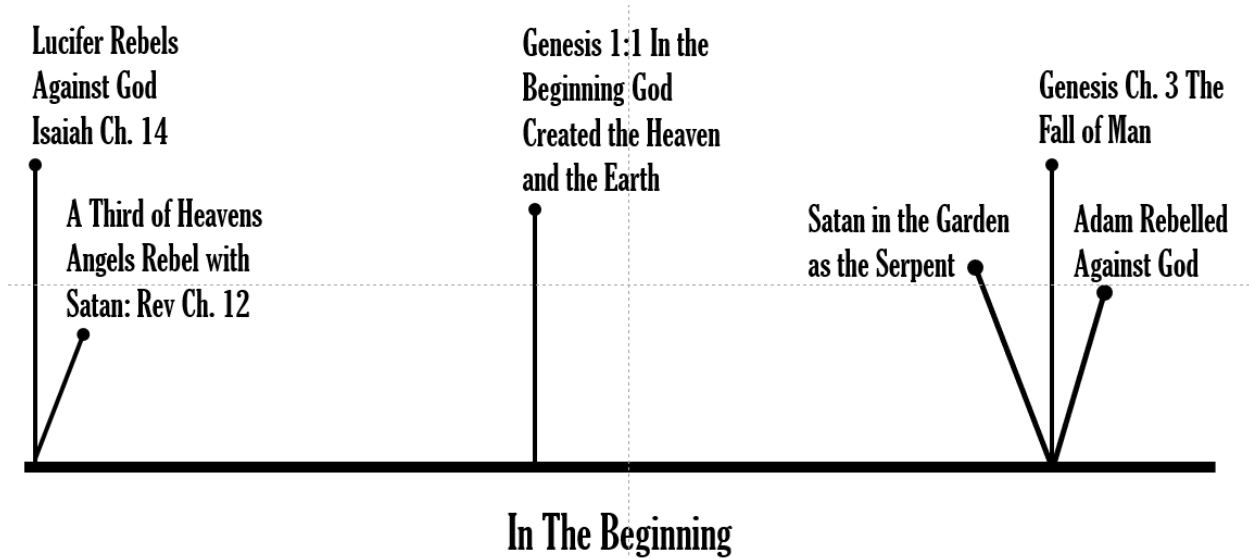


# THE GRAND THEME OF THE BIBLE!

Most Christians believe the grand theme of the Bible concerns their salvation, their deliverance from hell's fire. But such is not the case, as you will soon see. To understand the Bible's grand theme, we must go back to the beginning.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1 KJB

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Two realms for which God has a plan and purpose. Notice that heaven is singular. That's not a reference to the sun moon, and stars as they were created on day four of the creation week. Heaven is the abode of God and the heavenly host. Let's build a timeline from Genesis chapter one verse one.



Genesis 1:1 records the beginning marked by the creation of the current heaven and earth. But something happened before the beginning. Remember, God is eternal.

Prior to Genesis 1:1 Lucifer lead a rebellion against God and a third of heavens host followed him as stated in Revelation 12:4:

"And his tail drew the **third part of the stars of heaven**, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born." - Revelation 12:4 KJV

"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**." - Revelation 12:9 KJV

Job 15 verse 15 states "Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the **heavens are not clean in his sight**."

