

## I. Review

Are you ready to learn some Bible today? You better be because we are going to get into the Bible today!

### ❖ God has Given Man Dominion over All of His Creation on Earth

As you know we have been coming through Psalms 8 and last week we talked about how God gave dominion of his creation over to man. He gave him dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, the sheep and the oxen and the beasts of the field (Psalms 8:7-8). I don't know if you caught this or not. Did you notice he says fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, beasts of the field but then he names sheep and oxen. **Why did he name those two and not name anything about the rest?** This is the same thing that you find in Genesis 1:21-24 where again, he names whales and cattle. That is a great key in your Bible! Those are the hidden things in the Bible!

Last Thursday night around midnight Taylor Swift released her brand new album. In her album she has hidden things. I guess half the world stayed up all night trying to decode Taylor Swift's songs to find the hidden messages. Travis Kelce is all you need to know! I thought to myself what if God's people would try to get into the Bible to find the secret hidden things of the word of God like this! If God's people would spend that amount of time trying to unlock the secrets of the Bible like Psalms 8. Wow! How much more we could learn about God and the Bible.

### ❖ Man's Dominion has Boundaries.

I showed you out of Acts 17:26-27 and Deuteronomy 32:7-8 how **God has set the boundaries for man**. The "**bounds of their habitation**" it says. We talked about how outer space is out of bounds for man and that he was never given dominion over that. God did that so man could be happy and live in peace. The Bible says that man could seek the Lord and find Him and then fellowship with Him. He starts this project in Genesis 1 and 2 with Adam and Eve in the garden. He gives Adam dominion over everything. Then we see in Genesis 3 the devil moving in opposition to disrupt the plan of God. History on this earth will be one of man continually waging warfare because he continually gets out of bounds. Every war in the history of planet earth is nothing more than somebody trying to get out of bounds to take over somebody else to rule them and in time to rule the world. Getting out of the bounds that God has put him in to take over and enslave the world.

### ❖ What Man has done with All that God has Given Him Dominion Over

Then we looked at Romans 1. Romans is the handbook of New Testament doctrine for the church. It is the defining book of what the New Testament church should believe and teach within New Testament doctrine. When you get into Romans chapter 3-16 you will see chapter by chapter that he covers the things that we are to hang onto and teach in the church age. But

before he gets into that, in chapter 1 and 2, he shows you two people groups on this earth that God deals with. In chapter 1 he shows us the **Gentile mindset when he rejects God**. In Chapter 2 he shows us **the nation of Israel's mindset when they reject God**. Two people groups both reject God but from two different aspects. Very important to understand!

We laid out in chapter 1 the Gentiles and what they did with God's word how they changed it and the mess that we are in today because of it. In Romans 1 we defined the term depravity of man. Man in his sinfulness. Man in his very worse state. What the Gentiles did with God's creation and God's glory. How man gets rid of God and makes himself a god and worships the creature more than the creator.

## II. Psalms 8:5

Today we are back in Psalms 8. I want you to see one more time how all this fits into our world today. Most people are so shallow in life today. They don't understand much about anything. Especially with the school system the way it is today. Kids are not taught anything about anything. This has been going on for two or three generations now, so many times their parents are in the same situation. One of the main things that we fail to do is learn from history. History is the key to the future of everything that goes on. Yet when you look at history, one of the amazing things about it is that there are **three parts to history**. You have the **past, present and future**. You must have all three parts. If you remove one part, you lose the other two. If you don't know where you have come from, and you can't explain to me where you are going. Please don't try to tell me you know where you are at. **You remove any one part of history, and you lose history!**

I am going to read all of Psalms 8. You are going to get a chance to **pick up some things today that will be keys to you unlocking the rest of the Bible.**

1. *O LORD our Lord, how excellent [is] thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.*
2. *Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.*
3. *When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;*
4. *What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?*
5. ***For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.***
6. *Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all [things] under his feet:*
7. *All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;*
8. *The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, [and whatsoever] passeth through the paths of the seas.*
9. *O LORD our Lord, how excellent [is] thy name in all the earth!*

We are going to focus on verse 5 today. It says God made man a little lower than the angels.

### III. God's Order & Structure of His Spiritual Beings

I want to take a moment today before we delve into this and **show you God's order and structure of the spiritual beings in His creation**. **This is vital that you get this into your Bible.** You read about these all the time. Most people don't know what to do with them. It is an absolute nightmare how people look at these things. They don't have a clue from the Bible as to what they are.

