

Nations of the Last Days

Second Edition

Understanding Biblical
Prophecy as it happens in the
news today

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Introduction

Prophetic events are shown in the news media on a weekly basis! The seeds of the beginning of World War III are already being sown! Yet few seem to be aware of what is really going on! To understand we need to identify the Nations of the End Time, or we will miss it all!

The signs of the Last Days are shown in the Bible:

“6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled, for all these things must occur; but the end is not yet.”

(Matthew 24:6, MKJV)

The beginning of sorrows is with us. A world that will not turn to God in honesty, ready to question and prove the truth, can not succeed in preventing the coming WWII. It is sad, but all we can do is watch and see mistakes being made, and the results escalating towards the inevitable conflict.

This book was written to make world news come alive for the reader. Once we can identify the nations involved, we can begin to see what is happening, and understand.

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How did we get here? Why do we have these world conflicts? Why did World War I and II happen? Why will WWII happen? Can it be avoided?

A most dramatic event will happen as WWII escalates. The nations – even so called Christian nations – will resist the return of Messiah!

Notice the prophecy in the book of Revelation:

“11 ¶ And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war [against ungodliness].

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood [crucifixion]: and his name is called The Word of God. [Logos]”

(Revelation 19:11-13, AV) [Parenthesis mine]

This is talking of the return of Messiah! But will the nations of the world welcome Him?

“19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.”

(Revelation 19:19, AV)

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The nations will resist the Messiah with all the might they have!

“1 ¶ Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.”

(Zechariah 14:1-3, AV)

How is this possible? How can this happen? Yet this is the future we are heading towards! How can it come to this? We will see as we follow the story of mankind in this book.

Firstly we will begin this story from before mankind was created. We will consider events from before Genesis one. We will see where it all started!

Secondly we will consider our first parent’s options in Genesis, and the choice they made. We will see the results thereof, and how it affects us all down the path of history.

Thirdly we will see the birth of the Nations of the Last Days later on in the book of Genesis, around the time of the Patriarchs.

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Fourthly we will see these nations being drawn in to the greatest travesty of justice: the crucifixion of Christ!

Fifthly we will consider the aftermath of the crucifixion of Christ, and the burden these nations face because of this travesty of justice, and their inability to truly repent on a national scale.

Then we will consider how these nations will be drawn into WWII. We will see the reasons why they will face this terrible destruction.

“7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows, that he also will reap.”
(Galatians 6:7, MKJV)

We will see that this is true on a colossal scale, spanning thousands of years! But ultimately God is merciful!

Finally we will see the repentance of these nations on a national scale, and the salvation of the Lord. The story fortunately will have a happy ending.

Chapter 1

The story behind the story

Before Adam and Eve existed, before the earth existed, even before the material universe existed, another universe already existed. In another dimension the Angels of God were already fulfilling their existence. Friendship ties were formed. Relationships were formed. Knowledge was disseminated. The Creator was preparing His team, ready to form the universe in the material dimension.

The Creator also decided that from the material creation physical beings will form, to know both what it means to be like the animals that breathe air, as well as have a spirit that can receive the Spirit of God, and learn the ways of eternal life, compared to the ways of the law of the jungle. This wisdom is the reason for the entire universe. This wisdom is discussed throughout the Bible:

“22 ¶ The LORD possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old.

23 I was anointed from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth ever was.

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24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth;
when there were no springs heavy with water.

25 Before the mountains were settled, before the
hills, I travailed;

26 before He had made the earth, or the fields or the
highest part of the dust of the world.

27 When He prepared the heavens, I was there;
when He set a circle upon the face of the deep;

28 when He set the clouds above; when He made
the strong fountains of the deep;

29 when He gave to the sea its limit that the waters
should not pass His command; when He appointed
the foundations of the earth;

30 and I was a workman at His side; and I was daily
His delight, rejoicing always before Him;

31 rejoicing in the world, His earth; and My delight
was with the sons of men.”

