidelity. Then summoned to return I beheld, and lo! certain doves of holiness were sore tried within the claws of the dogs of earth. Thereupon the Maid of heaven hastened forth unveiled and resplendent from Her mystic mansion, and asked of their names, and all were told but one. And when urged the first letter thereof was uttered, whereupon the dwellers of the celestial chambers rushed forth out of their habitation of glory. And wilst the second letter was pronounced, they fell down, one and all, upon the dust. At that moment a voice was heard from the inmost shrine: "Thus far and no farther." Verily we bear witness to that which they have done and are now doing.

> Baha'u'llah Persian Hidden Words # 77

Compare this selection to this entire first part of the Tablet of The Holy Mariner

And as they beheld Her state and comprehended a word of the tale told by the Youth, they bared their heads, rent their garments asunder; beat upon their faces, forgot their joy, shed tears and smote with their hands upon their cheeks, and this is verily one of the mysterious grievous afflictions.

Glorified be our Lord, the Most High!

This concludes the first part of the Tablet of The Holy Mariner and this individual servant's commentary upon it. May it help to inspire others to delve deeply into its thirst quenching mysteries and in that way, render this effort worthy in the eyes of God. To all the People of Baha, by the Grace of God this day of the 100th year following the passage of Abdu'l-Baha.

Ya Baha'ul Abha!