You know how we operate here; we are Bible believers. The Bible is the final authority for everything that we do. One of the things you always want to remember about the Bible is you never take anything past where the Bible takes it. If the Bible takes you to a point and that is where it leaves you then that is where you stay. From that point on so many people try to conger up another idea or another way of looking at things that is not found in the word of God. We don't do that here. **The Bible is the final authority for everything that we do in faith and practice. We stick with the Book!**

I want you to get these in your Bible so that when you run across them you will know what you are dealing with. Each one of these will have a different function in God's heavenly host that He created. Again, there is so much bad teaching on this that you really must be careful. As I give you this list, I put them in what I think is the level of structure that is found in the Bible. I tried to work from what I believe is from the top down.

#### 1.) SERAPHIMS – Connected with the Altar of God.

They are the least known heavenly beings in God's creation. There is only one chapter in the Bible that you find any reference to them. Very little information is given about them. We find them in Isaiah 6:1-8.

1. *In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.*
2. ***Above it stood the seraphims:*** (notice they are plural) ***each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.***
3. ***And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, [is] the LORD of hosts: the whole earth [is] full of his glory.***
4. *And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. (This is where we get the term "Holy smoke!")*
5. *Then said I, Woe [is] me! for I am undone; because I [am] a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.*
6. ***Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, [which] he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:***
7. *And he laid [it] upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.*
8. *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here [am] I; send me.*

Verse two tells us there is more than one. How many? I have no idea. They have six wings each. Try and figure that out! **This is what you want to get down about the seraphims.** Don't worry about what they look like, or how many there are. The Bible doesn't give you that. I focus on what it does give me. I listed seraphims at the top because from the text here it is clear **they have something to do with the altar of God before the throne of God.** No matter how many of them there are before God's throne, there is an altar and on that altar are burning coals. One of the seraphims takes the burning coals and touches it to Isaiah's lips because he is going to be sent to preach to God's people. So, their function as I have them down are in connection to the altar of God, because that is the only place you find them.

## 2.) CHERUBIMS – Connected with the Throne of God

You will find them a number of times in your Bible. In Ezekiel chapter 1, 10 and 2 Samuel 22:11 (2<sup>nd</sup> coming passages). You will also find them in Revelation 4 although they are not directly called cherubims there, but they match up with the one you find in Ezekiel 1 and 10. Where the seraphims deal with the altar of God before the throne, **the cherubims deal with the throne of God itself.**

You will remember before the devil fell, he was called Lucifer, and the devil is a cherub. Most people try to make the devil an angel. When you study it out, originally there were five cherubs around the throne, and when Lucifer fell and became Satan, he leaves that position. He was called the covering cherub (Ezekiel 28:14).

*Thou [art] the **anointed cherub that covereth**; and I have set thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Ezekiel 28:14*

God had put Lucifer over all of God's dominion and creation. He is called the covering cherub. When he falls there is no longer five and he becomes Lucifer/Satan. When you look at Ezekiel chapter 1 and 10, you will also see that those chapters are second coming passages. It is actually the cherubim bringing in the throne of God to Jerusalem in the millennium. If you look at Clarence Larkin's book on this, you will see how he lays out the ark of the covenant. On each end of the ark is a cherub. So, where the seraphims are connected with the altar of God, **the cherubim will be connected with the throne of God.**

## 3.) ARCHANGEL – Connected with the Protection & Safety of Israel

The archangel seems to be stronger and mightier than a regular angel. There is only one archangel listed in the Bible, Michael. There may be more. Jewish tradition says there are seven and names those seven. But **I don't get outside the Bible.** Somebody says, it's a Jewish tradition. Well, it was that same tradition that told the Jew that the Old Testament is not for them anymore and they are supposed to use the Talmud and the Torah. It is that same Jewish tradition that said that Jesus Christ was not the Son of God, so they crucified Him. So, you have got to be careful with that. I am saying this.....**Stick with your Bible!** When you look at Michael the archangel, you see his job is **one of the protectors of the nation of Israel.** You find him a number of times in your Bible, and it is always dealing with Israel and protecting them, or he is dealing with Satan. **He is the only one that has the power and might to handle Satan.** You

don't find that happening with the other angels. In Daniel 10:13 he is called one of the chief princes.

*But the **prince of the kingdom of Persia** withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Daniel 10:13*

In Daniel 12:1-2 Michael stands for the nation of Israel.

*1, And at that time **shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people:** and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*

*2. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame [and] everlasting contempt. Daniel 12:1-2*

In 1 Thessalonians 4:16 he is connected with the Rapture of the Church...voice of the archangel.

*For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the **voice of the archangel,** and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. 1Thessalonians 4:16*

In Jude verse 9 he contends with the devil about the body of Moses.

*Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. Jude verse 9*

And in Revelation 12:7-9 Michael fights the devil and kicks him out of heaven.

