Chronology of the First Millennium

Creation of Earth and Man (Moses 2)

- **Seen from Egyptian mind set: Duality.**
  
  “The Egyptians believed that unity was emphasized by the complementary of its parts.” (The Dictionary of Ancient Egypt [1995], p. 88) Dualities are seen everywhere in Egyptian world-view: Land and river; upper and lower Egypt, even when unified, the crown of the king of Egypt was a combination of the crown and upper and lower Egypt; heavens and earth; day and night, sun and moon; and chaos and order.

  The creation account in Moses 2 is a myriad of dualities: vs. 1—the Almighty God and Only Begotten Son, heaven and earth; 1st day (vss 2-5)—without form and void, darkness and light, day and night, evening and morning; 2nd day—waters above and below the firmament; 3rd day—waters and dry land, plants (grass, herb, fruit tree), each yielding see “after his [it’s] kind”; 4th day—day and night, light in heaven to give light on earth; greater light (sun) and lesser light (moon), sun rule day and moon rule night; 5th day—living creatures in the waters and birds in the air, each “brought forth abundantly, after their kind”; 6th day—animals (cattle, beasts, creeping things) and man; animals brought forth offspring, each “after their kind”; “God, said unto mine Only Begotten,” Gods and man, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness”; fishes of sea, fowl of air, cattle over all the earth, creeping things that creep on the earth; God created man “in mine own image, in the image of mine Only Begotten created I him; male and female created I them”; man given two roles: [1] multiply and replenish the earth; [2] God a. gave man dominion over animal and plant; and b. plant and animal shall be food for man.

- **Creation of Man in Image of God and Only Begotten:**
  
  “I, God, created man in mine own image, in the image of mine Only Begotten created I him; male and female created I them”—(1) God created man in His image (God, who is Heavenly Father and Mother, created man, who is male and female); (2) the oneness, the unity, the equality (not sameness) of man and woman: (3) man (male and female) is created in a similitude of the Father and the Son (just as the Father and Son are one in thought and work, so God and man (male and female) are to be one with each other in thought and work)

- **Man (male and female) have dominion over plant and animal (see D&C 59:16-21)**
Fall of Adam (Moses 3-4)

- The fall story is a type and shadow story (such as A. each person’s individual Fall; B. Moses and the house of Israel—Adam as Moses and Eve as children of Israel; the Garden as the promised land; the directives about eating fruit as the commandments of God; the serpent as the Canaanite Religion; eating the forbidden fruit as worshiping Canaanite deities; casting out of the Garden as the scattering of Israel.
- The results of the Fall (Moses 5:31; 6:48-49; D&C 29:41-42; Alma 42:3-10)
  a. Earth becomes a “lost and fallen” state (1 Ne. 10:6; Mosiah 16:3-4, etc.)
  b. Mankind suffered by spiritual and temporal death (D&C 29:41; Alma 42:6-9); mankind committed “individual sins” (D&C 138:19) suffering a second source of “spiritual death”

Probationary State Begins
see —
• Abr. 5:13
• 2 Ne. 2:21
• Al. 12:24
• Al. 42:4
• *D&C 77:6-7—7,000 years of the earth’s temporal existence

First Thousand Years

0–100
- Adam and Eve begin tilling the ground and having dominion over animals (Moses 5:1)
- They begin having children, and grandchildren, etc (Moses 5:2-3)
  Adam and Eve are keeping the first two commandments given in the creation:
  • Multiply and fill the earth
  • Have dominion over the animals, etc. (Moses 2:27-30)

- Two Accounts of Adam and Eve receiving the Gospel of Jesus Christ—
  1. Moses’s account of Adam and Eve receiving the Gospel—the law of sacrifice (Moses 5:4-11)
Adam and Eve receive two further commandments:

• worship God
• offer the firstlings of the flocks as an offering to God (Moses 5:5)

2. **Enoch’s account** of Adam and Eve receiving the Gospel—spiritual rebirth and the holy order of God. (Moses 6:47-68; 7:1) The *law of adoption* begins (Moses 6:68; 7:1; see also D&C 35:2)

   The process of spiritual rebirth made available to mankind; and the holy order of God (temple ordinances) are also made available; thus mankind can become adopted to Christ and reinherited to the family of God;

• Adam and Eve teach the Gospel to their children with mixed reception (Moses 5:12-15, 58; 7:1)
   Satan “came among” the posterity of Adam and Eve (Moses 5:13; 6:49; cf. Moses 1:12-13)