(Proverbs 8:22-31, MKJV)

This wisdom was given to the Angels before the universe. From this wisdom, and for its everlasting relevance, the universe was formed, and also finally mankind on the earth. It was predetermined that people would exist, and would have the freedom to choose. They would be free to choose God’s wisdom, or their own shortsighted experimentation, misled by a fallen host. It was hoped that some would look at the mess and turn to God. It was hoped that some would lead others in the quest for this wisdom, the way of God, and eternal bliss.

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“6 ¶ But, we speak wisdom among those who are perfect; yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, that come to nothing.

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, which God has hidden, predetermining it before the world for our glory;

8 which none of the rulers of this world knew (for if they had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory).”

(1 Corinthians 2:6-8, MKJV)

Due to a lack of this wisdom, mankind crucified the One who came to disseminate this wisdom. They hated Him for being so wise and so perfectly good. But this wisdom is needed for eternal life. Those without the wisdom of eternal life also cut short the One that possessed this eternal wisdom.

However, others continued to gain this eternal wisdom that existed before the universe was. This was all part of the Creator’s plan. It was preplanned by God. The first advent of Christ was predetermined according to the Creator’s Time Matrix. The fact that apostles would repent and save others to the realm of eternal life was also predetermined before the universe existed. This was a blessing beyond any physical blessing.

“3 ¶ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ;

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4 according as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,”
(Ephesians 1:3-5, MKJV)

The whole process of salvation in and through Christ was preplanned long ago, even before the universe existed. It flowed from events in the third Heaven that happened as planning was underway for the physical universe.

The fallen angel

One of the created Angels perceived of alternative ways of doing things. He perceived and dwelled on and developed his own alternatives. He wanted to prove God wrong. He wanted to elevate himself to be like God. The created wanted to become like the Creator.

He has misled mankind from the beginning. He is misleading leaders of nations that are willing to lend an ear. He did mislead the political leader of Tyre a few thousand years ago. Notice what was written about this fallen angel:

“12 Son of man, lift up a lament over the king of Tyre, and say to him, So says the Lord Jehovah: You seal the measure, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

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13 You have been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the ruby, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the turquoise, and the emerald, and gold. The workmanship of your tambourines and of your flutes was prepared in you in the day that you were created.”

(Ezekiel 28:12-13, MKJV)

He was as a statesman that could have possessed a great deal of God’s wisdom. He was like a statesman that was dressed in the finest attire, walking in the court of the king, while musical instruments fill the air with songs.

“14 You were the anointed cherub that covers, and I had put you in the holy height of God where you were.; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until iniquity was found in you.”

(Ezekiel 28:14-15, MKJV)

He was created to be perfect. He would have been a great leader. But He was greedy! It all went to his head! He wanted even more!

“16 By the multitude of your goods they have filled your midst with violence, and you have sinned. So I cast you profaned from the height of God, and I destroy you, O covering cherub, from among the stones of fire.

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17 Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you have spoiled your wisdom because of your brightness. I will cast you to the ground; I will put you before kings, that they may behold you.

18 By the host of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trade, you have profaned your holy places; so I brought a fire from your midst; it shall devour you, and I will give you for ashes on the earth, before the eyes of all who see you.

19 All who know you among the peoples shall be astonished at you; you shall be terrors, and you will not be forever.”

(Ezekiel 28:16-19, MKJV)

He thought he could form alternate ways of being, of relating. He thought he knew better. However his alternative ways would disintegrate. It could not last. He just did not have enough experience to see the flaws in his alternative ways. He may have thought it would be good, but it could not last. Everything not done by the eternal law of God, everything not done by the eternal wisdom that spreads across the universe, everything that is not of the Creator of wisdom will wind down, disintegrate, and be destroyed.

In the process of disintegration it becomes a terror. Living in a nation that is disintegrating becomes a terrible prospect. People begin to terrorize one another. And Satan hates to see his plans come to naught, just like a deck of cards, like a house of straw. He will even turn against his own attempts,

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and terrorize them for failing. But the problem lies with him. His alternative ways can never work.