*7. And there was war in heaven: **Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,***

*8. And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*

*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.*

As an archangel, he is more powerful and stronger than your ordinary angels and he is always connected with the protection and safety of the nation of Israel. There may be more than one, but the Bible only tells us about one.

#### 4.) ANGELS – Messengers of God to the Nation of Israel

Other than the woman that you married.....there will be angels up in heaven. Guys, you can use that this afternoon, if you are smart! This is the subject of verse five in Psalms 8 where God made man a little lower than the angels. You will find angels all through your Bible. The primary function of your garden variety angel seems to be that they are messengers of God to the nation of Israel up to when they get into the kingdom. Then God uses the prophets, and you don't see them as active after that time period. **That is something you will want to note.** In the Bible **angels do not have wings.** Cherubim and Seraphim have wings. But the idea and picture floating around of angels with wings is purely Roman Catholic in its nature. They appear back in Genesis 18 and 19 and are connected to the story of Lot. In Genesis 18 you are told they are

men. In Genesis chapter 19, when they show up a second time, you are told they are angels. They appear as young men. **An example of an angel would be Gabriel.** So many people try to make Gabriel an archangel along with Michael. The only problem with that is the Bible never says that. A guy said to me one time. I think Gabriel is an archangel just like Michael. I said how can that be? Michael is strong and contends with the devil. In Daniel 9:20 Gabriel is trying to get down to Daniel and he is held up for twenty-one days by the devil himself. What does Gabriel do? He has to put in a radio call for Michael. If Gabriel was an archangel, he didn't need Michael. It is things like that you have got to see to keep your Bible straight.

Gabriel is a messenger and the best example of that is in Daniel 8:15-17 and Daniel 9:21 he comes to Daniel with a message.

*Daniel 8:15. And it came to pass, when I, [even] I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there **stood before me as the appearance of a man.***

*16. And I heard a man's voice between [the banks of] Ulai, **which called, and said, Gabriel, make this [man] to understand the vision.***

*17. So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end [shall be] the vision.*

*Daniel 9:21 Yea, whiles I [was] speaking in prayer, even **the man Gabriel**, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.*

In Daniel chapter 10 he gets held up twenty-one days up in the second heaven and has to get Michael to come and get him down to Daniel. He also shows up in the New Testament with a message in Luke 1:18-20 and again in Luke 1:26-27 about the coming Christ. So, Gabriel is definitely a messenger.

*Luke 1:18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.*

*19. And the angel answering said unto him, **I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.***

*20. And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.*

This is the biblical definition on the heavenly hosts (as much as you are going to get). The created beings that God made for his purpose.

- Seraphims Connected with the altar of God and they cry Holy, Holy, Holy
- Cherubims Connected with the throne of God.
- Archangel Connected with the protection of Israel.
- Angels Brings the message down to God's people in the Old Testament

Back in Isaiah when the devil (Lucifer) leaves heaven and becomes the devil or Satan, he takes one third of the angels that were with God with him. These angels that left with Lucifer will be in Genesis 1:1-2 and they are what we call demons. The devil's unclean spirits.

➤ Understanding your Bible is Simple, if you Just do it God's Way

You have been brainwashed all of your life by pastors, churches and theologians out there that the Bible is a really hard book. **I am here to tell you that the Bible probably is the easiest book that you are ever going to get into.** What makes it easy is when you approach it the way God wants you to approach it. Not the way that man wants you to approach it. Think about it! Someday God is going to judge you by the word of God, saved and unsaved. And you are going to stand before God and He is going to judge you out of that book. How fair would it be for God to judge you out of a book that was literally impossible for you to understand why you live this life? It's not! You are told that and brainwashed by that. And pretty soon you pick up the idea that it's a book that is way outside of your grasp. No, it is not! The Bible is not a hard book to understand. It is in the context that we have to put it in. Understanding your Bible is a simple thing if you just do it the way that God wants you to do it.

#### IV. Man was Made a Little Lower than the Angels.

Finally, this brings us down to man. It says that God made man a little lower than the angels (verse 5). And **it says it crowned him (so he gets a crown), with glory and honor. Three things!** When He made man a littler lower than the angels, then He crowned man with glory and with honor. To glorify Himself and to manifest His power and His attributes, God created the Heaven and the Earth. Psalms 19 and Psalm 33. I showed you this last week. God is all knowing, all powerful and omnipresent. God began His plan by choosing the smallest place in the universe, Earth. If you would go back to Isaiah 45:18 it would clearly tell you that God made the Earth for it to be inhabited.