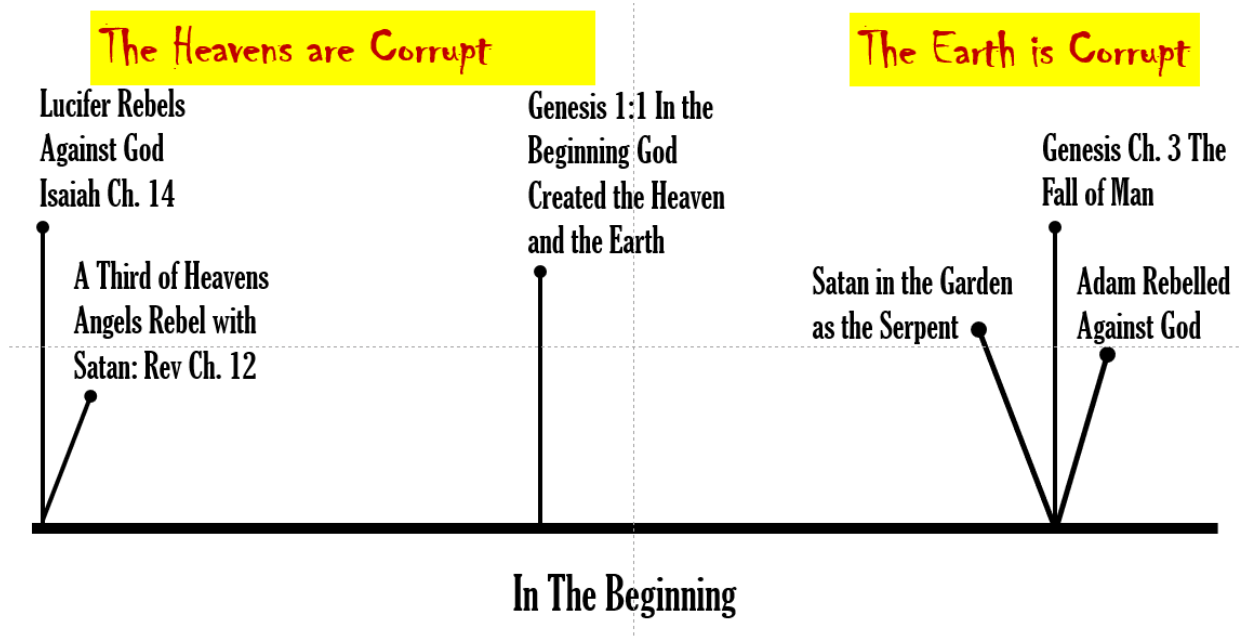
Saints in this context are angels. The heavens are not clean because a third of the angels are in rebellion against God.

Since the casting out of Satan and his angels from heaven occurs at the midpoint of the 7-year Tribulation, the heavens are presently corrupt.

Genesis chapter 3 records the fall of Adam thereby corrupting the human race and the earth.

"And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed is the ground for thy sake**; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." - Genesis 3:17-19 KJV

Heaven is corrupt due to Lucifers rebellion. And the earth is corrupt due to Adams disobedience. That sets the stage for the grand theme of the bible.

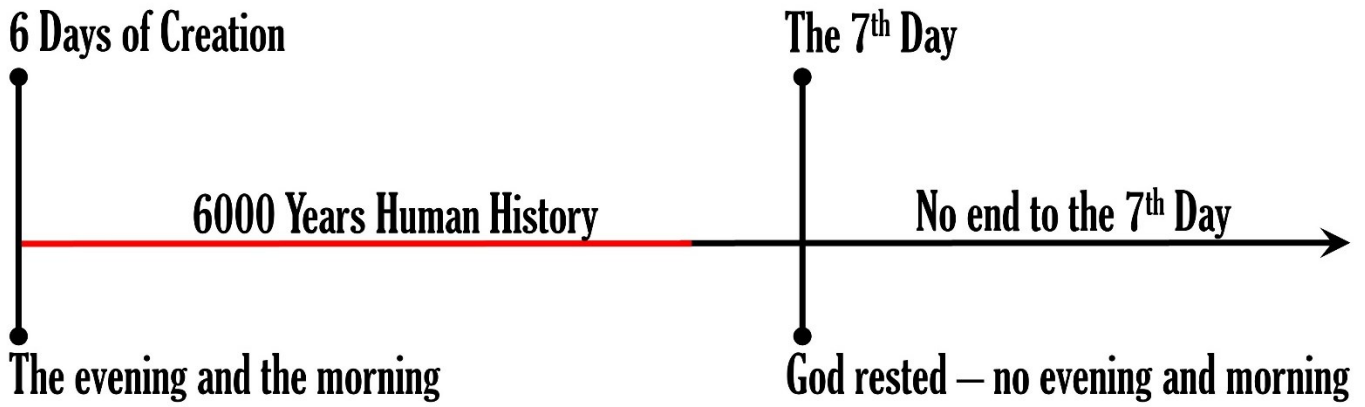


THE GRAND THEME OF THE BIBLE IS THE RECONCILIATION OF HEAVEN AND EARTH BACK TO THE FATHER THROUGH JESUS CHRIST!

