



# *Welcome To Open Bible Hour*

*Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!*

*Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.*

*If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.*

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# “WHO RULES THE WORLD?”

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"WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM?

OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?

7 "YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS;

YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR,

AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

8 YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET."

For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.

9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

# ***Who Rules the World?***

\*God is ultimately the sovereign king in control of all creation – always has been . . . always will be. He has however delegated authority over the world to 3 different individuals at 3 different times.

## **I. Man. (5-8)**

5 For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking.

***Chosen angels were created before man but at no time have they ever nor will they ever control the world.***

6 But one has testified somewhere, saying,

"WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM?

OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?

***The universe is but a speck to God . . . Our galaxy is but a speck in the universe . . . Our solar system is but a speck in our galaxy . . . Planet Earth is but a speck in our solar system . . . Minnesota is but a speck on planet earth . . . The Twin Cities is but a speck in Minnesota . . . You are but a speck in the Twin Cities.***

7 "YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER  
THAN THE ANGELS;

***Man has been made temporarily lower than the  
angels in rank but that will change.***

## **1 Cor 6:3**

3 Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more matters of this life?

## **2 Peter 2:4**

4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

## **Jude 6**

6 And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

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YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR, AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

8 YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET."

For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him.

***The creation of man was a glorious event.***

***Man now wore the crown as appointed ruler of the world.***

***All things were placed in subjection to man.***

## **Gen 1:26-28**

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."



## II. Satan and the Kingdom of Darkness. (8b)

8b But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.

- *Because of the Fall, man lost his dominion and his rulership. That rulership was usurped by Satan and his kingdom.*

- *Satan now wears the crown and exercises the rulership that was first given to man.*

### **John 12:31**

31 "Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

### **John 14:30**

30 "I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me;

### **John 16:11**

11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

## **Eph 2:1-2**

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,**

## **2 Cor 4:4**

4 in whose case the **god of this world** has blinded the minds of the unbelieving

## **1 John 5:19**

19 We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in **the power of the evil one.**

### III. Jesus Christ. (9)

9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death **crowned** with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

***-Jesus Christ took the form of man and therefore was lower than the angels.***

***-From His death He was raised above everyone and everything and given the crown of rulership and dominion.***

***-That rulership is delayed until He returns to the earth and rules as King over the earth from the throne of David in the Millennial kingdom.***

***-Upon the destruction of this earth and the creation of the new heavens and the new earth, Christ will reign forever throughout eternity.***

***-Therefore the crown once lost by man to Satan will be reclaimed by Christ and man will reign once again under Christ to rule not only this world but all of the universe.***

## **2 Tim 2:12**

2 If we endure, we will also **reign** with Him;  
If we deny Him, He also will deny us;

## **Rev 20:6**

6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will **reign** with Him for a thousand years.

## **Rom 8:16-17**

16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,  
17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and **fellow heirs** with Christ,

## **2 Tim 4:7-8**

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;  
8 in the future there is laid up for me the **crown** of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

## **James 1:12**

12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the **crown** of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