*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. Isaiah 45:18*

Now we begin to start to see things move in an understandable way. God began His plan by choosing the smallest place, Earth. For the working out of the establishment of His government. It exists with two kingdoms. Intending in time to fill the vast universe with millions of perfect beings like Himself with the purpose of fellowship. All of this was done deliberately with the foreknowledge of God of the results. God knew what the devil was going to do. God knew the mess that man was going to make, and God knew the mess that we were going to make of our lives. God understands how it goes, but He picked the farthest place to keep man from contaminating everything out there in outer space. In Isaiah 66:1 you will find it tells you that right now as we speak planet Earth is at the bottom of the second heaven.

*Thus saith the LORD, **The heaven [is] my throne, and the earth [is] my footstool:** where [is] the house that ye build unto me? and where [is] the place of my rest? Isaiah 66:1*

Someday it will be back up at the top. All this is done with God's plan and then He uses all of this for 6,000 years. He uses everything that the devil does to go contrary to His plan. He uses the sin that is rampant throughout this Earth. He uses everything by sending down His Son and then giving every man and woman the opportunity to choose Him over the devil.

I get questions all the time as to why God allowed sin. Why did God do this or that. How did the devil get one up over on God. He never got anything up over on God. God in His plan knows exactly how it is going to go. He allows it to go and then He uses it to show the contrast to every man and woman. Light versus darkness, and then you get to choose. How easy is that?

## V. History of the Earth – Who is Going to Run it?

Here is something that you need to understand when it comes to your Bible. Most people never look at the big picture of Earth's history and try to put it all together. **The history of the world on planet Earth of man will be who is going to run it? What authority is going to be in charge?** The world has always been connected to being political. Politics is something that in its final analysis means who is going to run what? Right now, you look at America, you look at Washington and you see the Democrats and the Republicans in the House and the Congress. They can't get anything done. The reason why they can't is because of politics. Politics enters into it and on one side the Democrats want to run the country their way, and the Republicans on the other side want to run the country their way. The two sides clash and they never get anything done. And we are the ones that pay the price for it. At the end of the day, politics is nothing more than who is in charge.

### ➤ The Bible is a Political Book—A Book About Authority

What you got to understand is **the Bible first and foremost is a political book.** It is a book about in the end, who is going to run it. God or the devil? You will find where the devil puts out his many devices (found in the book of Ecclesiastes), and God gives us the Bible. You will find that the devil wants the kingdoms of this world and God wants to establish His kingdoms, the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Heaven. And the two sides clash!

If you are a serious bible student, you will have to begin at the beginning and see the Bible in its basic raw form. A book about authority. Everything in the history of man is about when push comes to shove, who is going to run it, God, or the Devil? When it comes to man he gets a crown.

A couple of weeks ago I laid out the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Heaven. I showed you where they fit into God's 7,000 years of His plan on planet Earth. **For those of you that got that into your Bible, here is where you are going to add to that, which is how you learn your Bible.** You start with a base text and get it down; you understand it, and then you add to it. I showed you how these two kingdoms are key to unlocking the Bible. They are two totally different kingdoms, but they go hand in hand with God's two created identities, the nation of Israel and New Testament Christianity. I showed you that there are times in history when both kingdoms are here on Earth. There are times when only one is here and there are times when neither one of them is here. Finally, they both come into play and stay there for all eternity. That little chart I gave you a couple of weeks ago, if you can get that down, your whole Bible will unfold itself around that chart, the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Heaven. Most pastors believe they are the same. A guy said to me one time, you think the kingdom of God and the



kingdom of Heaven are not the same. He said, why do you think that? I said because they are spelled differently. They are not the same. They may work together, and so people think they are the same, but they're not.

When the Bible says in verse 5 that God crowned him with glory and honor, he is talking about these two kingdoms, the crown and the glory and honor that goes with them.

## VI. The Kingdom of God and The Kingdom of Heaven

You need to understand this as I lay it out. If you are a serious Bible student, you will find over in the bookstore a book that was written in the 1960's. Back then it was called the Kingdom of God versus the kingdom of Heaven. Now it is called "**The Sure Word of Prophecy**". As far as I am concerned that is the greatest book that was ever written outside the Bible. I never understood the Bible until I understood that book. If you looked at my copy, you would see it is divided up and marked up. It took me nine or ten times to go through that book before I fully understood it. The kingdom of God and the kingdom of Heaven will unlock the Bible for you.

Here is how it works. **There are only two kingdoms that God cares about, the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Heaven!** One deals with the nation of Israel (kingdom of Heaven) and the other deals with the establishment of the church or Christianity (kingdom of God). Where the Gentiles (man) gets out of bounds, he takes and turns God's glory into corruption. Back then in the Old Testament and now in the New Testament. What man does is he forsakes God and the word of God in any understanding of those two kingdoms and man puts forth his own kingdoms, his own dynasties, his own countries, his own constitutions. He establishes his own and both of those and everything that he does is nothing more than a counterfeit of the two that God is interested in.