"That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might **gather together in one all things in Christ**, both which are in **heaven**, and which are on **earth**; even in him:" - Ephesians 1:10 KJB

"And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to **reconcile all things unto himself**; by him, I say, whether they be things in **earth**, or things in **heaven**." - Colossians 1:20 KJV

Since both heaven and earth are presently corrupt, how will Jesus Christ reconcile the two realms back to the Father? Before I answer that, let's look at something interesting concerning the six days of creation.

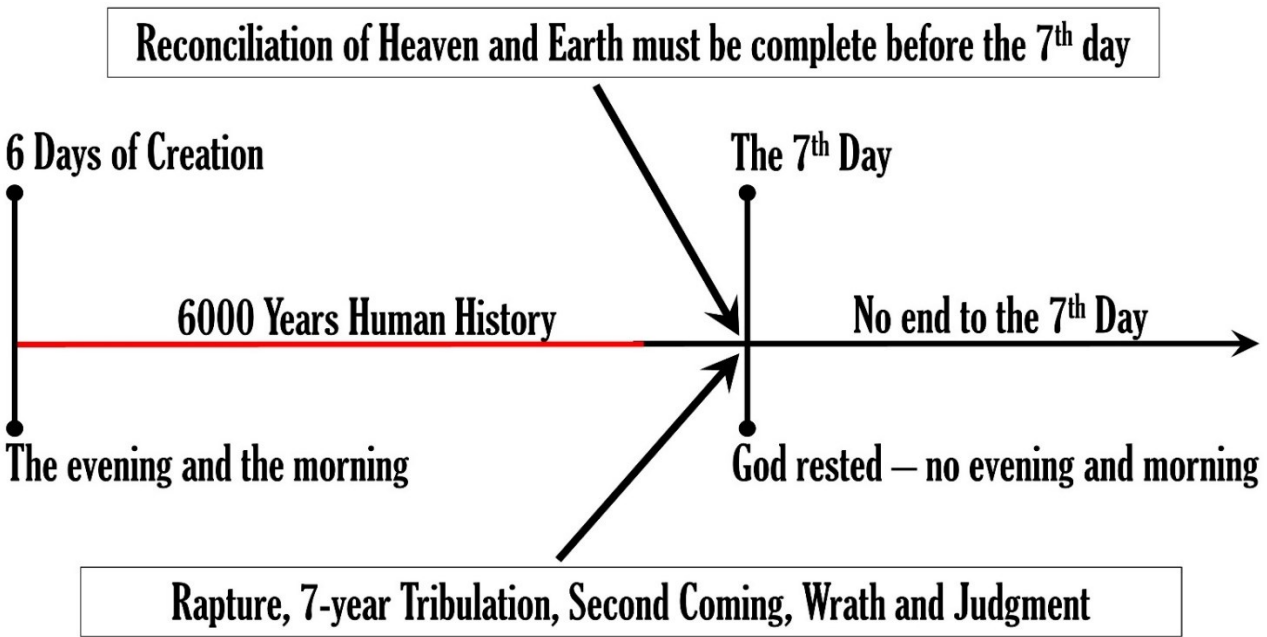


Here is a simple chart on the six days of creation. Remember that each of the six days of creation has a phrase saying and the evening and the morning were the first day and the evening in the morning were the second day and so on ( Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31). Now on the 7th day, God rested, and you'll notice in the text (Genesis 2:1-3) there is no statement saying the evening in the morning were the 7th day. It's not there. The 7th day is the day of God's rest. That 7th day is eternal.