In another discussion on this fallen angel who led the leaders of Babylon to apparent greatness that could only last for a short while, the Bible says the following:

“12 How you are fallen from the heavens, O shining star, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!

13 For you have said in your heart, I will go up to the heavens, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north.

14 I will go up above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.

15 Yet you shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the Pit.”

(Isaiah 14:12-15, MKJV)

Long before the world existed, this Angel was granted leadership. He had a throne. Within the Creator’s plans this angel would have had a great influence. However he perceived alternative ways to God’s clear directions. He wanted to be the originator of ways of being. If only he could come up with a way that proves to be as good as and perhaps even better than God’s way. Then he would have all the angels follow him. He would then have exalted his throne above his peers. He would have

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placed himself as equal to God. He would have elevated himself above his fellow angels!

However there is no way that any other ungodly ways could have lasting results. He may have gained a temporary advantage above his peers, but his ways would bring retaliation and eventual destruction.

This rebellion in the third Heaven happened even before the earth existed.

The Son of God

There was another being with the Creator who proved to be absolutely and totally loyal to His Father. He was the only begotten Son of God. He also existed before the world existed. Note His conversation with His Father in prayer before His crucifixion:

“4 I have glorified You upon the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.
5 And now Father, glorify Me with Yourself with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”

(John 17:4-5, MKJV)

The only begotten Son of God was in a state of glory with His Father before the earth existed. Actually He existed even before the universe

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existed. He was the logos, the spokesperson, the communicator of God.

“1 ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things came into being through Him, and without Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being.”

(John 1:1-3, MKJV)

Everything was created through the Logos. All the universe came into being through Him. Even the angels were created through Him! Even the one who corrupted himself was created through the Son of God, the Logos that became the Christ!.

The relationship between the Logos and the Father was such that He would never have dreamt of trying to devise alternatives to the Father’s plans. He would never have tried to make Himself equal to the Father. He was and always will be subservient to the Father.

“6 Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained.”

(Philippians 2:6, AV)

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Even though He was the only begotten Son of God, unlike the angels that were created by God, the Logos did not ever have any inkling of an idea of opposing the Father in His designs and creation. He would never design alternatives. He follow the Father in all instructions. In fact He knows the Father's will so perfectly that to have seen Him and to have lived with Him is just as good as to have seen and lived with the Father.

The Father devised of the plan to create angels through His only begotten Son. One of those angels, a very senior angel, rebelled against the Father, and came with his own devised ideas of relating, of being. To do this he first deceived the angels into thinking there were other ways of relating that were more exciting. He deceived them into thinking that his ways were superior. He would place power in their hands, making each one a little demigod. They would break the chain of command. They would experiment and try to come up with better ways. This has been going on for a long time.

God went ahead with the creation of the universe. He can not be stopped. He went ahead with the earth as a special creation. He placed the building blocks of plant and animal life on the earth. He allowed it all to develop. However, the fallen host perverted the designs. God then allowed catastrophic events to destroy earlier perverted life forms.

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The earth became dark and void after a recent catastrophic event. It was probably a huge meteor or asteroid hit on the earth. After some time the conditions on the earth was such that it prevented life from flourishing.

“2 And the earth was without form and empty. And darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters.”

(Genesis 1:1, MKJV)

From this a seven day renewal began.

“30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the earth.”

(Psalms 104:30, MKJV)

After the renewal of the surface of the earth over a seven day period, the Creator was ready to continue with His plans of an intelligent humanoid, with the potential to receive His Spirit, but the fallen angel was also ready to influence mankind and to grow his sphere of influence. He was opposing the Creator, and wanted to grow human life on the earth to be his kingdom, following his alternatives. This would lead to disasters, to wars and destruction. This would lead to the Nations of the End Time opposing the coming Messiah. This is what we will see in this book.