This will put history in perspective for you if you can get this down. He (man) does this with the devil's help. These main nations are found in your Bible. In Daniel chapter 2 and 7 he gives you a list of these nations that the devil brought into power because he wanted to counterfeit and get rid of the two kingdoms that God had. In Daniel 2 you have:

- Nimrod back in Genesis
- Pharaoh of Egypt
- Sennacherib King of Assyria
- Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon
- Cyrus King of Persia
- Alexander the Great from Greece
- Rome

In Daniel chapter 7 you have:

- England
- Russia
- United States

These ten nations make up in time, the ten confederated nations of the antichrist which make up the ten toes of Daniel's image.

These nations make up what the Bible says in Luke 21:24 are the **times of the Gentiles**. These nations are when God is temporarily finished with the nation of Israel, and He turns all the nations over to the devil. This is where the devil goes to work through these nations. You will find in the Bible where God addresses the devil through the leaders of these nations. Because he is the one that is running these nations. The whole purpose is for the devil to establish himself in this Earth by taking over these corrupt counterfeit kingdoms to get man to forget about the two kingdoms that God cares about.

As you come through your Bible you will find in Isaiah 40:15 that God will tell you that these nations to Him are just a drop in a bucket. They mean nothing to Him. Do you know why?

***Behold, the nations [are] as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. Isaiah 40:15***

Because they are all counterfeit to take away the two kingdoms that God is going to establish. They want to take the authority from God and put it into man. This is why in Matthew 4:8-9, when the devil came to Christ and tempted him, what did he say? He says you bow down and worship me and I will give you what? All the kingdoms of this Earth. You know why? Because the devil had them. This is one of the greatest studies if you are ever going to be a serious Bible student.

The Bible is not hard to get, but the work you got to do to get it can be hard. You won't find it by staying up half the night seeing what Taylor Swift has hidden in her songs. But instead, you stay up half the night **finding out what God hid in His book**. AMEN!

### ➤ Lucifer Had the Two Kingdoms Originally

Here it comes! In the beginning (Genesis 1:1), these two crowns, the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Heaven were given to Lucifer. He is the original one that had them first. This is why in Ezekiel 28:14 he is called the covering cherub.

***Thou [art] the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Ezekiel 28:14***

### ➤ Lucifer Had a Throne.

In dealing with Lucifer, the first time you find the word "throne" in your Bible, is in Isaiah 14:12-15 and it is Lucifer's throne.

***12. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!  
13. For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:  
14. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.  
15. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.***

A little later on when Lucifer leads a revolt against God and he says in verse 13, I will ascend into the heaven, **I will exalt my throne** above the stars of God. He has a throne; he is a king.

In the context of this chapter, notice he is addressing the devil through the king of Babylon. Lucifer before his fall has a throne as the anointed cherub that covers God's throne. God had put him in a literal garden which is called in Ezekiel 28:13, Eden the Garden of God. In other words, **long before Adam is placed in the garden of Eden, the devil was there.** Lucifer was there. **That was his throne, that was his domain.** He was over all of God's creation, he was the bright and morning star in Eden the garden of God. He had both kingdoms and both crowns. He was king over the literal piece of ground. That is where the garden was and as a spiritual being he was a king over a spiritual kingdom. So, he had the crown of the kingdom of Heaven and the kingdom of God.

➤ The Land of Israel the Hot Spot of the Middle East & the Devil Wants it Back.

This is why there is conflict in the Middle East today. This is why all through man's history this has been the hot spot of people wanting to take that land. This is what the Crusades fought about. Over in the Middle East right now, this is what the war is all about. The devil wants that piece of ground back because it was his. When the rebellion takes place in Genesis 1:1-2 Lucifer loses his position and is kicked out of heaven. Now he becomes Satan, the devil and the kingdoms are taken away from him and he loses both crowns.

➤ Adam Has Both Kingdoms---Until He Fell (sinned)

As God reconstructs his creation Genesis 1:2 and chapter 2. He puts Adam down in the exact same garden. Adam is made in God's likeness, so he gets the kingdom of Heaven (physical), but he is also made in God's image, so he gets the kingdom of God, the spiritual kingdom. He gets dominion over all God's creation. Literally and spiritually, he has both kingdoms. **Those are the two kingdoms that the devil lost, and he wants them back.**

So, the devil wants those two crowns back and his garden back. In Genesis 3, you have the fall of Adam. The devil gets Adam and Eve kicked out of the garden and the kingdom of God goes out. But the kingdom of Heaven stays here. Now the devil has that kingdom, he has got the crown back. Adam and Eve lost everything, and they got kicked out of the garden. They lost the crown, they lost dominion. The Bible says that Adam was to reproduce people in his own image which was God's image. Now that Adam is in a fallen state, he has to reproduce in his own fallen image. The kingdom of God goes out, but the devil has the crown to the kingdom of Heaven, (Genesis 4-8). You see the devil has that crown and he corrupts the world completely. He kills Abel (Genesis 4:8), he brings the sons of God down. This is where before the flood, God says that every imagination of man is evil and wicked (Genesis 6:5). He has got the crown to the kingdom of Heaven.