• The patriarchal order is established with a chosen seed to administer it (Abraham 1:1-5, 25-26; Moses 6:1-23; D&C 107:40-52; 84:6-17)

• **Abel given a dispensation** (Moses 6:2)
   
   Joseph Smith: “We read in Genesis 4:4, that Abel brought the firstlings of the flock and the fat thereof, and the Lord had respect to Abel and to his offering. And, again, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and by it he being dead, yet speaketh." (Hebrews 11:4.) How doth he yet speak? Why he magnified the Priesthood which was conferred upon him, and died a righteous man, and therefore has become an angel of God by receiving his body from the dead, holding still the keys of his dispensation; and was sent down from heaven unto Paul to minister consoling words, and to commit unto him a knowledge of the mysteries of godliness.” (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, sel. Joseph Fielding Smith [1976], p.169; emphasis added)

   Bruce R. McConkie (1915-1985) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles wrote:
   “It appears that Abel, acting under the direction of his father Adam, held the keys of the first dispensation.” (Mormon Doctrine [1966 2nd Ed], p. 201).
• The apostasy of Cain—the murder of Abel and excommunication of Cain (Moses 5:16-41)

  Brigham Young (1801-1877) explains Cain’s motive: “Cain conversed with his God every day, and knew all about the plan of creating this earth, for his father told him. But, for the want of humility, and through jealousy, and an anxiety to possess the kingdom, and to have the whole of it under his own control, and not allow anybody else the right to say one word, what did he do? He killed his brother.” (Discourses of Brigham Young [1954], p.104)

• Cain establishes “a city” he named after his son, Enoch (Moses 6:42). We can assume an unholy order (government) is established based on secret works of darkness (cf Moses 5:43-55; Helaman 6:27)

  “The works of darkness began to prevail among all the sons of men” (Moses 5:55)

100-200

• Year 130 — Seth is born and Adam declares, “God hath appointed me another seed, instead of Abel” (Moses 6:2)

• When older, God revealed himself unto Seth, and he rebelled not, but offered and acceptable sacrifice, like unto his brother Abel” (Moses 6:3)

• The Chosen Seed passes through Seth to further patriarchs (D&C 107:40-41)

200-300

• Year 235—Enos is born to Seth (Moses 6:14)

• Wickedness expands among the Adam’s descendants and Satan gains “great dominion among men, and raged in their hearts; and from thenceforth came wars and bloodsheed, and man’s hand was against his own brother, in administering death, because of secret works, seeking power” (Moses 6:15)
300-400

- Year 325—Cainan is born to Enos (Moses 6:17)
- First migration to a “Promised Land” story—“Enos and the residue of the people of God came out from the land, which was called Shulon, and dwelt in a land of promise, which he called after his own son, whom he had named Cainan” (Moses 6:17)—This is all we know about that story. It reveals the spread of wickedness and that righteousness is being attacked by the wicked.
- Year 365—God called upon Cainan in the wilderness (D&C 1207:45)
- Year 369—Enos is ordained to the Patriarchal order or priesthood (D&C 107:44)
- Year 395—Mahalaleel is born to Cainan (Moses 6:19)

400-500

- Year 412—Cainan meets Adam at when “journeying to the place Shedolamak”. He was eighty-seven years old when he received his ordiinanction. (D&C 107:45)
- Year 460—Jared is born to Mahalaleel (Moses 6:20)

500-600

600-700

- Year 622—Enoch is born to Jared (Moses 6:21)
- Year 647—Enoch is ordained to the Patriarchal order (D&C 107:45)
  Enoch taught by God the source of man’s wickedness and call to the ministry (Moses 6:26-36)
  Enoch begins ministry (Moses 6:37-68; 7:1-16)
- Year 667—Jared is ordained to the Patriarchal order (D&C 107:43)
• Year 687—Enoch is blessed by Adam (D&C 107:48)

  Methusaleh is born to Enoch (Moses 6:25)

  City of Enoch was established (Moses 7:68; 8:11; and 6:49)—City of Enoch existed on earth for 365 years. Enoch was 430 when translated. 430-365=65

700-800

• Year 787—Methusaleh was ordained by Adam (Moses 6:50)

800-900

• Lamech was born to Methusaleh (Moses 8:5)
• Mahalaleel was ordained by Adam (D&C 107:46)

900-100

• Meeting at Adam-ondi-Ahman 3 Years before Adam dies (D&C 107:53-56)