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- ❖ In our last lesson, we saw that man's fall resulted in their disqualification to rule. **Separated from the purpose that God had stated in Gen. 1:26-28. Not having dominion, nor power and authority.** Let's revisit Psalms 8 and Hebrews 2 once again.

Psalms 8:4 "What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? **5** For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor"
6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under his feet,"

This same Psalm is quoted by the author of the Book of Hebrews as he was inspired to write about the coming Messianic Era (Millennial Kingdom). The text reveals that the "world [Lit., the inhabited earth] to come will no longer be subjected to the angels who presently rule over the earth (We are looking at this in more details).

Heb. 2:5 "For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels **6** But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him? **7** You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands. **8** You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him. **9** But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone".

After the suffering even to death of the cross, He was given the name above all other names, and seated at the Father's right hand far above all principality and power and might and dominion. Note; not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Eph. 1:20 "which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, **21** far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come."

Phil. 2:9 "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth..."

- ❖ From our scripture here in Hebrews it is quite clear that God has set man over the works of His hands and that God has put all things – remember the all things from Colossians Chapter 1 – under man's feet. Yet we do not see all things put under man.
- ❖ What I would like us to see is that the plan and purpose that God had for man which He stated when He was creating man will still come to pass as no one can thwart it. This scripture in Isaiah states exactly that;
Isaiah 46:9 "Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like Me, **10** Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand,
And I will do all My pleasure,"

Gen. 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

a). The creation of the heavens and the earth at the beginning of God's revelation to man is clearly not an arbitrary event or a random act – no, it is with purpose and reason within God's plans for the eternal ages.

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b). Now as we look at the opening words of all of scripture we see that God, the Hebrew plural noun 'Elohim' participates in the creation of the heavens and the earth. In other words all three parts of the trinity were involved in this – **God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

c). We would note that when God speaks of 'the heavens', He is referring to the invisible heavens connected with the earth from which ruler ship over the earth takes place - **Dan 4:26** "*.....the heavens do rule*".

❖ And now let us note the following verses;

a). **Col 1:16** "*For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.*"

According to v. 16-20;

✓ What did God create in the heavens?

✓ What did He create on the earth?

✓ According to v. 20, what did God reconcile?

This passage reveals that not only were earthly things needed to be reconciled through the blood of Jesus on the cross, but heavenly things also.

✓ So, why would reconciliation be needed and what do you think happened?

❖ The following will help us in answering our questions and will also help us to understand why the serpent deceived Eve and caused them to be disqualified to rule.

a). Lucifer, the beautifully created angelic being was given jurisdiction over the original creation- **Ezek.**

28:14 "*You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones*

b). Some time in eternity past Satan (then Lucifer) and a third of the angels given to him rebelled against God by wanted to exalt his throne above the stars of God, above the heights of the clouds and be like the Most High.

Isa 14:12 "*How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'*"

Ezek. 28:13 "*You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. 14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.*

15 *You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. 16 "By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. 17 "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you.*

18 "*You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading;"*

c). This rebellion was about ruler ship and as a result of this rebellion the material creation of **Genesis 1:1**, the province given into Satan's charge, became ruined; As the Scriptures state, his sanctuaries (plural) became

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profaned, or desecrated, which would refer to both the earth and the heavens that surround the earth (**Eze. 28:18**)

Gen. 1:2 *"The earth became without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep."*

d). As a result of his rebellion, he was disqualified to rule and God needed a replacement.

e). Then in the process that follows, God spends six days restoring the ruined material creation, so as to establish it in preparation for an entirely **new set of rulers** who would be created for that specific purpose (please revisit the **Septenary arrangement of scripture lesson**). The restoration that is covered in **Gen 1:3 -31** and in **Gen 1:26-28**, God stated the purpose for creating man.

f). The man created to rule and reign did not pass the test of obedience, which led God to curse the serpent, the earth, the woman and the man (**Gen 3:1-24**). The serpent deceived the woman and disqualified them, therefore leaving the scepter of authority in the hands of the devil, until another man is tested, and found worthy to take over.

g). Meanwhile as the process of reconciliation continues, the devil is in charge of this world up to date, ruling from the heavens above, and the manifestation of the same is seen here on earth (**Dan 10:10-14**).

- ❖ Note: Even though the devil as the original ruler rebelled, he still continues to rule but as a rebellious ruler! God's principle of governance requires that an incumbent ruler continues to be in authority until another is found worthy to replace him(See the example of Saul and David)
- **John 14:30** *I will not speak much more with you, for the **ruler of the world** is coming, and he has nothing in me (Jesus is speaking)*
- **2 Corinthians 4** *"In whose case the **god of this world** has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."*
- **Ephe.6:12** *"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places".*
- **Ephe. 2** *"...the prince of the power of the air..."*
- **1John 5:19** *We know (for a fact) that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] lies in the power of the evil one.*
- **Mat. 4:8-10** *"Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "*
- **John18:36** *"Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."*
- ❖ As the devil rules over the heavens above, God is in the process of restoring man, then the earth. This work is in the hands of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ He deceived the one who was to replace him and so disqualified the first man, the first Adam from the purpose for which he was created for, but thank God: Jesus Christ the second man, the last Adam came and was tested, found worthy, and is currently sitting at the right hand of the father as our High Priest with the role of cleansing the one to rule with. Man is going through the test of obedience so as to qualify to

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rule and reign with Christ in a time yet future. At that time, the purpose for creating man as stated in **Gen 1:26-28** will be realized and man will no longer be lower than the angels. Hallelujah!!!!

- ❖ For man to attain the position for which he was created, and be elevated 'above the angels'; He must prove himself worthy to replace the incumbent ruler. His experience must parallel that seen in days 1 through 6 in Genesis Chapter 1 – there is no other way That pattern that has already been set, is a process brought about by the work of the Spirit over a time frame pictured in the six days of work given to the restoration of the material creation, culminating in a seventh day of rest.
- ❖ **Rev. 11:15** *"Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"*
- ❖ **Rev. 19:7** *"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*
9 *Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' "*
And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."
- ❖ **Rev. 20:6** *"Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."*
- ❖ **Rev. 22:5** *"There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever."*

- ❖ Can you now see how salvation cannot be separated from the reason for man's creation and how man's creation cannot be separated from God's plans and purposes for him?

QUESTIONS

- 1). In the Hebrews 2 passage, what did Jesus receive after the suffering of death
- 2). What other scriptures did we look at
- 3). What do we learn from His example (not in the notes)
- 4). From our study, we know that man did not get to rule. Was God's plan and purpose for him thwarted?
- 5). From our Col. 1 scripture, what needed to be reconciled and why?
- 6). How can we understand the state of the earth in Gen. 1:2?
- 7). What did God do after Gen 1:2 and for what purpose?
- 8). What does that mean for us?
- 9). What scriptures support who the incumbent ruler is?
- 10). How do we understand they 7th Day, the Day of rest?

- ❖ May the Lord bless you and may He reward your diligence(Heb. 11:6)!!!!