➤ After the Flood Noah Has the Kingdom of Heaven

The Bible says God came down and looked at the world and said, it's a mess. An angel said, boy God, the devil he really got..... God says, it's no big deal. The angel says, what are you going to do? I am going to have it rain. Rain? Yeah, you see that guy down there, Noah? Well, he was driving home from work the other day and I put this little song on the radio, and it went like this.

There were green alligators and long-necked geese. Some humpy-backed camels and they all got in that ark. Noah built an ark and God drowned out the devil, drowned out his crew, drowned out the wickedness, drowned out everything and only eight people walked out of that ark in Genesis 9. God took the kingdom back. When Noah comes out of that ark, he is sole possessor of everything that God created. In fact, he got the exact same commission that Adam got, and he got the crown. He lands on Mt Ararat. Do you know why he landed there? Because Noah has three boys, Ham, Shem and Japheth. One represents the white race; one represents Chinese or the Jew with the yellow race and one represents the black race. When those boys came out of Mt Ararat, they spread all around there and the Earth is populated in the bounds that God had set. Noah has everything, he's got the crown, and the devil is fuming.

### ➤ Noah Loses the Kingdom of Heaven

He doesn't like it, so you know what he does? Genesis 9-10. The devil is looking at that and says by a stupid rainfall he just wiped out all that I was doing. When it comes to God it doesn't take much for him to mess the devil's day up. Let me turn that around, when it comes to the devil in you it doesn't take much for him to mess your day up.

At this point the devil is once again without a crown. Noah has got it. Noah has been given dominion and Mt Ararat is right at the top of the land grant where the garden of Eden was. Shem comes right down in that garden. The devil says I will get it back. So, Noah gets drunk and falls and the devil says I got the crown back. You know the very next thing he does in Genesis 10-11 they start to build a tower whose top will reach unto heaven (Babel), and the whole thing goes back to the devil one more time.

### ➤ The Kingdom of Heaven Goes to the Nation of Israel God's Promise to Abraham

Time marches on and God's plan is moving forward. He looks for another to take up the literal crown of the physical kingdom of Heaven. So, we go through Noah, Ham, Shem, Japheth, and finally we come in Genesis 11 to a man named Abraham. In Genesis 12:1-3 God makes it clear that **this time the crown of the kingdom of Heaven is not going to an individual, it is going to a nation, the nation of Israel.** In time all nations on this Earth will have to come through one nation to find God. Isaiah 41:2 makes no mistake about Abraham as king, for it says,

***Who raised up the righteous [man] from the east (Abraham), called him to his foot (feet of Jesus), gave the nations before him, and made [him] rule over kings? he gave [them] as the dust to his sword, [and] as driven stubble to his bow. Isaiah 41:2***

The time frame is around 1900 BC, 1900 years after the garden of Eden. When Abraham gets this crown, it comes with an unconditional covenant. Up to this point it was given to a man and the devil could attack the man. From this point on it is going to a nation. And with Abraham we begin to see God's nation that in the Old Testament would bring the kingdom of Heaven to this Earth. If you want the technicalities on it, you will find that Abraham gets the deliverance of the kingdom of Heaven in Genesis 14:17-24 from a man named Melchizedek.

➤ **The Devil must take out the Entire Nation of Israel to get the Kingdom Back**

Now it is a little tougher for the devil. **Before the devil just had to take the man out.** Here it comes, here it comes, don't miss this. From this point on do you know what the devil has to do? **He has to take the nation out.**

So, here it comes in the Old Testament with the Hittites, the Amalekites, and the Philistines. Here it comes, with the Roman Catholic church and the early part of the church age. Here it comes, with Adolph Hitler and World War 11. Here it comes with the Middle East today after they became a nation. Hamas exists today and they will tell you clearly, they live for one reason the annihilation of the nation of Israel off the face of the Earth. And it all goes back right here. They want Jerusalem, **the devil wants that land grant. He can't have it because the Jews are there, so he is going to use his nations to try to wipe out the Jews so he can have it back.**

➤ **The Devil wants to wipe out Israel & Us Through Adversity  
God wants to make Israel & Us Stronger Through Adversity.**

Now we come up through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Jacob produces the twelve boys who become the twelve tribes of Israel. At the end of Genesis, they all go down into Egypt for 430 years. What happens while they are down in Egypt? This is what the devil didn't plan on. They are down in Egypt for 430 years and the devil thinks he is going to use Pharaoh and the boys to wipe out the nation of Israel by putting them into slavery and killing them under the servitude of Egypt. That was the devil's plan. God's plan was that he took the adversity of them being in Egypt, not to wipe them out, but to make them stronger. So, when they did come out, they could take on anybody.

