

This passage indicates that these generations of the heavens and of the earth were created before they were in the earth and grew upon it. The doctrines of pre-existence and spiritual creation were supported and explained by the Prophet Joseph Smith.

3. "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone." (Gen. 2:18)

So God provided a woman for him, pronouncing them one flesh and said they should cleave to each other. All this occurred before the Fall, before there was any death. Marriage was instigated in heaven, with the approval of God, and was intended to last forever.

4. "Then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods." (Gen. 3:5)

There is little doubt that God was offering man a chance to have his eyes opened, his understanding enlightened and to become as the Gods. This is the doctrine taught by the Prophet Joseph--that it is possible for man to grow in wisdom and power until he becomes as God.

5. "And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden." (Gen. 3:8)

Before his "sad experience" in the orchard, Adam talked to the Lord God face to face. So, Adam walked and talked with the Lord God before and after the Fall. This makes him more than an ordinary man.

6. "Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception. . . ." (Gen. 3:16)

This inference means that Eve had previously experienced joy in childbirth, but after the fall she would have pain and sorrow instead.

7. "And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she WAS the mother of all living." (Gen. 3:20)

This is a correct statement even when taken literally, because indeed "she WAS the mother of all living." All of her children had been born to her spiritually before this time, as she was the mother of mankind in the pre-existence.

8. "And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil. . . ." (Gen. 3:22)

Adam had already gained so much from his immortal and mortal experiences that he was considered as one of the Gods.

9. "Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called THEIR name Adam, in the day when they were created." (Gen. 5:2)

In the days of their creation, mankind was called after the name of Adam. This is no different from children born of a father in this world when he takes his father's name. Mankind took the name of Adam "in the day when they were created"--in other words, before the Fall. Thus, Adam was the literal father of all mankind before they were born on earth!

Other Ancient and Contemporary Evidences

The exalted position of Adam can be supported from many other ancient and contemporary records. Consider evidence from such sources as the Egyptians, Apostolic Fathers, Apocrypha, Dead Sea Scrolls, the Jewish, the Koran, New Testament, and a prominent contemporary scholar, Adam Clarke.