



When God refers to an inheritance in the Bible, He is always referring to being a ruler over a dominion. God, himself, even though He is King, the ruler of all creation, took the descendants of Jacob as His inheritance. “For the **LORD's portion** is his people, **Jacob his allotted inheritance**” (Deuteronomy 32:9). Unfortunately, a time came and the descendants of Israel rejected God as their king. “And the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you. For it is not you they have rejected, but **they have rejected Me as their king**” (I Samuel 8:7).

Israel rejected God as their king, because they wanted to be like the nations whose heavenly rulers who received an inheritance at the time of Babel to rule over the nations on earth gave them physical kings to rule over the people in accordance to their orders.

GOD TOOK FOR HIMSELF AN INHERITANCE AND GAVE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HEAVENLY COURT AN INHERITANCE

“When the Most High gave **the nations their inheritance**, when He divided the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples **according to the number of the sons of God**” (Deuteronomy 32:8 Berean Study Bible).

“When the Most High assigned lands to the nations, when he divided up the human race, he established the boundaries of the peoples **according to the number in his heavenly court**” (Deuteronomy 32:8 New Living Translation).

“...that God Most High gave land to every nation. He assigned **a guardian angel to each of them**” (Deuteronomy 32:8 Contemporary English Version).

Some translations have incorrectly indicated that when God gave the nations their inheritance, He divided them according to the number of sons of Israel, but Israel was not in existence at the time of Babel when the people were divided. Abraham wasn't born for another 200 years. Also, God did not give His people, Israel, rulership over the nations especially when they weren't in existence at the time these nations had begun a rebellion and needed spiritual guidance back onto the path of righteousness.

Israel's inheritance was Almighty God; He was their King and ruler over them. The nations received as their inheritance, the members of God's heavenly court. Most of these members received their inheritance at the time of Babel, however, ten members have not yet received the promise of their inheritance. They will receive rulership for one hour in the last days (Revelation 17:12). Unfortunately, all of these heavenly members have chosen to rebel against

God. They intentionally and knowingly misled the nations in ancient times to rebel against their true Creator, instead they taught the people to worship them, lesser gods—fallen sons of God. God identifies the gift and authority to rule over a dominion as an inheritance.

HEIRS WITH CHRIST IS RULERSHIP WITH CHRIST

Common knowledge to Christians is the understanding that those who repent, accept the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and receive God's Holy Spirit give birth to a new person who will receive eternal life at Christ's return. This transformation brings them into the royal, ruling family of God where they will be given their inheritance—eternal life ruling in God's holy family over a dominion.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy He has given us **new birth into a living hope** through the **resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, to an **inheritance imperishable** and undefiled and unfading, being reserved in the heavens for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time” (I Peter 1:3-5).

“And **if we are children, then we are heirs: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ**—if indeed we suffer with Him, so that we may also be glorified with Him” (Romans 8:17).

“And when the Chief Shepherd appears, **YOU will receive the CROWN of glory that will never fade away**” (I Peter 5:4).

TWO REALMS: HEAVEN AND EARTH

God is completing His kingdom comprised of life from two realms: heaven and earth. The creation on earth is the final and most critical piece to the completion of His kingdom. Repentant mankind is destined to rule in some of the most important and crucial positions in His kingdom.

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have full endurance and patience, and joyfully **giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness** and brought us into **the kingdom of His beloved Son**” (Colossians 1:9-13).

There exists today a dominion of darkness and God's Son's kingdom of light. Within the kingdom of light there are countless positions and offices of rulership. God Almighty is seeking to fulfill these positions with repentant and righteous mankind.

The story of Job reveals a golden story found in the precious strands woven within the dialogue of God Almighty, Satan, Job, Job's friends and Job's wife. This prized find is an entry into God's

world where only a few ventures. “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; **to search out a matter is the glory of kings**” (Proverbs 25:2). God honours those who search out His hidden mysteries like a great king—a leader going out in front fearlessly with a drive unmatched to discover the **priceless truths** that the Great God through His ingenious penmanship has hidden and saved for only those with the resilience beyond the ordinary man and woman, those who love the wonders of God and only those who cannot be stopped or filled for God’s wonders excite them and stir their appetite for more.