Chapter 2

Genesis, the beginning of the problem

The Creator would go ahead with His plans, but the humanoids would have to choose. In order to empower the humanoid to grow, free choice is required. This way the humanoids would learn and expand in insight and capability. Like a Director that seeks a specific goal, the finer details must be left to the humanoids. This way they are not limited in ways to achieve that goal. However guidance is required to keep moving towards the goal, and to prevent problems and self-destruction that will prevent the goal from being realized.

However, a self-seeking egotist wanted to prove the Master wrong, so that he could experiment with his own ideas. This was the ultimate push for glory. Satan was always there, to push his alternatives. What if the humanoid would choose Satan's ways? What if mankind would disobey? For this the Creator had already made a plan.

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“17 And if you call on the Father, who without respect of persons judges according to the work of each one, pass the time of your earthly residence in fear,

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot; 20 indeed having been foreknown before the foundation of the world, but revealed in the last times for you,”

(1 Peter 1:17-20, MKJV)

The Creator had already ordained His Son to be the savior, for He perceived that inexperienced Adam and Eve would be misled by Satan. The wrong decisions would lead to a lifetime of misery. Nations would eventually form, but would be under threat all the time. Peace would be elusive. But the blessings of God would ultimately come when mankind would worship God. But how? When? We will see.

The story of the latest pinnacle of the physical creation – mankind – begins in Genesis. The Creator made a physical being that could become like Him!

“26 ¶ 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

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of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth.

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

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it. And have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the heavens, and all animals that move upon the earth.”

(Genesis 1:26-18, MKJV)

Mankind was created with great potential. At first mankind would have the power to rule over the animal kingdom. This way mankind – which is in essence also an animal – would understand what it is to go hungry. Mankind would experience the animal kingdom like the rest of the animals, but mankind would also have Godly attributes. Mankind was made from the beginning with the ability to rule. Mankind was made with the ability to plan ahead, to prepare, to make contingency plans. Mankind could rule for the benefit of the animal kingdom, or mankind could destroy the animal kingdom in his greed and lust for more and more, just like Satan. But then, since mankind is also physical, we would suffer the result of our greed. We would die with the animals, and like the animals!

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The Creator would now test mankind to see if we would obey, and follow His instructions, to build utopia.

“16 ¶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree in the garden,
17 but you shall not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. For in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”
(Genesis 2:16-17, MKJV)

Here was the test. And it was not difficult. No major sacrifice. No suffering! There must have been thousands of trees with the most delicious fruit that man could choose from. Not much was asked, just a simple request to refrain from one little tree.

Initially Adam obeyed. No problem. But the issue of management and rule was taken a bit further. The Creator would form a friend, a companion, someone that Adam would need to lead in love and care, with compassion and consideration. He would need to keep her from the evil, and do it actively, daily.

“18 ¶ And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”
(Genesis 2:18, MKJV)

This helper was not made to do the dirty work. At that point they lived off the fruit of the trees. No,

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she would help him to understand the issues of loving leadership, among other things.

“21 ¶ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept. And He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh underneath.

22 And the LORD God made the rib (which He had taken from the man) into a woman. And He brought her to the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called Woman because she was taken out of man.”

(Genesis 2:21-23, MKJV)

So here was another person that was much like Adam. She also possessed intelligence, power over the animal kingdom, and can be quite a handful to manage. But Adam sill managed, and they stayed away from the forbidden tree. They were obedient. No problem so far. So the test was driven a bit further. Satan entered the picture!

“1 ¶ Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, Is it so that God has said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”

(Genesis 3:1, MKJV)

Well, there was so much to talk about. A whole expansive tropical paradise to discuss! But Satan immediately move to deal with the issue of the one

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little prohibition. He focused her attention on this issue, directly.

“2 And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden.

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.

