

Gospel Preached from the Beginning

When Adam was placed in the Garden of Eden, having forgotten all, he personally communicated with God his Father. God gave Adam instructions and commandments. Adam also knew that there were messengers who were sent from the presence of God to help teach him his relationship to and responsibilities toward God.¹

Creation is the act of bringing, forming or developing something into existence. The very essence of creation is giving things shape, substance or life. The first verse in the bible states, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." The creation of heaven and earth is an act of bringing formation out of the formless. Creating also entails conforming mutually exclusive substances into a whole, conjoining them together or placing them in harmony with each other. Creating brings shape to the shapeless, form to the formless, and life to the non-life - as one also sees from the transition between the grave and the resurrected state.

Adam, is a name or title meaning "the first man of all men." A title which "many" have held in "world without number" that God has created. Concerning "this earth, and the inhabitants thereof" the book of Genesis states, "The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground."² Prior to man's creation the dust (organic materials of this earth) was a substance of non-life, conjoined with these other substances the man became a manifestation of life "a living soul."

The "transgression" of partaking of the fruit of the elements of the created world - which brought about the transition called the fall, which fall brings about mortality or death - allowed the spirit children

¹ Moses 5:6-8

² Genesis 2:7

of God to be created of dust by conjoining their individual spirit with the dust of this earth by being "born into the world by water, and blood, and the spirit, which I have made, and so became of dust a living soul."³

Adam and Eve were commanded "that they should worship the Lord their God," and "Adam was obedient unto the commandments of the Lord."⁴ It was intended that the knowledge that Adam possessed of the creation and of God should be made known unto Adam's offspring. Thus in the "beginning" the "Gospel began to be preached." Gospel knowledge was declared to man by "holy angels sent forth from the presence of God." It was received by the very voice of God himself, and by "the gift of the Holy Ghost." In particular, a "holy ordinance" was "confirmed" upon Adam emphasizing the Creation and his relationship to God and "the Gospel preached, and a decree sent forth, that it should be in the world, until the end thereof."⁵

As Adam tended to his duties of proclaiming the Gospel knowledge of the Creation and of God to his offspring, "Satan came among them" to counter and frustrate God's plans by teaching Adam's offspring to "believe it not."⁶ A portion of Adam's offspring "loved Satan more than God" and chose to not believe in Adam's teachings. From that day forward, a portion of Adam's offspring became "carnal, sensual, and devilish."⁷

After slaying his brother Abel, Cain was "driven" out "from the face of the Lord."⁸ Cain and his descendants dwelt in the land of Nod. One of Cain's descendants, Enoch, built a city named after him. This began the very counterfeit system that mirrors and parallels the true and correct belief system given and ordained by God whether in

³ Moses 6:59

⁴ Moses 5:5

⁵ Moses 5:58-59

⁶ Moses 5:13

⁷ Moses 5:13

⁸ Moses 5:39

name or in belief. The Enoch of Cain's line is the counterfeit and inverted mirrored reflection of the Enoch of Seth's line, who "built a city that they called the City of Holiness, even Zion."⁹ Adam's descendants began to fill the earth and settle the places they lived. As Adam's children multiplied "the children of men were numerous upon all the face of the land" prior to the deluge.¹⁰

Four Rivers of Eden

Moses records that the Lord God "planted a garden eastward in Eden; and a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads." These rivers lead to differing geographical locations wherein the descendants of Adam settled prior to and after the deluge.

In the record of Moses concerning the creation God "gathered" the waters under the heaven "unto one place."¹¹ The result is that the land was also in one place. Prior to the days of Peleg the land mass of the earth was a single whole. Both hemispheres as we know them today did not exist. If one looks at a map of the globe today one can easily discern that both hemispheres fit together. It was in the days of Peleg after the flood, who was a descendant of Shem, that the Lord "divided" the earth.¹²

In a revelation on the priesthood, the Lord revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith that prior to Adam's death he dwelt in a valley that was named Adam-ondi-Ahman.¹³ Similarly, concerning Daniel's prophecy the Lord revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith the following: "Spring Hill is named by the Lord Adam-ondi-Ahman, because, said he, it is the place where Adam shall come to visit his people, or the Ancient of Days shall sit, as spoken of by Daniel the