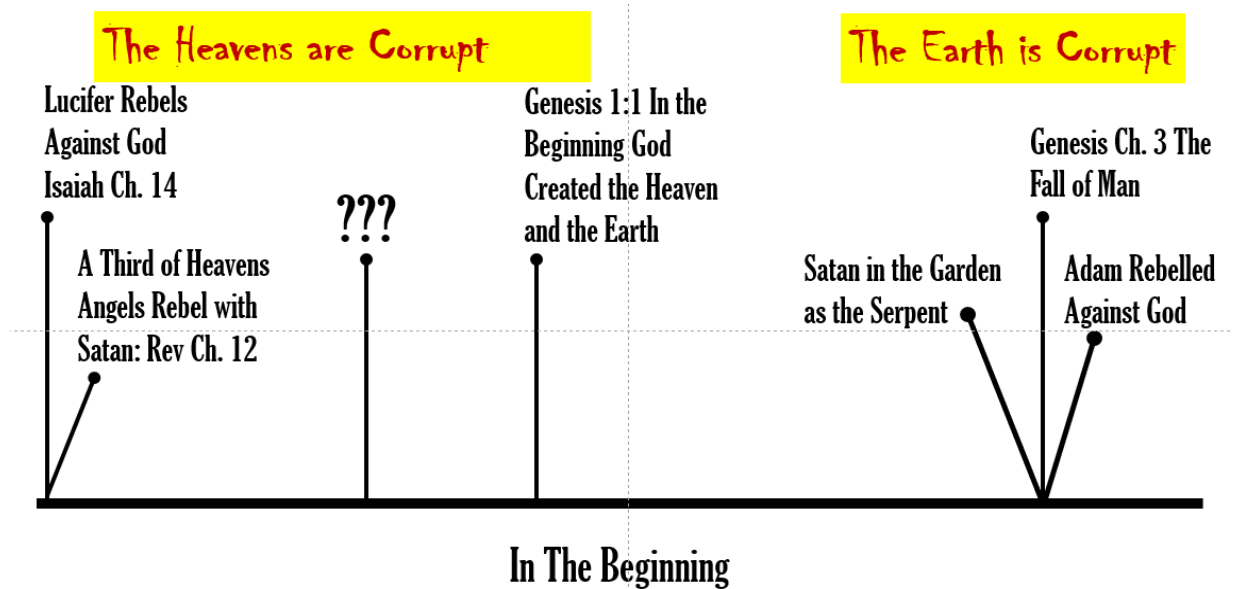
The six days of creation represent 6000 years of human history, for as a day is as 1000 years and 1000 years as a day.

*"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."* - 2 Peter 3:8 KJV

But the 7th day has no end. It goes on and on forever. So, at the beginning of the 7th day, you cannot have a corrupt earth and a corrupt heaven going on into eternity forever. Heaven and earth must be reconciled back to the father before the 7th day begins. There are many things in prophecy that happen at the end of the sixth day, just prior to the beginning of the 7th day: The rapture of the church, the seven-year tribulation, the second coming of Jesus Christ, the wrath and judgment that takes place upon his return. These events begin the reconciliation of Heaven and Earth back to the Father.



## HOW DOES JESUS RECONCILE HEAVEN BACK TO THE FATHER?



Getting back to our original chart, you'll notice that I added something after the fall of Satan and before Genesis 1:1, the beginning. Let's look at some scriptures so you understand clearly what the "???" represents and why it's in that particular position.

"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the **hidden wisdom**, which God ordained **before the world** unto our glory:" - 1 Corinthians 2:7 KJB

"According as he hath chosen us in him **before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:" - Ephesians 1:4 KJB

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus **before the world began**," - 2 Timothy 1:9 KJB

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised **before the world began**;" - Titus 1:2 KJB

"Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was **kept secret since the world began**," - Romans 16:25 KJV

Notice that God planned the church, the body of Christ before the world began, and that knowledge was kept secret until God revealed it to the apostle Paul beginning in Acts chapter 9.

