

Wednesday, JUNE 11th, 2008
The FOUNDATION of our FAITH
(PART XIII)
DIVISION #2

THE PERSONAL WORD OF GOD
-JESUS CHRIST AND THE FUTURE KINGDOM OF GOD-
OPENING TEXT: Genesis 1:26-29

- I. God's ORIGINAL form of government was a THEOCRACY.
- II. This term literally means "God - Rule" and refers to a form of government in which God's RULE is administered by a REPRESENTATIVE.
- III. ADAM was chosen to be that "REPRESENTATIVE" and as such had to be in God's IMAGE.
- IV. After Satan successfully persuaded Adam to join him in his Revolt against God (Genesis 3:1-6), the resulting "Law" led to several TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES:
 1. THEOCRACY was lost to planet Earth;
 2. THEOCRACY was replaced by "SATANOCRACY."
- V. EVIDENCES of Radical CHANGE:
 1. In the Revolt, Adam had essentially handed over the Authority to The Enemy. (Luke 4 : 5-6)
 2. Jesus Himself called SATAN; "the prince of this world". The word "PRINCE" literally means "Ruler"
 3. The Apostle Paul called SATAN; "the god of this world (age)". (II Corinthians 11: 3; Ephesians 6: 11-12)
 4. The Apostle John declared that "the whole world lieth in wickedness" (I John 5: 19). NOTE: The word "wickedness" has a definite article in the Greek which allows this to be more correctly translated "THE Wicked One".
 5. James asked, "Know ye not that friendship with the world is enmity with God?" (James 4:4) Then he warned, "whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

* "Will" - is a word that carries the force of "intending" or "purposing"
(cf. I John 2:15)

6. Believers are "STRANGERS and PILGRIMS on the earth."
(Hebrews 11: 3 ; 1 Peter 2: 11)

"IN it, NOT OF it!"

WARNING!!!: You are in ENEMY territory!!!

VI. There is a 3rd TRAGIC CONSEQUENCE of Adam's
joining SATAN'S revolt against God :

3. All of NATURE came under a CURSE.

This included both

- Agriculture, as well as
- the Animal kingdom.

→ (Genesis 3:17-19)

(cf. Romans 18:19-22)

VII. The Enemy's MOTIVATION for his revolt was to be "like
the most High God" (Isaiah 14: 12-14)

VII. The Enemy determined to overthrow God by overthrowing
His human Representative. But this was only ONE of
MANY Attacks which SATAN has waged against
God throughout human history.

VIII. God has revealed that there are 3 THINGS which He must do
before the History of this present earth ends:

1. God must Crush His enemy, SATAN, by ridding the
earth of him and his "World-system rule;

(cf. Genesis 3:15) - "Blaise" = crush; in the
context of a serpent, this is done by a human foot with
a quick, crushing BLOW TO IT'S
HEAD.

2. God must Restore His Theocentric Kingdom rule to
this earth.

This is absolutely essential to fulfilling God's
purpose for world history

3. God must Remove the curse from nature and thereby
Restore nature to the way it was before man's fall.
(Isaiah 11: 1-5)

IX. 6 New Testament Scriptures contain information which helps to identify Jesus Christ as the Future "ADAM" whom God foretold in the OLD TESTAMENT.

1. Various Witnesses acknowledged that Jesus was the Son of God: * God Himself - (Matthew 3:17)
* the angel Gabriel - (Luke 1:26,27, 35)
* Demons --(Matthew 8:28,29), and
* Human Beings - (Matthew 16:16)
2. These same also recognized that Jesus was Christ, the MESSIAH.
3. Jesus Christ came into the world as a Child born of a WOMAN.
4. He was a biological descendant of David.
5. Jesus claimed to be the SON of God. (Matthew 8:6; 16:13)
6. The Apostle Paul called Jesus "the LAST ADAM" (I Corinthians 15:45) who became incarnated in human flesh in order to be the future ADAM foretold by God..

X. 3 KEY ACTIONS that The "SECOND ADAM" will perform to counteract the damage caused by the FIRST "ADAM".

1. He will CRUSH Satan
2. He will restore the THEOCRATIC Kingdom of God to this earth
3. He will REMOVE the curse and, consequently, REGENERATE nature. (cf. Rev. 20:4-6; Acts 3:19-21)

XI. CONCLUSION:

Through Jesus Christ the MESSIAH, God will one day take back RULE of His Kingdom on earth, reinstating the THEOCRACY with which it was first governed and removing the CURSE on nature that came with man's FALL. Until that time, we look forward to and pray for His Kingdom to come. (Matthew 6:10)