

"The Supremacy of Jesus Christ"

Part 2

Rev. 1:6-8

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3. He is the "ruler of the kings of the earth"

- Christ now rules from heaven.
- He is the ruler over all governments, even though the world lies in rebellion and unbelief. Nations, kings, and governments rise and fall by His sovereign authority and power.
- Before the Book of Revelation is over, Jesus will take dominion over every earthly king.
- Someday He will rule on the earth over all.

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His 3-fold ministry to us -

1. Christ loves us. (present tense)

It was Jesus Christ's love for us that motivated Him to go to the cross and die for our sins.

John 3:16

16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Rom 5:8

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

2. Christ has released us.

- a. From Satan's kingdom of darkness

Col 1:13-14

13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- b. From Satan's world system (Eph. 2:2a)
- c. From Satan himself (Eph. 2:2b)
- d. From the sons of disobedience (Eph. 2:2c)
- f. From our old sin nature. (Eph. 2:3a)
- e. From the wrath of God. (Eph. 2:3b)

Eph 2:1-5

- 1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
- 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.
- 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
- 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
- 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

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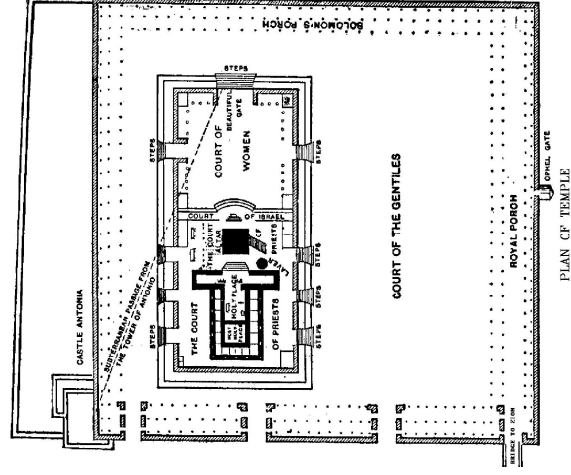
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2. Offer spiritual sacrifices.

Rom 12:1

1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

1 Peter 2:5

5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Heb 13:15

15 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

3. Represent God to men.

1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR GOD'S OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

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Ex 13:21

21 The Lord was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light,

Ex 16:10

10 It came about as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

Ex 19:9

9 The Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I will come to you in a thick cloud, so that the people may hear when I speak with you and may also believe in you forever."

Ex 24:15-16

15 Then Moses went up to the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

16 The glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days;

Dan 7:13

13 "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him.

Isa 19:1

Behold, the Lord is riding on a swift cloud and is about to come to Egypt;

Matt 24:30

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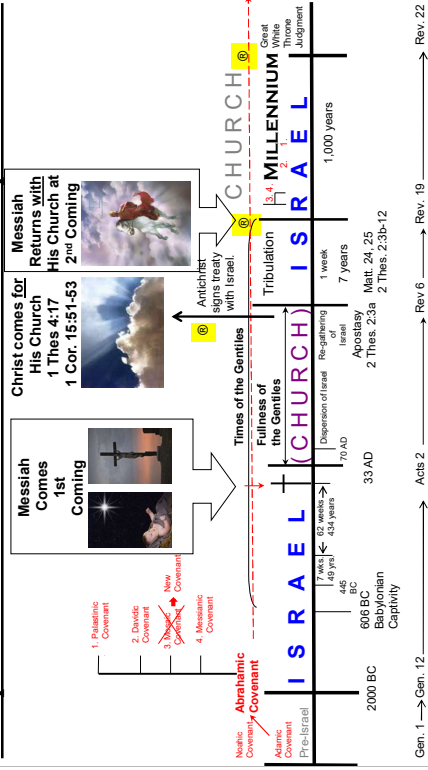
1 Thess 4:15-17

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



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John 1:11-12

11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

Acts 2:22-23

22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know —

23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

Zech 12:4

10 "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

Rom 11:25-26

25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery — so that you will not be wise in your own estimation — that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved

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 4. The eternal, omnipotent God of the universe Who plans, ordains, and knows everything will bring it all to pass so read and study the book of Revelation in the security and confidence that all of it is God's sovereign will. (8)

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Rev 21:6

- 6 Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Rev 22:12-13

- 12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.
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Heb 12:2

- 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,

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- "to have strength and might over all. One who has his hand on everything. One who has a firm grip."
It speaks of the great sovereign control of the Lord Jesus over everything – past, present, and future.

He is Almighty in sustaining His people, yet equally Almighty in judgment on His enemies.

The Supremacy of Jesus Christ

10 Reasons why Jesus Christ is Supreme:
Because:

1. He is a faithful witness.
2. He is the preeminent one raised from the dead.
3. He is the ruler of the kings of the earth.
4. He continually loves those who belong to Him.
5. He has released us from the consequences of our sin.
6. He has made a kingdom of which all believers are priests.
7. He will come again in glory and great power.
8. He will save all of Israel and He will defeat all of His enemies.
9. He is the A-Z, the beginning and the end.
10. He is the Almighty.



**Elisha A. Hoffman
(1839-1929)**

Elisha Albright (E. A.) Hoffman was the son of an Evangelical minister. He grew up singing sacred hymns both in church and in the home with his parents. His musical education was limited. He is not a graduate of any School of Music, but he was a natural musician. All the musical knowledge he had was gained by personal application. Mr. Hoffman's first impressions of music came from hearing the voice of sacred song in the home. His parents both had sweet voices and sang well. It was their custom, in the hour of family worship, both morning and evening, to sing one or two hymns. At an early age, the children became familiar with these hymns and learned to love them and to feel their hallowing and refining power. Their lives were marvelously influenced by this little service of song in the home. After completing high school, Hoffman furthered his education at Union Seminary in New Berlin, Pennsylvania, and was subsequently ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1868. Following his seminary education, Hoffman began work with the publishing branch of the Evangelical Association in Cleveland, Ohio. After serving in this position for 11 years, Hoffman held several pastoral positions in the Midwest. He pastored churches in both Cleveland and Grafton, Ohio, in the 1880s; moved to Benton Harbor, Michigan and the First Presbyterian Church in the mid-1890s; and finished his ministry in Cabery, Illinois from 1911-22. Hoffman died in 1929 in Chicago, Illinois, and is buried there in Oak Woods Cemetery. During the course of his life, Hoffman composed over 2,000 hymns, and edited over 50 song books. Among his most popular are: "What a Wonderful Saviour!", "Enough for Me," "Are You Washed in the Blood?," "No Other Friend Like Jesus," "I Must Tell Jesus," "Is Your All on the Altar?," and many others.

Glory to His Name

1. Down at the cross where my Savior died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His name!
Refrain
Glory to His name, glory to His name!
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His name!
2. I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within;
There at the cross where He took me in;
Glory to His name!
Refrain
Glory to His name, glory to His name!
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His name!
3. Oh, precious fountain that saves from
sin,
I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me
clean;
Glory to His name!
Refrain
Glory to His name, glory to His name!
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4. Come to this fountain so rich and
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