"If ye have heard of the **dispensation of the grace** of God which is **given me** to you-ward:" - Ephesians 3:2 KJV

"Whereof I am made a minister, according to the **dispensation of God** which is **given to me** for you, to fulfil the word of God;" - Colossians 1:25 KJV

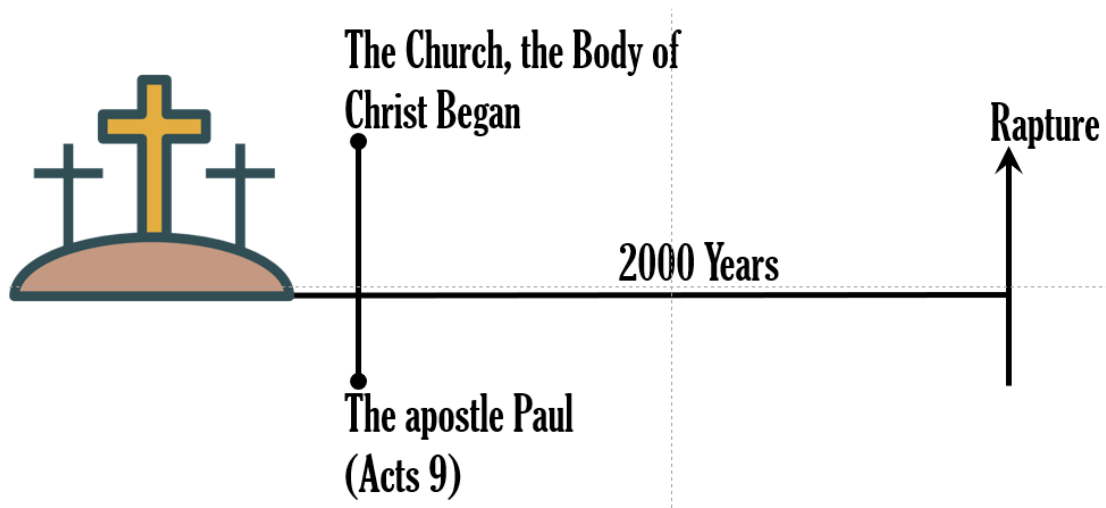
The church the body of Christ was conceived in the mind of God yet kept secret since the world began only to be revealed to the apostle Paul after his Damascus road conversion. That begs the following questions.

