The First Thousand Years: Adam, Enoch and the Enochian Covenant

Creation (A Spiritual/Endless State)
- Earth created in a spiritual/physical state (Moses 3)
- Jesus Christ "whose right it is to reign" (D&C 58:22)
- Earth created for Mankind (1 Ne. 17:36)

Fall of Adam (Mortal Creation of Earth)
- Adam transgressed the commandment, where in he be came subject to the will of the devil" (D&C 29:40)
- Mortal creation of the earth
- All mankind subject to spiritual and physical death (Moses 6:48-49; Al. 42:6-9) — cast out of God’s presence; disinherted
- Earth became a “lost and fallen State” (1 Ne. 10:6; Mosiah 16:3-4)
- Change in physical body; man “conceived in sin” (Moses 6:55); man “became subjects to follow after their own will” (Al. 42:7) committing personal or “individual sins” (D&C 138:19)

First Seal: the First Thousand Years
First seal (Rev. 6:1-2)—White horse, rider given crown and bow, went forth conquering, and to conquer” — Apt description of Adam and Enoch

I. Adam as Conqueror of Spiritual Death – Adam “went forth conquering”
- Enemy — spiritual and physical death (man is disinherted, doomed to become as devil (2 Ne. 9:6-9; Al. 42:4-12)
- “Space” and “time granted” for man “to repent and serve God” and become “sons of God” (Al. 12:24; 42:4; D&C 35:2)
- Gospel revealed to Adam. [1] Sacrifice of lamb–Christ “cruified for the sins of the world”–endless banishment fulfilled—that man may “become the sons of God”–return to presence of God, rehierited as “sons of God” (Moses 5:4-7; 47,55-56; 3 Ne. 11:14; 27:14; D&C 35:2). [2] Adam [and Eve] taught first principles and ordinances by which they may become spiritually born again (Moses 6:50-66); receive temple ordinances (Moses 6:67), becoming “a son of God” or rehierited (Moses 6:68). In this way, all may overcome spiritual death.

- Adam and Eve taught their children the Gospel. Satan “came among them” telling them not to believe their parents message. Many of Adam’s children “loved Satan more than God” and “men began from that time forth to be carnal, sensual, and devilish” (Moses 5:12-13, 18). Man began “to seek their own counsel” (Moses 6:28, 43; D&C 1:19; like Korihor in Al. 30:17), “every man did that which was right in his own eyes” (Judg. 21:25) rejecting “the greater counsel which was had from God” (Moses 5:25; D&C 58:20)

- By 2nd century, Adam established the patriarchal form of government (Abr. 1:3, 25-26). [Adam and Eve (as all husband and wives who are sealed in temple), were anointed to become king and queen and priest and priestess to govern their family (D&C 76:66-57)–Pres. Russell M. Nelson: “Adam held the priesthood. Eve served in matriarchal partnership with the patriarchal priesthood. So today, each wife may join with her husband as partner unified in purpose” Teachings of Russell M. Nelson [2018], 195) priesthood government

- Adam established a “chosen seed” (D&C 107:40-48; Moses 6:2-23) who were called to preach the Gospel to “all men everywhere” (Moses 6:23). The Gospel began to be taught with some accepting, becoming “sons of God” and others rejecting, known as “sons of men” (Moses 5:12-15,58-59; 7:1).

II. Problem — Rejection of the Gospel by Most
- By end of 2nd century and beginning of 3rd “men were numerous upon the face of all the land” and “Satan had dominion among men” and wickedness expanded, with it “came wars and bloodshed” (Moses 6:15).
- In the 4th century, righteous people living in a land called Shulon were forced to leave and dwell in a land of promise” they called Caiman (Moses 6:17).
- By the 7th century, in the days of Enoch, wickedness has become general among mankind. Warfare becoming more intense. The first genocide takes place in the last part of the first thousand years (see Moses 7:2-8).

