

The *only begotten* SON of GOD

PART TWO

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A TESTED, CORNERSTONE



Almighty God is consistent in using imagery to provide a clear understanding of spiritual matters. He described a leader as the cornerstone of the structure being built.

The Great-Creator God engineered a saving-plan for mankind before creation of heaven and earth began. This saving-plan is critical to the core structure of His kingdom for His God-ruling family. The foundation must be solid and sure. A cornerstone has been placed; the orientation of the entire structure has been established. That tested

cornerstone is the precious Son of God who came in the form of a man willing to die for the sins of mankind.

“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 28:16).

The Apostle Peter quoted Isaiah 28, “For this is contained in Scripture: ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a **choice stone, a precious corner stone**, and he who believes in Him will not be disappointed’” (1 Peter 2:6).

God Almighty is building an eternal structure—His God-family kingdom. “Therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but **fellow citizens with the saints and members of God’s household**, having been **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone**. In Him the whole building is fitted together and **grows into a holy temple in the Lord**” (Ephesians 2:19-21).

Jesus, the leader imaged as the cornerstone is the One who is the model for all leaders to follow and he will ensure the orientation of righteousness remains in place for all eternity.

Jesus came to earth. He went to the chief religious leaders and they rejected him. They refused to listen and learn because they loved themselves more than their love for the word of God. These religious leaders had become so self-absorbed that whenever their status was threatened, they would go so far as to commit murder to preserve their status among men.

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’” (Matthew 21:42)

The builders of God’s church are the religious leaders, yet, these teachers of God’s word rejected the chief Cornerstone—the One who is now set in place, the first foundation stone upon which all religious leaders of God’s church will be placed above and around him to ensure the leadership remains righteous. The religious leaders of Jesus’ time have missed out. They could have been part of the foundation of God’s church—Christ’s bride, but their style of leadership was not grounded in humility, faithfulness and love.

During this evil age, most leaders are self-centred, arrogant and fall into corruption. The disciples at the time of Jesus on earth, argued among themselves over who was the greatest. God’s measurement of greatness is a humble leader who is self-sacrificing and serving others. Jesus said, “Anyone who wants to be first [the greatest] must be the very last [the humblest], and the servant of all” (Mark 9:35).

Jesus didn’t come to be served or to sit in the high places and look down, rather, to do all he can do to save mankind. “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).

The Apostle Paul taught, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!” (Philippians 2:3-8)

Jesus was the God with the Almighty God who was involved in the planning and engineering of the God-family kingdom. He holds all creation together. “For in Him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities. **All things were created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.** And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and firstborn from among the dead, so that **in all things He may have pre-eminence**” (Colossians 1:16-18).

He is the Word—the One with all knowledge and understanding of God’s law and His word. He is God’s Messenger speaking the words of God to His servants on earth. He is the holy Commander of God’s army and was present to guard and protect ancient Israel in all their wanderings into the present. He is the leader that has been with them since Abraham’s calling. No other being can fill the role of the chief Cornerstone, other than Jesus, the Co-Creator, the Word, the Angel of the LORD God, the Tested-Stone that God Himself has put through the fire to verify his faithfulness, loyalty and strength.

[Adam the pattern of the One to come](#)

“Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam until Moses, **even over those who did not sin in the way that Adam transgressed. He is a pattern of the One to come**” (Romans 5:14).

The Apostle Paul made a distinction between Adam’s type of transgression and Eve’s mistake. Adam sinned knowingly. Satan tricked Eve into sinning by deceiving her. As the Apostle Paul stated, both types of sin lead to death. Because Adam was designed to image Jesus Christ, a perfect spiritual being and the righteous spiritual creation in heaven, Adam’s type of transgression is spiritually fatal because it is a conscious rebellion; it is an attack against God. Sins that occur while being deceived also lead to death, but there exists a salvation plan for all creation on earth who have sinned because they have been deceived. Satan knew that mankind was designed to grow in grace and knowledge. Mistakes will be made during this growth process. Eve didn’t understand the spiritual growth process; she thought she knew everything. Adam was created before Eve. He knew more than what she knew. He knew what he was doing. His action was a violation of God’s law. He was the first Adam to fall. Mankind now needed a sinless Adam.