1. **How** did God choose the body of Christ before the world began, before he created man?
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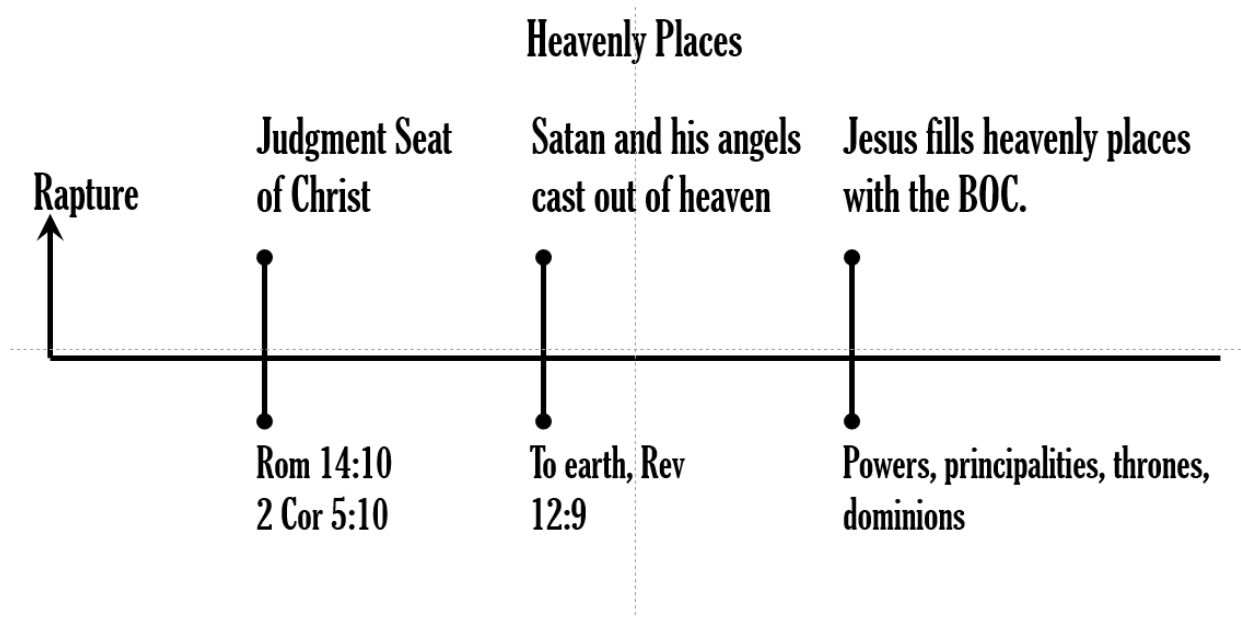
"For whom he did **foreknow**, he also did **predestinate** to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also **called**: and whom he called, them he also **justified**: and whom he justified, them he also **glorified**." - Romans 8:29-30 KJV

God foreknew those of us that would believe Paul's gospel of grace and become members of the body of



Christ. With this foreknowledge, God predestinated us to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. Then, at the appropriate time he called us by his spirit to salvation. Then he justified us putting us in right standing with the father. Our glorification is yet future that will happen at the Rapture.

After the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the apostle Paul comes on the scene in Acts Chapter 9. From that point on, God begins building the church, the body of Christ. This has been ongoing for 2000 years. At some point, I believe in the near future, the Rapture event will occur, relocating the body of Christ to heavenly places.



Once in heavenly places, the church, the body of Christ, will appear at the judgment seat of Christ. All the wood, hay, and stubble in our lives will be burned. The only thing left will be gold, silver, and precious gems. Those things we did for Christ in accordance with his will.

*"But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? **for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.**" - Romans 14:10 KJV*

*"For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." - 2 Corinthians 5:10 KJV*

The judgment seat of Christ follows the Rapture that relocates the body of Christ to heaven. This is a cleansing judgment. That purpose is shown in the following verse.

*"That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That **he might present it to himself a glorious church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." - Ephesians 5:26-27 KJV*

We will become that glorious church after the judgment seat of Christ where some will receive a reward and others will suffer loss.

*"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation **gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble**; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, **he shall receive a reward**. If any man's work shall be burned, **he shall suffer loss**: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." - 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 KJV*

There's another event that takes place in heaven as recorded in Revelation chapter 12 verse 9. Satan and his angels are cast out of heaven. You read that there's war in heaven. Michael and his angels fight against Satan and his angels, and Satan is routed. He and his angels are cast out of heaven to the earth. This leaves a tremendous number of vacated positions of authority in heavenly places that Jesus will fill with us, the body of Christ—Powers, Principalities, Thrones, dominions, etc. That will be a glorious day as our rewards are eternal. With these events, the reconciliation of heaven is complete.

## **Question 2: Why did God choose the body of Christ before the world began, before he created man?**

To replace the angels that rebelled against God with Lucifer!

*"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: **for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**" - 1 Corinthians 2:7-8 KJV*

God kept the knowledge of the church, the body of Christ, hidden until after the crucifixion and resurrection of the lord Jesus Christ. Had Satan and his minions known that the Church, the body of Christ, would be built upon the Gospel of grace, that Jesus died for our sin was buried and rose again the third day and that the church would replace his rebellious angels, He would not have crucified the Lord Jesus Christ preventing the formation of the body of Christ and his replacements in heavenly places.