4 And the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die,”

(Genesis 3:2-4, MKJV)

First the apparent truth, then the blatant lie. Satan, the father of lies, enticed the woman with a lie. She now has the option of believing the lie. Will she believe God, or will she test the alternative suggestion?

Satan further enticed her by showing some apparent benefits if she follow him. However, she could not know at this point that these benefits are short term, as the wrong choice would lead to disaster in the end. She was faced with the enticement to some self glory. The enticement to demigod status was being offered. Notice Satan’s enticement:

“5 for God knows that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

(Genesis 3:5, MKJV)

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Up to this point they were going to know only good. Their mind would be closed to evil alternatives. But that would make them emotionally, mentally and spiritually dependent on God. They would acknowledge His God-status in their lives. But Satan enticed them to become demigods to themselves. It was a very attractive prospect. However they seriously lacked the wisdom to lead a growing family into peace and prosperity. Selfishness would enter the picture, and short term unfair gains would lead to long term hatred and revenge.

If they took from this single tree they would signal to God that they would disregard His clear instruction, and no further guidance would come from God, except for the few individual that would seek Him now, and for the rest until the Messiah came.

If they took from this single tree they would also signal to Satan that they would be willing to follow his selfish ways. They would mix truth with error in any mixture that suit them. They would do right just enough to be accepted, only to do wrong when they could gain the unfair advantage, the undeserved benefit, the quick gain.

The error and evil that would be mixed in would work it's way to destroy the bit of good, and it would all spiral out of control and self destruct. The quest was for right management, right living, right

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rule that brings lasting benefits. However with Satan's deception the apparent quick gains would be destroyed, as easy as it came.

“6 ¶ And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasing to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make wise, she took of its fruit, and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

7 And the eyes of both of them were opened. And they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made girdles for themselves.”
(Genesis 3:6-7, MKJV)

Now they became wise in their own eyes. They began to perceive alternatives. In this they also knew that they would disobey their Creator. How can they face the God they were prepared to disregard? They could lie! They could try to live the lie. This could also extend to lying to one another. This made them feel naked. They wanted to cover their bodies, but also their intentions. Honesty was flowing away like a living river to leave behind the barren sand. They wanted to hide some aspects of their lives, of their relationship.

Eve failed in being a leader. She should have resisted Satan. She should have ruled over his evil, over his lies, his dishonesty, his disobedience. Adam also failed in being a leader. He simply went along with Eve, knowing better.

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This was a failure of management. They failed to rule their lives. They failed to rule over evil, over disobedience, over enticement. They failed to rule over Satan. And now Satan can rule over them. God would no longer lead them. They made their choice. Now the consequences will follow.

“8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day. And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God in the middle of the trees of the garden.

9 ¶ And the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, Where are you?

10 And he said, I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I am naked, and I hid myself.

11 ¶ And He said, Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree which I commanded you that you should not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.

13 And the LORD God said to the woman, What is this you have done? And the woman said, The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

(Genesis 3:8-13, MKJV)

The failure is apparent. Only excuses and blame are left. The open and honest relationship is over. They would in future live a life of deception, seeking short term unfair gain. This would make it difficult to form teams. This would make it hard to build

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families and nations that work together for a mutual benefit. However the choice was made. Now we will see the repercussions. The Creator did not curse them deliberately. These were symbolic of the repercussions that would automatically flow.

The Devil would be resisted in the third Heaven. His operation would be limited to the earth. The woman would have great trouble with her children. They would cause her much pain in their rebellion. The man would have to work hard to gain little, as mankind would find it difficult to work together for the common good. Any gains in cooperation would be marred by corruption and theft, and eventual war.

“14 ¶ And the LORD God said to the serpent, Because you have done this you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every animal of the field. You shall go upon your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.

16 ¶ To the woman He said, I will greatly increase your sorrow and your conception. In pain you shall bear sons, and your desire shall be toward your husband, and he shall rule over you.

17 ¶ And to Adam He said, Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it! The ground is cursed for your

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sake. In pain shall you eat of it all the days of your life.