## **Rev 2:10**

10 Be faithful until death, and I will give you the **crown** of life.

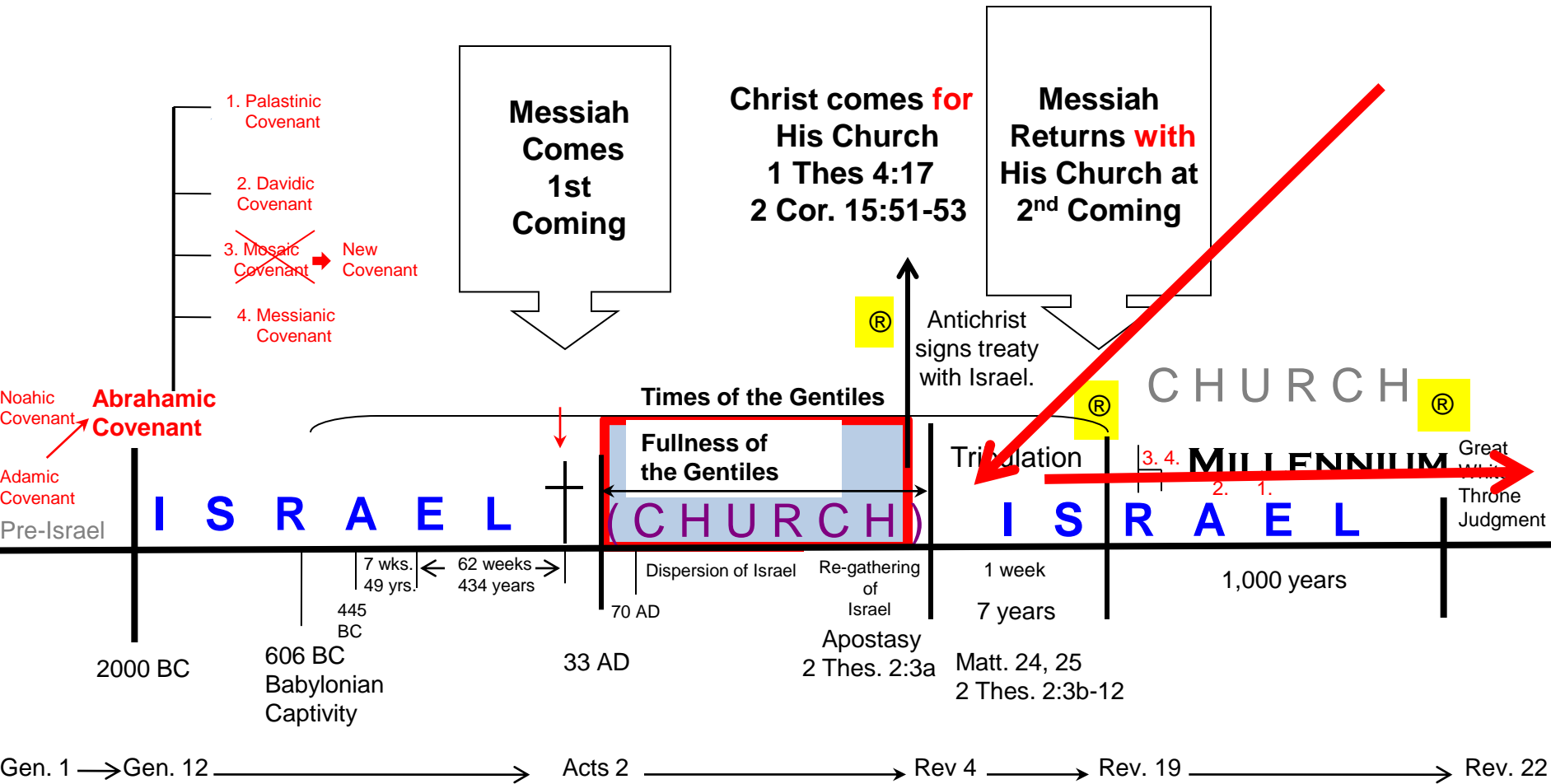
## **Phil 4:1**

4 Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and **crown**, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.

## **1 Peter 5:4**

4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading **crown** of glory.

# Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



® = Resurrection

Creation

Fall

Millennium

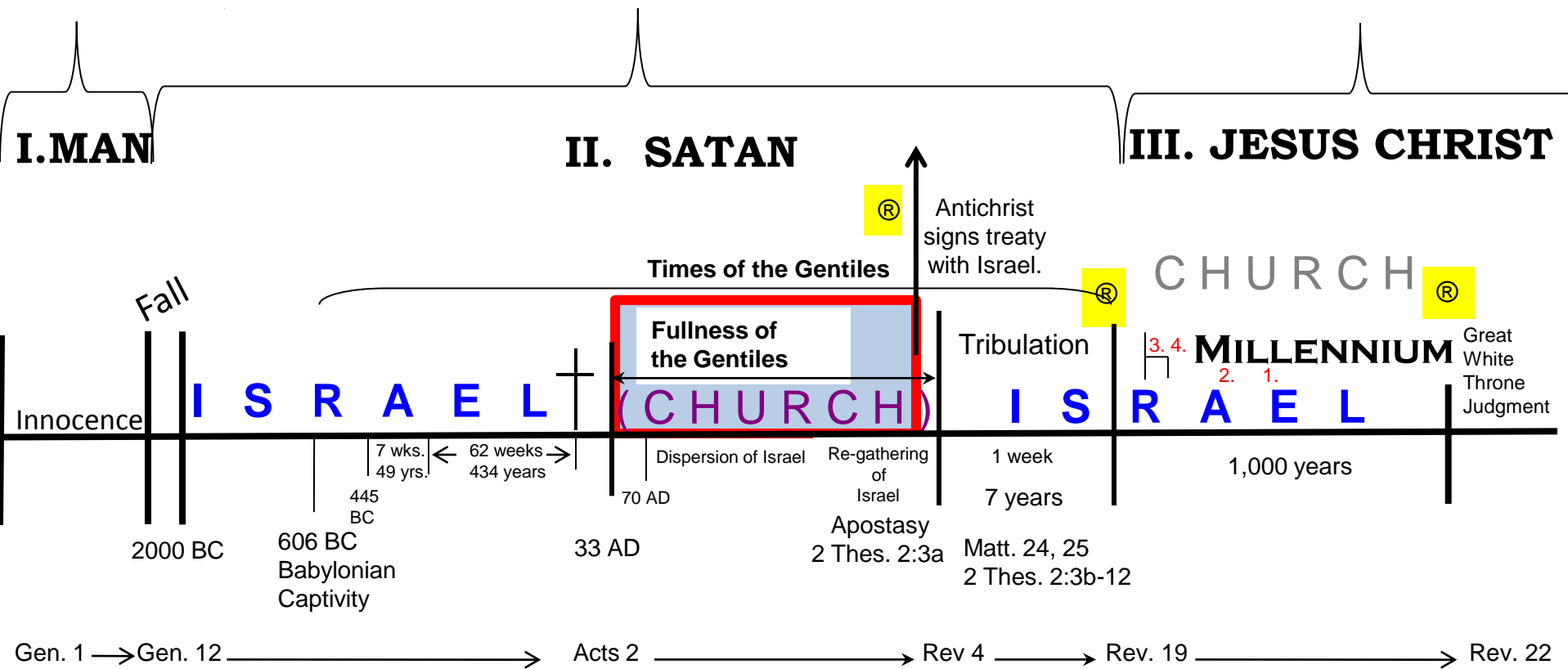
Man

Satan

Jesus Christ



# Who Rules the World?



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# **Application**

1. Jesus Christ is superior to angels because of His exalted position of rulership in the world to come.
2. Jesus Christ will take back that which Satan took in the Fall.
3. Whenever we sin we are allowing Satan to temporarily usurp rulership over our lives.
4. Mankind (redeemed) will be given another opportunity for rulership under their king when they reach heaven and are positioned as joint-heirs with Christ.