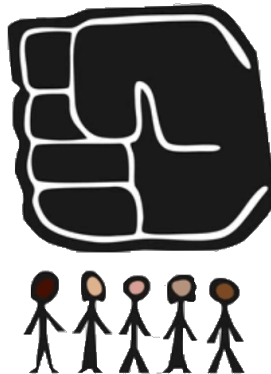


# Power **Corrupts**

This is not new to people on earth. For centuries, people have witnessed people rise to power and abuse it. Mankind will eventually come to the realization that they will no longer tolerate human leaders. An arrival is coming that will saturate mankind with tyranny. They will be forced to choose a side. God's plan will be accomplished.



**The first step in the process is the awakening of all people on earth.** Many people are still fast asleep. They are living in their own little world coming and going in an uninterrupted routine. Some people are waking up to the evil running governments worldwide. The rest are wide awake and frustrated with leadership at every level, everywhere.

Martin Armstrong provides his analysis of governance today. He said that there is consistency in all people when they get into office. They all grab power. They abuse it; they lie; and they oppress the people when eventually they trigger civil and international wars. Mark concludes by quoting a discussion out of Plato between Socrates and Thrasymachus on the topic of justice. Martin Armstrong supports the position of Thrasymachus. "It is the same regardless of whatever the government is. If it is an aristocrat, dictatorial, democracy, whatever. Justice is always defined as the self-interest of those in power... human nature is the same, that is why history repeats." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5JR3H7mpTg>

Religious people may want to blame the sorry state of the world onto the powerful influence of Satan. Indeed, he plays a major role. God is utilizing Satan's wily influence to give mankind first-hand experiences in the pain and intense suffering of selfish, sinful ways. They have a choice, but many still prefer to wallow in darkness.

To awaken all of mankind, a time of great distress will come. Mankind will be exposed up to their neck with the excrement of the dictatorship of the beast of Revelation that comes out of the sea. This ten-crowned beast will arrive on earth. No longer will evil operate in the shadows. In full view, it will establish its throne on earth. Satan will step aside and give this evil coalition of ten kings his power, throne and great authority (Revelation 13:2b). Lies and deception will be

the card played and those refusing to love the truth, will be cursed into believing the lies that they know are false by God Almighty until He brings them into judgement and sentencing.

“The coming of the lawless one will be accompanied by the working of Satan, with every kind of power, sign, and false wonder, and with **every wicked deception directed against those who are perishing, because they refused the love of the truth that would have saved them**” (11 Thessalonians 2:9-10).

These evil beastly characters will operate in the open. They will take the form of men. They will be very powerful; ungodly people will surrender and worship them. The second beast (from out of the earth) will “perform great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in **full view of men**” (Revelation 13:13b).

Human nature can be stubborn. Intense suffering will be inevitable as the pride and arrogance of mankind fights back. God Almighty and the Son with Him watch mankind and mock the foolishness of their efforts. “Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gathers together against the LORD and against His Anointed One. ‘Let us break their chains,’ they say, ‘and throw off their fetters’” (Psalm 2:1-3).

The unrepentant on earth will be tortured with the sting of a scorpion for five months by the imprisoned gods released for that time; these were worshipped in ancient times. Almighty God releases them and commands that they cannot kill these unrepentant mortals. And still, many will not turn away from sinning. Almighty God is driving a point home. These rebel gods do not care for humans not even the ones worshipping them. “Now the rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the works of their hands. They did not stop worshipping demons and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk. Furthermore, they did not repent of their murder, sorcery, sexual immorality, and theft” (Revelation 5:20-21).



God will pour out His wrath on the wicked and they will feel the excruciating pain of festering sores, unprecedented exposure of burning heat from the sun, waterways turned to blood and the destruction of their leadership leaving them standing alone before the Great, All Powerful Creator God.

A great religious revival will be triggered by the saints witnessing the legal testimony of Jesus Christ. Almighty God will ensure that everyone on earth hears and understands their witness; everyone will be fully accountable for their own personal choices and actions. Judgement in heaven and on earth follows the great tribulation of mankind on earth. The righteous will finally

see justice. **The second step will be complete when God’s people all submit to Almighty God and follow Jesus Christ wherever he goes.**

“In that day the **LORD will punish the host of heaven above and the kings of the earth below.** They will be gathered together like prisoners in a pit. They will be confined to a dungeon and punished after many days” (Isaiah 24:21-22).

This evil age will come to an end as Almighty God prophesied. Then, the tested, trusted and treasured King over all kings and Lord over all lords will reign for one thousand years. God will establish His government on earth and Jerusalem will be the centre of all things glorious. His people will finally submit to His law and live His way. They will become a holy kingdom of royal priests ruling in righteousness.

