

“KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT”

A. THE KINGDOM OF GOD & THE KINGDOM OF SATAN

1. God is a _____; and thus He willed to establish a _____ over which He could rule as sovereign. (Ps. 103:19; 1 Tim. 1:17)

2. God created the _____ as His subjects over which He could rule. (Ezek. 28:13, 15)

** How does the Bible describe these creatures?*

3. God also created _____ to be His subject and to exercise rule over planet earth as God's vice-regents. (Gen. 1:26-28)

4. After the creation of the angels, _____ rebelled against God by desiring to be _____ and to establish his own _____, thus becoming God's _____ or Satan. (Isa. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:11-17; 1 Tim. 3:6)

** Who else followed Satan in his rebellion against God? (Matt. 25:41; Eph. 6:10-12; Rev. 12:7)*

** What two categories of angels now exist? (Ps. 103:20; Mk. 8:38; 1 Tim. 5:21)*

5. Satan entered the sphere of mankind's dominion and _____ the rule of planet earth away from man through the fall. (Gen. 3:1-5; Luke 4:5-6; John 8:44; 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Heb. 2:15)

** What tragic consequences resulted from this usurpation?*

** Why didn't God just crush this rebellion at the very beginning?*

B. THE REDEEMER-KING

1. From the very beginning, God promised that a _____ would come to save people out of Satan's kingdom and to re-establish dominion over the earth. (Gen. 3:15)

** What does Genesis 3:15 predict about this Individual?*

2. Henceforth, Satan's strategy would be to attempt to _____ the Redeemer of mankind from coming into the world and completing His work. (Gen. 4:1-8 cf. 1 John 3:12; 6:1-6 cf. 2 Pt. 2:4-9; Jude 6-7; Exod. 1:22; Esther 3; Matt. 2; 16:23; Rev. 12:4)

3. Satan and his demons did not succeed in this effort but were defeated by Christ at the _____ (John 19:30; Col. 2:14-15; Heb. 2:14-15)

** Where did Christ go after His death and what did He do there? (Lk. 23:43; Rom. 10:7; 1 Pt. 3:18-19)*

4. The Bible also prophesies that the Redeemer-Lamb will _____ as the Redeemer-Lion to _____ the dominion of planet earth (Rev. 5).

** Is there really a need for Christ's 1,000 kingdom on the earth? (Dan. 7:13-14; Rev. 20:1-6)*

** What can you learn from all of this?*