

The Message of the Bible

Jehovah God has the right to rule. His method of ruling is best. His purpose for the earth and for mankind will be fulfilled. After 4026 B.C.E. “The **serpent**” questions Jehovah’s right to rule and his way of ruling. Jehovah promises to raise up an “offspring,” or a “seed,” who will eventually crush the **serpent**, Satan. (**Genesis** 3:1-5, 15, footnote) However, Jehovah allows time for humans to rule themselves under the **serpent’s** influence.