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“For he that diligently seeketh shall find; and the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto them, by the power of the Holy Ghost, as well in these times as in times of old, and as well in times of old as in times to come; wherefore, the course of the Lord is one eternal round.” (1 Nephi 10:19)

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INTRODUCTION

How the Adam-God Doctrine either is supported or contradicted by the Endowment ceremony is a subject both proponents and detractors of the Adam-God Doctrine have interest in. This paper was written to explore the historical understanding of the Endowment ceremony and how it relates to the Adam-God Doctrine: Was the Adam-God Doctrine taught in the early Mormon Endowment ceremony? How does the Adam-God Doctrine fit with the Endowment teaching that Elohim, Jehovah, and Michael created this world? These questions and others will be explored in this paper. Additionally, a history of the evolution in the understanding of the title Jehovah in early Mormonism is included as an appendix to this paper.