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The rainbow in the clouds is but a symbol of the rainbow which has encircled the throne from eternity. ***Back in the ages, which finite mind cannot fathom, the Father and Son were alone in the universe. Christ was the first begotten of the Father,*** and to Him Jehovah made known the divine plan of Creation. The plan of the creation of worlds was unfolded, together with the order of beings which should people them. Angels, as representatives of one order, would be ministers of the God of the universe. The creation of our own little world, was included in the deep-laid plans. The fall of Lucifer was foreseen; likewise the possibility of the introduction of sin, which would mar the perfection of the divine handiwork. It was then, in those early councils, that Christ's heart of love was touched; and the only begotten Son pledged His life to redeem man, should he yield and fall. ***Father and Son,*** surrounded by impenetrable glory, clasped hands. ***It was in appreciation of this offer, that upon Christ was bestowed creative power,*** and the everlasting covenant was made; and henceforth ***Father and Son, with one mind, worked together to complete the work of creation.*** Sacrifice of self for the good of others was the foundation of it all. (Stephen N. Haskell, *The Story of the Seer of Patmos*, pages 93, 94, 1905)

Before the creation of our world, “there was war in heaven.” ***Christ and the Father covenanted together;*** and Lucifer, the covering cherub, grew jealous because he was not admitted into the eternal councils of ***the Two who sat upon the throne.*** (Stephen N. Haskell, *The Story of the Seer of Patmos*, pages 217, 1905)

Christ was the firstborn in heaven; He was likewise the firstborn of God upon earth, and heir to the Father’s throne. Christ, the firstborn, though the Son of God, was clothed in humanity, and was made perfect through suffering. He took the form of man, and through eternity, He will remain a man. (Stephen N. Haskell, *The Story of the Seer of Patmos*, pages 98, 99, 1905)