Jesus Christ will share his rulership with the saints—his Bride. They will be exemplary—they will be honest, truthful without fault, and just.

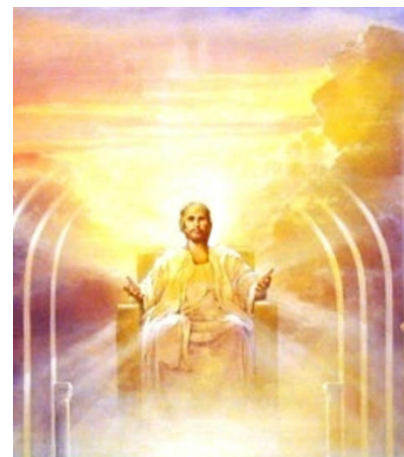
These are those who do not defile themselves with false religion, for they will keep themselves pure in God’s word. They follow Jesus Christ, their Saviour, wherever he goes. No lie will be found in their mouth; they are blameless—totally loyal to Almighty God and will never turn against Him because they too, love righteousness and hate wickedness (Revelation 14:4-5).

Our Great Creator God foreknew all things before the beginning. He formulated a plan long ago. It was engineered before this creation began. He decided to create a God-family—a ruling, royal, holy God-family. Heading this family is the unique Son, His begotten Son. The Great Creator God knew from the inception of His plan that the unique God with Him would be spiritually birthed first into this new family in-the-making—he would be the first born from creation in heaven and on earth.

The Great Creator God trumpets from His throne, “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill. I will proclaim the decree of the LORD. He said to me [God’s Anointed One], **‘You are my Son; today I have become your Father’**” (Psalm 2:6-7).

Zion, God’s holy hill is His great supreme government in heaven. At a moment in time, the Great Creator God begot a Son—who wasn’t previously a Son but existed with Him before the creation of heaven and earth.

Moses wrote, “In the beginning God [Elohim: masculine plural] created the heavens and the earth... Then God said, ‘Let **us** make man in **our** image, in **our** likeness, and let them rule...’” (Genesis 1:1, 26).



There exists at least two Gods. One is supreme and the other was given the power to create heaven and earth from the Supreme God.

The Supreme God has declared His singularity throughout the scriptures. “Remember what happened long ago, for I am God, and **there is no other**; I am God, and **there is none like Me**” (Isiah 46:9).

“For **the LORD** is the **great God**, the **great King above all gods**” (Psalm 95:3).

“There is but **one God, the Father**, from whom all things came and for whom we exist. And there is but **one Lord, Jesus Christ**, through whom all things came and through whom we exist” (I Corinthians 8:6).

One God is supreme and all powerful. The second God present at creation became a Son of God. This Being, the Almighty God tested and brought him into perfection.

“So, this is what the Lord GOD says: ‘See, I lay **a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation**; the one who believes will never be shaken’” (Isaiah 26:16).



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This Being is established in God’s highest government in heaven; he has been put through extreme hardships; he has proven his loyalty to the Great Creator God and considered as precious and vital to the core structure of the Great Creator God’s eternal government.

“Although He was a Son, **He learned obedience from what He suffered**. And having been **made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him**” (Hebrews 5:8-9).

Jesus Christ was the first to be begotten as a Son of the Great Creator God then trained for the immense role of King over the holy, ruling, royal God-family. Mankind who repents and obey Jesus Christ in everything will live eternally. This Son of God loves righteousness and hates wickedness. This love for the ways and law of the Great Creator God will never wane, but only surge like rushing waters purging wickedness to establish a perfect government for all eternity.

“About the Son he [the Great Creator God] says, ‘Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and **righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness**; therefore God, your God, has set **you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy... your years will never end**” (Hebrews 2:8-9, 12b).

**The third and final step will be the nations, learning from the example of God’s people, and desiring to be like God’s people who obey Him fully and completely.**

“Therefore, **you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.** Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him” (Psalm 2:10-12).

The monarchy of the Great Creator God is the establishment of His family as rulers over the future expansion of new life forms, their homes, their territory, and teaching them to keep the law of the Great Creator God and live His way. This follows the creation of a new heaven and new earth and the completion of the God-family. It will be a time of overwhelming joy and the filling of the long-awaited time when righteousness reigns forever.

Satan is like a roaring lion lurking in the shadows to keep this truth from reaching the people on earth. Their calling is great. The honour of being a member of the God-family is given only to this creation. No future creation will belong to the initial beginning—the patriarchs and matriarchs of the God-family. Jesus Christ is the first of the first-born. Run the race to win a place in this eternal God-family.

Power will continue to corrupt people as it corrupted one-third of the angels in heaven. One Being was never tempted to fall into the slippery mire.

He qualified like nobody else. He is our King over all kings and Lord over all lords.



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