

# THE KINGDOM RESTORED.

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## GOD'S ORIGINAL DESIGN: -

- God's original design in creating this earth was so that it might be inhabited.  
Isaiah 45:18: - "For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; **God himself that formed the earth and made it**; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, **he formed it to be inhabited**: I [am] the LORD; and [there is] none else."

The Lord created mankind; he made them male and female, so that they could have the dominion over this world and all the animal creation upon it.

Genesis 1:26-28: - "And God said, **Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.** So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: **and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.**"

Psalms 115:16: - "The heaven, [even] the heavens, [are] the LORD's: **but the earth hath he given to the children of men.**"

God gave this dominion over the earth to morally upright mankind.

Ecclesiastes 7:29: - "Lo, this only have I found, **that God hath made man upright**; but they have sought out many inventions."

Man's dominion over this world and the animal creation was to be complete.

Psalms 8:6-8: - "**Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all [things] under his feet**: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, [and whatsoever] passeth through the paths of the seas."

Hebrews 2:7 & 8: - "Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, **and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast 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 see not yet all things put under him."

But God also placed our first parents under a test. They were not allowed to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. If they disobeyed this express command from God, they would come under the power of death, and they would forfeit this perfect dominion.

Genesis 2:16 & 17: - "**And the LORD God commanded the man**, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**"

Unfortunately, the Scriptures record the tragic fact that our first parents failed to obey this express command of God, and ate from the forbidden tree. By doing so, they fell under the power of death.

Genesis 3:6: - "And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, **she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.**"

Genesis 3:19: - "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, **till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return.**"

## THE DOMINION WAS SEIZED BY A USURPER: -

- All that was encompassed in this first dominion is no longer under the control of man, as we can see in the following statement from the apostle Paul.

Hebrews 2:8: - "Thou hast 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 see not yet all things put under him.**"

When the Wicked One overcame our first parents, they were brought into the bondage of sin.

Romans 6:16: - "**Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?**"

2 Peter 2:19: - "While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: **for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.**"

The Old Serpent, the Devil and Satan was the wicked being that overcame our first parents.

Genesis 3:4-6: - "**And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.** And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

2 Corinthians 11:3: - "But I fear, lest by any means, **as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety,** so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

Revelation 12:9: - "**And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world:** he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Satan claimed in his temptations of Christ to hold the dominion of this world within his power.

Luke 4:5-7: - "**And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.** And the devil said unto him, **All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.** If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine."

Jesus calls him "**the prince of this world**".

John 12:31: - "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall **the prince of this world** be cast out."

Paul also calls him "**the god of this world**".

2 Corinthians 4:4: - "In whom **the god of this world** hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

## THE RESTORER: -

- Paul introduces a Restorer into the equation, who is to receive all of the first dominion that was forfeited by our first parents.

Hebrews 2:9 & 10: - "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. **For it became him, for whom [are] all things, and by whom [are] all things,** in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

Jesus who is the Son of David, and who is the king who shall sit upon the throne of David has the right to rule this first dominion.

Ezekiel 21:25-27: - "And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity [shall have] an end, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **Remove the diadem, and take off the crown:** this [shall] not [be] the same: exalt [him that is] low, and abase [him that is] high. **I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no [more], until he come whose right it is; and I will give it [him].**"

Luke 1:31-33: - "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name **JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

The Word of God – Christ, obtained this right because he is the Creator of all things in the Universe.

John 1:1-3: - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**"

The coming of the Son of God into this world was to result in the destruction of both the usurper himself and his works of sin.

Hebrews 2:14: - "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.**"

Hebrews 9:26: - "For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: **but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.**"

1 John 3:8: - "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**"

The Lord prophesied of the conflict between the Restorer – Christ and the Usurper – Satan, straight after the fall of our first parents. But the Lord also foresaw the ultimate victory of Christ over Satan at this time.

Genesis 3:14 & 15: - **“And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou [art] cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”**

## THE RESTORATION: -

- The Lord through the prophet Micah has informed us that **“the first dominion”** or **“the kingdom”** shall come again.  
Micah 4:8: - “And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, **even the first dominion; the kingdom** shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.”  
**NB:** - The Scriptures have recorded for us this **“first dominion”** which is found in Genesis Chapters 1 & 2. The primitive glory of that dominion will be restored to this earth again.

Numbers 14:21: - “But [as] truly [as] I live, **all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.**”

All things are going to be restored again to their original perfection.

Acts 3:20 & 21: - “And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive **until the times of restitution of all things**, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.”

When this restoration does take place, there will be no wicked people alive on the earth. The Lord in righteous judgment will have destroyed them.

Isaiah 11:4 & 9: - “But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: **and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.** ... They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.”

## THE HEIRS OF THE RESTORED KINGDOM: -

- The restored **“first dominion”** has been promised to Abraham and his seed (that is his spiritual offspring). It is the promised inheritance of the earth made new, wherein righteousness dwells.  
Romans 4:13: - **“For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, [was] not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.”**

2 Peter 3:13: - “Nevertheless we, according to his promise, **look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**”

Those who are of faith and who thus belong to Christ are Abraham’s true seed, and they will inherit the promises with their spiritual father Abraham.

Galatians 3:7 & 29: - “Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.** ... **And if ye [be] Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.**”

This restoration has been promised to those who are meek in character.

Psalms 37:11: - **“But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.”**

## THE TIME OF THE RESTORATION: -

Mathew 5:5: - **“Blessed [are] the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.”**

- Jesus has promised that the heirs shall inherit this kingdom, when he sits upon the throne of his glory, in the scene of the Final Judgment.  
Matthew 25:31-34: - **“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth [his] sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”**

This everlasting kingdom is to be possessed by the saints of the Lord, and is to be located under the whole heaven. The Lord can only set it up **after** he destroys all earthly kingdoms and governments.

Daniel 2:44: - “And in the days of these kings shall **the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed:** and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, **[but] it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.**”

Daniel 7:18 & 27: - **“But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. ... And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom [is] an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.”**

The saints of God are defined as being Commandment keepers. This entitles them to the right to have access to the Tree of Life, and to be able to enter into the Holy City, the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 14:12: - **“Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”**

Revelation 22:14: - **“Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”**

Thus all the righteous shall come and worship before the Lord every new month and every Sabbath day for all eternity.

Isaiah 66:22 & 23: - **“For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, [that] from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.”**