Job’s story is all about inheritance—the destiny of all of mankind on earth who will become a kingdom of priests—under the name of Israel—a church reborn and righteous.

“They sang a new song: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because **you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation You have made them to be a kingdom of priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth**” (Revelation 5:9-10).

THE FIRST CREATION—THE REALM IN HEAVEN

Critical to the completion of God’s kingdom is a body of priests—a church—religious leaders who fully understand righteousness. This is very important to Almighty God. It was planned before the creation of heaven and earth.

The realm in heaven was created long before the creation of mankind on earth. The use of the term angels is a generic name for beings in the realm of heaven that include: sons of God, Guardian angels and Archangels which are also referred to as sons of God, Cherubim and Seraphim. In addition, there are the four living creatures, and the Principalities, Powers and Rulers of Ephesians 6:12. To consider also, there are the “beasts of the field” and the “birds of the air” referred to in the Bible that are likely part of life in the realm of heaven.

God’s whole family lives in either heaven or earth.

The Apostle Paul wrote, “For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom **HIS WHOLE FAMILY IN HEAVEN and ON EARTH** derives its name” (Ephesians 3:14).

The creation in heaven is countless. It likely surpasses all life on earth by two-thirds.

Moses said, “The LORD came from Sinai and dawned over them from Seir; he shone forth from Mount Paran. He came with **MYRIADS (TEN THOUSANDS) OF HIS HOLY ONES** from the south, from his mountain slopes” (Deuteronomy 33:2).

Jesus Christ was the God who created everything in heaven and earth through the power of His Father. He is first a member of the realm in heaven, but his life on earth has given him membership to the realm on earth.

THE SECOND CREATION—THE REALM ON EARTH

It wasn't until Lucifer was declared an enemy of God that Jesus restored earth and created mankind. The creation on earth is different to the creation in heaven. Mankind was made mortal. It was planned that mankind would grow into spiritual knowledge, understanding and wisdom and as sin was expected, it was also planned that through suffering, an uncompromising relationship with God would be forged that bring sinners to their knees and elevates them by grace into God's presence as willing servants honoured by virtue of their salvation plan and committed eternally into preserving righteousness and godliness.

Mankind was destined from before the creation, to become a holy kingdom of royal priests—a church, specialists in teaching God's theology of love and upholding the laws of God. In contrast, the creation in the realm of heaven appear to specialize in national leadership as they are referred to as princes, "rulers, principalities and powers" (Ephesians 6:12). National and religious leadership will be married together like a man and a woman, forged as one body from two different realms, practising God's way and enforcing God's laws throughout God's kingdom.

BIBLICAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES

God gave the ancient Israelites His laws and ordinances. In general, only the males of each family received an inheritance. Daughters received the inheritance only in rare occasions where there wasn't a male heir. The reason why God instituted this was because the male gender was created from the beginning to mirror the creation in heaven who were created first and are rulers in heaven having already received their inheritance. The female gender was created second to mirror the creation of men and women on earth who are all destined to become priests, God's church. This explains why the daughters of the family were not given an inheritance automatically. They mirror all of mankind who have sinned, hence, they have lost their inheritance of rulership in God's kingdom. Fortunately, Christ paid the price for their sins and now an inheritance for mankind—the kingdom of priests, is again possible. The story of Job adds light onto the golden threads in this story.

THE STORY OF JOB

The book of Job begins with Job's sons who "used to take turns holding feasts in their homes, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would send and have them purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, 'Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.' This is Job's regular custom" (Job 1:4-5).

Job's sons held feasts celebrating themselves. The New International Version translate Job 1:4, "His sons used to hold feasts in their homes **on their birthdays**, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them."