18 It shall also bring forth thorns and thistles to you, and you shall eat the herb of the field.

19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you are, and to dust you shall return.”

(Genesis 3:14-19, MKJV)

Paradise would be elusive. Due to the quest for demigod status, people will not be able to work together for long, if at all. This will bring hardship, as people would struggle to survive. In the long term bitterness and hardship will lead to crime, even murder and war. It would be terrible to continue to exist in this state of hatred. God would allow a way out of the misery, even if people refuse to turn to Him.

“22 ¶ And the LORD God said, Behold, the man has become as one of Us, to know good and evil.

And now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever,

23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he had been taken.

24 And He drove out the man. And He placed cherubs at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.”

(Genesis 3:22-24, MKJV)

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The choice was made. Mankind would try to form relationships any way they want. They would be truthful when it suits them, but tell lies when there are short term gains. They would sacrifice long term happiness for short term unfair advantage. But in the end it would catch up with them. A life of long term bitterness would follow. Mankind would build their own way, just to have the gains destroyed by greed, crime and war.

Adam and Even began to build their family. The children had an opportunity to establish a relationship with their Maker. Notice what happened.

“1 ¶ And Adam knew Eve his wife. And she conceived and bore Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

2 And she bore again, his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 ¶ And in the end of days, it happened, Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground.

4 And Abel also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat of it. And the LORD had respect to Abel and to his offering,

5 but He did not have respect to Cain and to his offering. And Cain glowed with anger, and his face fell.”

(Genesis 4:1-5, MKJV)

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God is not fooled! Cain's attitudes and motivation were halfhearted, full of hidden agendas, striving to deceive his Maker. No sacrifice will do when we are operating out of greed and jealousy the rest of the time.

“11 ¶ For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another;

12 not as Cain who was of the evil one, and killed his brother. And for what did he kill him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's things were righteous.”

(1 John 3:11-12, MKJV)

No ritual or sacrifice can cover the sin of pretense. God can see what is in our hearts. Cain was caught out. And he was furious.

“6 ¶ And the LORD said to Cain, Why have you angrily glowed? And why did your face fall?

7 If you do well, shall you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin crouches at the door; and its desire is for you, and you shall rule over it.”

(Genesis 4:6-7, MKJV)

God begs Cain to rule over his sin, over his evil inclination. The quest is again for us to rule, firstly over ourselves, and also over the temptations of Satan.

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The issue has always been one of rule. Who do we allow to rule over us? Who do we follow? Who do we learn from?

Apart from a few individuals, people rule themselves. Where needed, we do form some corporate rule, and we allow some rule of someone else for a while. But the jails full of people testify that some would not allow others to rule over them. The search for demigod status is evident, even in the gangs that form.

“16 Do you not know that to whom you yield yourselves as slaves for obedience, you are slaves to him whom you obey; whether it is of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness.”
(Romans 6:16, MKJV)

The situation became worse over the years. At the end of the first millennium it became unbearable.

“5 And the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
6 ¶ And the LORD repented that He had made man on the earth, and He was angry to His heart.
7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created, from the face of the earth, both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air. For I repent that I have made them.”
(Genesis 6:5, MKJV)

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Mankind used the freedom from rule to practice crime and oppress one another. It became unbearable. Mankind would not turn to God for righteous rule. In their denial they self-destruct. It was too much to bear. God would destroy it all in the flood, and start again with the only person that turned to him: Noah.

“8 ¶ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

10 And Noah fathered three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 ¶ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth. And, behold, it was corrupted! For all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth.”

(Genesis 6:8-12, MKJV)

Mankind was allowed to be subject to death. That is why we are earthbound, and need air to stay alive. When we make life unbearable in our quest for self rule and lust for demigod status, we can all be destroyed. In the post flood world, God would deal with us differently. He would ultimately raise a nation to live His way, and so be an example to other nations. He would take the issue of governance and power to rule closer to mankind.