Positions of authority in heavenly places will be filled by the church once Satan and his minions are routed!

*"And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet,*

and gave him to be **the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.**" - Ephesians 1:19-23 KJV

Jesus fills heavenly places, principalities, powers, might and dominion with us, the church, his body. For we are the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

The LORD JESUS CHRIST RECONCILES HEAVEN BACK TO THE FATHER BY:

1. Creating the Body of Christ to replace the fallen rebellious angels.
2. Catching up the Body of Christ to heaven prior to the 7-year Tribulation.
3. Purifying the Body of Christ at the Judgment seat of Christ.
4. Casting Satan and his angels out of heaven.
5. Filling the vacated hierarchy with His body, the church.

Jesus reconciles heavenly places back to the Father with us the church the body of Christ at the midpoint of the seven-year Tribulation after Satan and his angels are cast out of heaven down to the earth Then the heavenly hierarchy is filled by the church, the body of Christ. Heaven is now clean.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST RECONCILES THE EARTH BACK TO THE FATHER

*"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**"* - Revelation 11:15 KJV

At the mid-point of the Tribulation the grand proclamation comes.

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

The reconciliation of earth begins.

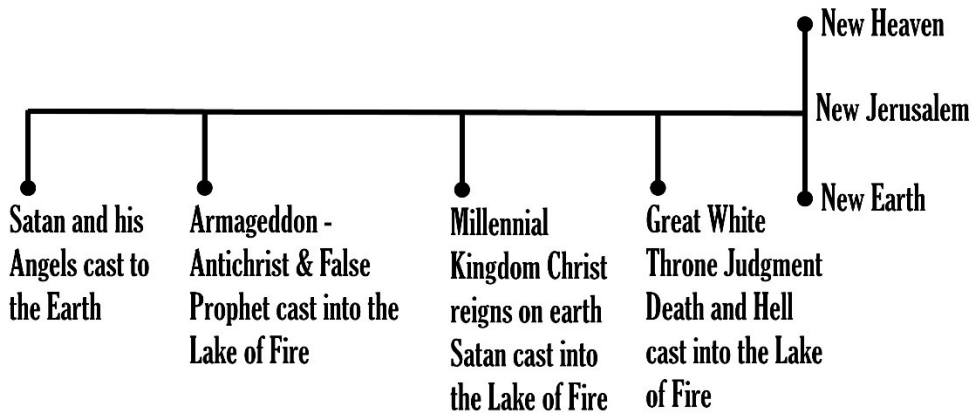
THE SEVENTH DAY, THE DAY OF REST, IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

At the second coming, Jesus Christ defeats the enemies of God. The Antichrist and the false prophet are cast into the Lake of fire. The Lord Jesus Christ establishes his Millennial Kingdom to reign on Earth for 1000 years and then on into eternity. After the thousand-year Kingdom we have the Great White Throne judgment where all the lost dead are judged. Everyone whose name is not found in the Book of Life is cast into the Lake of Fire. Lastly, Satan, Hell, and death are cast into the Lake of fire. At that point, the earth has been cleansed and reconciled back to the Father. God's Kingdom is now prepared for the New Heaven and the New Earth and the New Jerusalem. All things in heaven and earth have been gathered in Jesus Christ and reconciled to the Father. And so, eternity future begins!

The LORD JESUS CHRIST RECONCILES HEAVEN AND EARTH BACK TO THE FATHER

# Heavenly Places

Jesus fills heavenly places with the BOC.



All things in Heaven and Earth gathered together in Christ!

## The Earth

Heaven is reconciled back to the Father by Jesus Christ through us, the Body of Christ via the Mystery program of the Church.

The Earth is reconciled back to the Father with Israel in their prophesied Kingdom program where Jesus Christ rules over the nations.

I hope this study has helped you understand the grand theme of the Bible. We have a glorious eternity ahead of us with Jesus Christ in heavenly places where eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him. I hope to see you there.

God bless,

Paul Felter