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First of all, I'd like to go out to the big picture so we can pull it in and help explain where this book is fitting in and its importance in the big picture. The normal big picture with the premortal experience, the first estate. The second estate, generally being tagged as mortality. The second estate should be understood in bigger terms. In this world, very few ever hear of the fullness of the gospel, Jesus Christ.

However, every father knows what he's doing. And this is important to understand as we take a look at how God is going to use a chosen seed to help bring about his ultimate purposes. And I really like Joseph Smith's statement in the editorial. He wrote in the Times and Seasons when he was continuing his introduction to temple ordinances and work for the dead.

And he made this comment, "The great Jehovah contemplated the whole of the events connected with the earth pertaining to the Plan of Salvation before it rolled into existence. The past the present and the future were and are with him one eternal now. He knew of the fall of Adam, the iniquities of the anti-diluvians, of the depth of iniquity that would be connected with the human family, their weaknesses, strengths, power, and glory, apostasies, their crimes, their righteousness and iniquity. He comprehended it all. And he was acquainted with the situation of all nations and with their destiny. He ordered all things according to the council of his own will. And he knows the situation of both the living and the dead. And he's made ample provision for the redemption, according to their several circumstances and the laws of the kingdom of God, whether in this world or in the world to come."

That's a very interesting statement. To take the house of Israel, which is what the book of Deuteronomy is all about, to put it within its context, we have to go back to promises God began to make with individuals as the gospel in its fullness given to Adam was being rejected. And lots of his posterity were not hearing of it. It is a fascinating thing for me to see that first thousand year period is given about 40 to 50 verses in the book of Genesis telling us basically of the fall. And it doesn't tell us much about Adam after the fall. It leaves a pretty bleak view of this earth because of Adam's fall. And then the next story is about the fall of Cain. And it gives some time to that and then gives a genealogy eventually down to the time of Noah.

I was researching through the Joseph Smith translations and we find out that some interesting things happen. And I want to just quickly highlight a few. If we turn to Moses six, I'd like to just show something that happens that is important in our dealing with the chosen seed. As we go on in this whole entire story and we look closely at the story of Enoch, turn to Moses chapter seven, And Enoch has learned a lot about the wickedness of the world and it is becoming an extremely wicked place, "but the Lord came and dwelt with his people and they dwelt in righteousness." Section 107 verse 49, after it tells us Enoch is ordained, it says "He saw the Lord and he walked with him and was before his face continually in a dark age." There is this city, but it's only a city. The majority of mankind are going downhill fast, but Enoch and his people have the Lord with them.

Verse 17 of Moses chapter seven says, "The fear of the Lord was upon all nations. So great was the glory of the Lord which was upon his people." Enoch's City is his people. Now we remember that with the fall, all mankind are born into a fallen condition and suffer a spiritual death. And the gospel is the means of them becoming his children. Again, back to Moses seven, the glory of God was upon his people. And verse 17 says the Lord blessed the land and they were blessed upon the mountains and upon the high places and did flourish. They're being blessed with prosperity. Now, this is extremely important to understand all that's being laid out as a type and pattern for what the Lord is going to be doing with the house of Israel. The chosen seed are to create Zion, to teach all the world.

That is what is bothering Enoch. He's just seen the world is going to pot. And the best he can do is the creation of a city of Zion. He sees that this world is the worst of all of God's worlds. The Lord simply says to him, verse 36 in Moses seven, "And among all the workmanship of mine hands there has not been so great wickedness as among thy brethren." That is a horrific statement because we know as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be upon the second coming. It becomes clear that there is total rejection. They will not listen to the gospel and they're going to have to be destroyed. And Enoch sees the destruction by the flood of waters. Enoch sees that suffering and it hurts him because a lot of them are his descendants. It comes down to only eight righteous people.

However, God prepared a way for them. And through the flood,

the ark saved them. Life continued afterwards. And he saw all the way down to the coming of Christ. It says in Moses seven verse 46, "He saw the meridian of time in the days of wickedness and vengeance." Nothing changed. It's as wicked after as it was before. These promises made to the fathers extend back, we know to Israel, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, but they extend back all the way to Enoch. In the story of Enoch, we're told of a covenant God made with Enoch with promises affecting the entire family of God, asking in the name of Jesus Christ to have mercy on Noah's seed. They would no more ever be destroyed by flood of water. Verse 51 says, "And the Lord could not withhold. And he covenanted with Enoch and swear unto him with an oath."

Wow. Gee, talk about the three big covenant words, covenanted, swear, oath. That he would stay the floods, that he would call upon the children of Noah. Let me just remind you of what we were told their mission was. Moses 6:23 said, "They were preachers of righteousness and speak and prophesy and called upon all men everywhere to repent." He knows them from the beginning and he knows that most of Noah's seed are going to never hear it in this life. Yet he's promised to call upon all the children of Noah.