The devil will always have his plan to stop you and defeat you. But God will take that same plan and make you stronger if you allow Him to. Can you see that? It goes right back to what we have here. The devil goes after the nation of Israel because they have the land and the crown. So, he attacks them just like he attacked Adam and Noah.

➤ **6 Stages of the Rise and Fall of the Nation of Israel**

There are six stages of the rise and fall of the nation of Israel by what God does with them and how the devil tries to get that crown back.

- 1.) **Formation of the Nation of Israel** - From Abraham through Genesis chapter 50.
- 2.) **Calling Out of the Nation of Israel** - From Exodus through Judges
- 3.) **Establishment of the Nation of Israel** - 1 and 2 Samuel
- 4.) **The Apex of the Nation of Israel** - under David and Solomon. David reigns 40 years and Solomon reigns 40 years. Solomon forty-year reign is the perfect picture of what the kingdom of Heaven should be.
- 5.) **The Decline of the Nation of Israel** - The devil gets Solomon too and the kingdom begins to go into decline.
- 6.) **The Destruction of the Nation of Israel** - After Solomon we see the kings and we see the devil bringing in Baal worship. Bringing everything in that destroys Israel,

➤ Both Kingdoms are Gone -Times of the Gentiles

By 606 BC, Nebuchadnezzar and 721 BC Sennacherib, the nation of Israel goes into captivity and God takes the crown, kingdom of Heaven out. For the next 400-500 years **there is no kingdom of Heaven or kingdom of God on this Earth**. This is now the times of the Gentiles, and the devil has the nations all to himself. You will find where he uses these 400-500 years to bring in all of the other junk that is going to take away from your Bible. He plans to be ready when Christ shows up at the first coming of Christ.

➤ 1<sup>st</sup> Coming of Christ Both Kingdoms are Present.

Time goes on 100, 200, 300, 400 years and out of a wilderness around 3 or 4 BC comes an old bronze prophet with locust wings in his teeth. He stands up and says, “*Behold the kingdom of Heaven is at hand...*”. When Christ shows up and says, “*Behold the kingdom of God is at hand*”, they are both back for the Nation of Israel to have and the devil isn’t happy. The devil gets the scribes, the Pharisees and the Sadducees and rallies around the people of the nation of Israel and they crucify Him.

I praise the Lord that He died on the cross for my sins and your sins and we thank Him for that. But let’s not misunderstand it, the bottom line fundamentally of the crucifixion. **The devil used it to get rid of Christ and to get the kingdoms back, and God used it so you and I could go to heaven**. When are you going to get that? When are you going to see in your life that everything that the devil tries to do to you to stop you, God will take and make you stronger and give you the victory through it, if you will just look at it right.

➤ The Kingdom of God – Us as Believers, the Church Age

Now the kingdom of Heaven goes out but the kingdom of God, the spiritual kingdom stays. Israel is done temporarily until the tribulation period, and the second coming. But now we move into the spiritual kingdom of God which is the church age. Just like God gave the literal kingdom to the nation of Israel, so that the devil could not take it from them; he gave the spiritual kingdom of God to you and me as believers in the church and the devil can never take it from us.

You may not do what is right. I may not do what is right. You may be saved, and you may be the biggest rascal on the planet. You may live your whole life and truly be saved and not give God anything or do anything. But you know what? God made a promise to you and in spite of your stupidity, God is going to get you home to heaven. He may get you there in a car crash or a wheelchair, but he is going to get you there. You know why? Because the devil can’t get the kingdom of God from you. This is a spiritual kingdom that you were born into the day you trusted Christ as your own personal savior. This is the kingdom that the Bible tells you in Romans 14:17 that it is not meat or drink. It is not anything literal.

*For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Romans 14:17*

This is the kingdom in Luke 17:21 that God says is inside you.

Because the day you trusted Christ as your own personal savior you were born into the kingdom of God. And the devil can't take that from you just like he can't take it from Israel.

The idea that someone teaches out there that you can lose your salvation, goes against every fundamental teaching. You can't lose your salvation because to lose your salvation the devil would have to take that kingdom of God from you, and he can't get it.