Recording the annual feasting of the sons is important to the deeper story. Often key pieces to understanding the bigger story is written in a few verses. The daughters didn't hold feasts for themselves, possibly because tradition did not recognize them. It also appears that Job was

concerned about the feasting that involved all of his children, which led to the sacrifices at the end of the feasting period.

The book of Job then leaves the scene of his children to enter into a long dialogue that begins with Satan and God Almighty. God is proud of Job, but Satan believes that Job's loyalty was bought. Satan was allowed to test Job. He suffers immensely but remains completely loyal to God despite his wife's comment, "Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!" (Job 2:9)

Job's closest three friends did not understand what God was teaching Job, rather they saw the only cause for suffering to be the result of sin. Yet, the Apostle Paul said, "And if we are children, then we are heirs: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ—if **indeed we suffer with Him**, so that we may also be glorified with Him" (Romans 8:17).



Christians will suffer at times by no fault of their own, except that they are serving God and Wickedness is allowed to test their loyalty under duress.

God was allowing Satan to test Job. While Satan was hoping that Job would fall, the opposite occurred. An unbreakable bond and an eternal untouchable loyalty were forged out of his suffering, which only verified God's declaration of Job in the first verse of the book, "There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. And **this man was blameless and upright, fearing God and shunning evil**" (Job 1:1).

THE PRICELESS ENDING

The golden threads of the story are picked up at the very end as if written only in verses 4 and 5 of chapter one and verses 14 and 15 of the final chapter—as if they were merely ten verses apart.

After Job's trial, God blessed "the latter part of Job's life more than the first" (Job 42:12). He was again blessed with seven sons and three daughters, but this time there is no mention of the sons celebrating themselves nor are they given any special attention. In contrast, his daughters born to him after the trial were placed onto the centre of the stage. God is intentionally sharing some important details. **The names of the daughters are declared.** Naming is very important to God. It identifies and describes something or someone of value in God's eyes and Job's daughters have God's captivating attention.

“He named his first daughter **Jemimah**, his second **Keziah**, and his third **Keren-happuch**. No women as beautiful as Job’s daughters could be found in all the land, and **their father granted them an inheritance among their brothers**” (Job 42:14-15).

THE MYSTERY IN THE CREATION OF GENDER

The female gender, created second after the male gender was intended from the very beginning to image a group of people that form a church, a religious body of people [physical men and women] that include teachers, religious leaders and the congregation that follow the instructions of God.

The Apostle Paul understood the mystery of creating a man and a woman and the marriage of a male and female. “For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and **the two will become one flesh. This mystery is profound, but I am speaking about Christ and the church**” (Ephesians 5:31-32).

In the faithful marriage relationship, Christ mirrors the man and the church mirrors the woman. Outside of the marriage, the woman mirrors mankind on earth and churches whether for or against God and the man mirrors the first creation in heaven both the righteous and the fallen.

Job’s daughters mirror three religious bodies known to God from ancient times. They were initially a bitter disappointment going along with the nations like Job’s daughters celebrating with their brothers.

God said, “**They broke my covenant**, though I was a **husband** to them, declares the Lord” (Jeremiah 31:32).

Ezekiel recorded the history of this one collective body, the nation of ancient Israel, who were comprised of three groups of people who broke the covenant they had with God. The religious leaders established Jerusalem as their centre and the two houses: Judah and Israel worshiped there. These three groups of people are referred to by Ezekiel as three daughters from the same mother. **Jerusalem, Israel and Judah—the three sisters all betrayed God to worship other gods.**

“Son of man, confront Jerusalem with her detestable practices...” (Ezekiel 16:1) “You, adulterous wife! You prefer strangers to your own husband!” (Ezekiel 16:32) “Like mother, like daughter... Your older sister was Samaria [Israel, the ten tribes], who lived to the north of you with her daughters; and your younger sister, who lived to the south of you with her daughters, was Sodom [Judah]. You not only walked in their ways and copied their detestable practices, but in all your ways you [Jerusalem] soon became more depraved than they... Samaria did not commit half the sins you did. You have done more detestable things than they, and have made your sisters seem righteous by all these things you have done” (Ezekiel 16:44, 46-47, 51).