III. Enoch as Conqueror – The Enochian Covenant and the promise “to conquer”
- Year 622 Enoch is born (Moses 6:20)
- Year 647 at the age of 25 Enoch is called to the patriarchal order (D&C 107:48) and begins preaching the gospel (Moses 6:26-68). He is successful with some and the gather as a group of righteous saints. They are persecuted and several attempts to destroy them take place (Moses 7:2-16). “The Lord came and dwelt with his people, and they dwelt in righteousness” (Moses 7:16)

- In the year 687 Methusaleh is born to Enoch (Moses 6:25). That same year Enoch established a city based upon the celestial principles of Zion. It is “called the City of Holines, eve ZION” (Moses 7:20). Zion was characterized by three important aspects: [1] They were of one heart and one mind” with God, learning His ways and following His precepts; [2] they “dwelt in righteousness”, that is, they made and kept sacred covenants with God; [3] “there was no poor among them,” that is, they were self-reliant and could live independently of the world they lived in (who were trying to destroy them)—Moses 7:18

Enochian Covenant (Moses 7:51-65; JST Gen. 9:15-23; JST Gen. 14:27-35)
God Made a Covenant With Enoch designed to ultimately correct the problem that for most of mankind’s history during the 6,000 years before the coming of Jesus Christ, most mankind either rejected the Gospel when taught it, or never even heard of it, and lived in a state of wickedness.

- Panoramic Vision – Enoch was given a panoramic vision seeing the future of mankind from his day until the last days (Moses 7:48)
- Enoch pled with God that He would have mercy upon the children of Noah who would become as wicked as mankind became before the flood. In response, God made a covenant with Enoch (Moses 7:49-50)

What will God do about universal wickedness?
- 7:51 — God will call upon the children of Noah (i.e., the Gospel will be preached to all Noah’s posterity). [This is the work of “the chosen seed,” and therefore, the chosen seed must be found in all the world.]
- 7:52—“a remnant of [Enoch’s seed]—the chosen seed” (see Moses 6.2; 11-23; D&C 107:40-52) descending through Noah should always be found among all nations, while the earth should stand (i.e., a remnant of the chosen seed will be found in all nations through which the promise that Noah’s seed shall be taught the Gospel). The Messiah, “the King of Zion, the Rock of Heaven,” would be born in this remnant line—whose cometh in at the gate and climbeth up by Him “shall never fall” (Moses 7:53)

When Will this Happen and What Will be the Final Outcome of Mankind 7:60-64—In last days (before and after the Second Coming), Noah’s posterity is taught the Gospel and gathered to Zion; Christ will return with all the righteous dead and unite with latter-day Zion which is perfected.

[1] 7:62—“in the last days” righteousness and truth will “sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out mine elect [i.e., the remnant]—i.e., the Gospel will be taught in all the world, remnant and Gentile;

[2] 7:62—the elect will gather to an “Holy City . . . called Zion” which must extend to “all nations” upon the earth (as decreed in 7:52)

[3] 7:62—Jehovah will establish His “tabernacle” in Zion. This has at least two meanings.

1. The Davidic dynasty (see 2 Sam. 7:11-16 reestablished (see Amos 9:11)—(a.) Jesus Christ, “the King of Zion” (Moses 7:53; Ps. 2:6; Zech. 9:9; Matt. 21:4-5) will reign (see D&C 38:17-21; 45:58-59; 58:22; 76:63; 133:25); (b.) His posterity will reign with Him as kings and queens and priests and priestesses” (see Rev. 20:4, 6; also 3:21; 5:10; D&C 43:29; 84:119). (His sons and daughters will rule as kings and queens, priests and priestesses) shall rule forever.

2. Zion shall a place of defense, a refuge “from [God’s] wrath when it shall be poured out without mixture upon the whole earth” (D&C 115:6). See also Isa. 4:2-6.

[4] 7:63—Jesus Christ will return to the earth with the city of Enoch and “the general assembly of the church of the Firstborn” to unite with the latter-day Zion (JST Gen. 9:22-23; 14:33-34) and “the sons of God should be tried so as by fire” (JST Gen. 14:35); i.e., they will meld together as a people of one heart and one mind with God

[5] 7:64—Zion will be Jehovah’s “abode” and will be perfected or completed (the meaning of the phrase, “which shall come forth out of all the creations which I have made”, in other words, Zion is the end product of every globe He has created and peopled.)

Adam holds meeting at Adam-ondi-Ahman (D&C 107:53-56)–All righteous invited; Adam gives last blessing; appearance of Jesus Christ; Adam rehearse sacred history unto the latest generation.