The devil hates Israel because Israel got the kingdom of Heaven, and he couldn't get it back. And he hates you because you got the kingdom of God, and he can't get it back either.

### ➤ Be Fruitful, Multiply & Replenish Spiritually Winning People to Christ into the Kingdom of God

The Bible is not hard. The Bible is not complicated. Man makes it complicated. The devil makes it complicated. God wants everyone of you who have been saved and born into the kingdom of God to take spiritually what he told Noah and Adam to do literally. They were told to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the Earth physically. You and I are to be fruitful, multiply and replenish the Earth spiritually. Winning people to Christ into the kingdom of God.

But the devil hates you, your family, and this church. That is why he will come after you. That is why you need this church. That is why you need your Bible, and a pastor who will look out for you. Because he not only wants to get you, but he also wants to get your kids. Nothing personal, you got his kingdom. What is going on in the Middle East? Nothing personal, they got the kingdom, and the devil wants it back.

All down through church history the devil tried to stop it. When the Roman Catholic church came into being for the next 1500 years, they butchered and murdered millions and millions of Bible believing Christians. They tortured them unmercifully. And it was the devil behind the scenes. The Catholic church wanted them to recant Christianity and become Roman Catholics. The devil didn't care about that. The devil was just upset because you (church) got his kingdom.

## VII. Summary

So now we know the meaning of Psalms 8:5. When he said he made man a little lower than the angels and crowned him with a crown, with glory and honor. Yet all this down through history is by God's design and by God's plan. In time, God's time, God will fulfill his plan of Isaiah 9:6-7. When the Bible says in Romans 11:25 there will be a time when the fullness of the Gentiles come in. Two great terms in your Bible. One of them is **the times of the Gentiles** and the other one is **the fullness of the Gentiles**. That is the beginning and the end of God dealing with the Gentiles. God will fulfill Isaiah 9:6-7. And the Bible says in Psalms 9:17, "*The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*"

He says in Psalms 9:19-20 here is where it ends.

*19. Arise, O LORD (2<sup>nd</sup> coming); let not man prevail (he won't): let the heathen be judged in thy sight (they will).*

*20. Put them in fear, O LORD: [that] the nations may know themselves [to be but] men. Selah.*

To fully understand your Bible (if you are going to be a Bible student), you must first see it as a political book. **The establishment of a government with two kingdoms connected to it. A physical one, the kingdom of Heaven which goes with Israel and the land grant. A spiritual one, the kingdom of God which goes to the church.** When you see and understand these things, the whole Bible will open up around these two kingdoms. Then you will see why all the other nations are a drop in a bucket (Isaiah 40:15). They were brought into existence for one purpose. That is to go against God's nation (Israel) after the fall of man.

➤ **Man's Devices: Counterfeit to God's Nation, His Word & His Kingdoms**

Every form of government and philosophy of life will be laid out for you in the book of Ecclesiastes, written by the wisest man that ever lived. In that book it shows us that all of man's devices, every government, every philosophy, they are all listed. You have communism, capitalism, fascism, naturalism, they are all in there. At the end of all that, Solomon says it is all vanity. Do you know why? Because it was brought up to counterfeit God's two kingdoms that he wanted to give to man. **He wanted man to flourish in the Old Testament under the literal one and today in the church under the spiritual one.** In both cases we bring men, one literally, one spiritually today to Christ. Every form of government and philosophy is shown to be vanity because they are all counterfeits. They are counterfeits of God's true nation, God's true word, and God's true kingdoms. It all goes back to the nation of Israel because John 4:22 says, salvation is of the Jews.

*Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: **for salvation is of the Jews.** John 4:22*

In history you will find a few nations that align with the nation of Israel. You will find that there was a time when England did and when America did. America today would tell you that Israel is our greatest ally and that we are her greatest ally. Don't believe anything you hear. We are going to sell the Jew out because in the next election he is going to have to dump Israel because there is too many Muslims in this country that will not vote for him. Because the Muslims want to wipe Israel off the face of the planet. The devil's got it fixed. I am okay with that. I just soon get this thing on so we can all get home to heaven. But that is just me.

Look around you today, **everything in this world is to stop two identities, Israel and the church.** They want to wipe out Israel and kill them physically, kingdom of Heaven and they want to take your King James Bible from you and kill you spiritually, kingdom of God. How long will it take for you to see that? How long will it take for you to cast off the scales of this life and decide **if you are truly saved that you better do something for God before it is too late.** In the final hours of man's existence on this planet before God comes back, if you are going to ever figure this out you are going to have to get down what I have said today. You are going to have to get that book (The Sure Word of Prophecy) and then put your Bible down until you understand the kingdom of Heaven and the kingdom of God.