Jacob’s wife, Rachel, mirrors the loved church who birthed two very loved boys. She died prematurely after the birth of Benjamin. She was chosen by God to live the life of the church God loved. That is why Matthew quoted Jeremiah, “A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great

mourning, **Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted**, because they are no more" (Matthew 2:18, Jeremiah 31:15).

Rachel had long since died before Jeremiah wrote. Matthew understood that Rachel's children mirrored the prophets—the righteous teachers that God loved. Her name is used by Jeremiah and understood by Matthew as the one crying for the death of the prophets. Jesus was the last prophet and Herod was seeking to take his life. Matthew recognized the prophecy and quoted Jeremiah as his prophecy was being fulfilled.

Jesus tried to bring the religious leaders back to God. **"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing"** (Matthew 23:37).

With the sacrifice of Christ and the receiving of the Holy Spirit, a new birth was forecasted in the story of Job. Three daughters seeded by a blameless and upright man were born. The spiritual reality is the story of **the rebirth of Jerusalem, Israel—the Christians, and Judah—the Messianic Jews walking in the ways of God.**

JEMIMAH, KEZIAH, KEREN-HAPPUCH

The oldest daughter's name is **Jemimah** meaning **"dove"** a symbol of peace. Jerusalem in the Millennium under the rule of Jesus Christ and his Bride will be the law-abiding centre living God's law of love nurturing peace across the world.

The second oldest daughter's name is **Keziah**. Another spelling of the word is **cassia**. **Cassia oil is like frankincense oil**. It has an **unmistakable fragrance and calming aromatic properties**. It is expensive, rare, and beautiful. Oil is used in anointings and Cassia oil indicates these anointed leaders will bring calm out of chaos and a sweet fragrance out of a world of stench.

The third daughter's name is **Keren-Happuch** means the **horn of adornment**. This name references **leadership that is just, righteous and founded on truth**. It is **outwardly a beauty in its fullest that comes from noble character**.

These three daughters image the transformation of wayward Israel into three beautiful churches. Their beauty will be seen all around the world. They will be a holy kingdom living God's way and a kingdom of royal priests teaching the world the way of God. The priests in this kingdom are viewed by God as female like Job's daughters who were born out of intense suffering and blossomed into captivating beauties.

God's sole purpose for mankind is to produce a planet of priests, all members of Abraham's family—a holy kingdom of royal priests. God said to His people, **"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession"** (1 Peter 2:9). All of repentant mankind will come into the family of God's people—Israel.

These daughters who image God's kingdom of priests will receive an inheritance—that is, rulership over a vast dominion (Job 42:15b).

SHE WILL RECEIVE AN INHERITANCE

Written in tradition is the giving of the family inheritance to the oldest son through to the youngest son. In the case of Job, he gave his daughters an inheritance along with his sons. It would appear from the mirroring that God weaves into His stories that an inheritance has already been given to His first creation in heaven—His sons, but we now know through Job's story, that in fact, the daughters will receive an inheritance. Job's three daughters mirror the members of the Bride who will marry Christ. They will be co-heirs with Christ ruling over both heaven and earth.

“And if we are children, then we are heirs: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with Him, so that we may also be glorified with Him” (Romans 8:17).



When Job declared, “My ears had heard of you but now **my eyes have seen you**” (Job 42:5), he came to understand that beyond the battle against sin is perfection, which can only be achieved through suffering. Christ, a man without sin, achieved perfection from what he suffered. So too, those who follow him will suffer as he did. Perfection is that place where God dwells, flowing with love, peace and tranquility and the righteous guard this place with their life. Knowing God, births a beauty unsurpassed and leadership that is not self-glorifying rather awe-filled with immense admiration for our long-enduring, gracious Father in heaven.

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