The Apostle Paul said that Adam was a pattern of the One to come. This pattern points to a spiritual being who could and would successfully rescue all of mankind, the whole creation on earth, from death through an acceptable and approved payment within God's law. Saving mankind is a legal matter.

The Apostle Paul's use of the name "Adam" is intentional to describe the spiritual image attached to the creation of Adam, his role and who he represents. He is a mirror of creation in heaven and their roles as kings and princes ruling vast dominions. That is the reason why Adam was created before Eve. God was teaching mankind about the previous creation—the creation in heaven, comprised of kings and princes, legal experts of God's law and maintaining order. By having two creations, God is stating the order of construction in the building of His God-family kingdom. The application of law and order is fundamental and mirrored in the first creation—the kings and princes. The second creation, not inferior or less essential, has a different role—lords and priests.

In addition, the "Adam" reference is identifying the heavenly partner with the church who submits and obeys Almighty God, working with Him to establish a righteous kingdom. Only Jesus Christ, the last Adam, was successful.

Apostle Paul's statement, "the last Adam," echoes a series of Adam-types who attempted the rescue of mankind, but failed. The last Adam was made perfect through his suffering and successful battles against sin. He purchased mankind and opened the door again for them to have eternal life and complete God's family of royal, ruling children in His holy kingdom.

The mystery unfolds the many layers as the Apostle Paul unveiled more details on the "Adam pattern."



"So, it is written: 'The **first** man Adam became a living being; the **last** Adam a life-giving spirit'" (I Corinthians 15:45).

God shows us the limitations of mankind. The first Adam lived but he cannot give life to anyone—he can't save himself or anyone else. The last Adam is vastly greater. The Adam-types between the first and the last are also significantly inferior to the last Adam. The last Adam can give eternal life; he can heal and raise from the dead. The series of Adams from the first to the last were the heavenly rulers over the nations. They were once the revered experts of God's

law in His courts in heaven. The unthinkable happened; all of them became proud and arrogant from the power they received; they all rebelled against God Almighty.

The nations were given heavenly rulers at the time of Babel to guide them back to keeping God's law and living His way. "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 in His heavenly court" (Deuteronomy 32:8) NLT, NET Bible, GNT. God Almighty participated in the project of ruling over a nation on earth. He gave himself Jacob and his descendants. "But the LORD's portion is His people, Jacob His allotted inheritance" (Deuteronomy 32:9). Jacob's descendants, who are the twelve tribes of Israel, are His subjects—God's inheritance and He is their King.

The heavenly ruler of Assyria was once a great leader. He is described in Ezekiel 31 as a cedar tree. God uses the image of a tree to describe the various types of leaders. The olive tree is an image of a priest. God refers to two olive tree, two witnesses, during the great tribulation who will preach for 3 ½ years. The fig tree is an image of God's people, Israel—all twelve tribes. Remember the story of Jesus cursing the fig tree because it did not bear fruit. That is destiny of all of the Judeo-Christians who do not bear the fruit of righteousness.

The great cedar trees are an image of the experts in God's heavenly court along with all leaders who are fully trained and expert in God's law. The Cedars of God are located in the Kadisha Valley in Lebanon. Found in the Tablets 4-6 of the Epic of Gilgamesh are references to the Cedars of God. Strategically God placed the earth's greatest cedars in Lebanon, also the name of God's courts in heaven, as an example for mankind of a visual wonder on earth. King Nebuchadnezzar was described as a great tree imaged in Daniel's dream. The tree of Life is an image of Jesus Christ. The other tree in God's Garden, the one God told Adam and Eve not to eat from, is an image of Satan, a fallen leader, who was once one of the two guardian angels of God's throne. God uses the descriptor of a garden as an image of His family because He is caring for it and grooming each member individually.

One of the most noted fallen heavenly rulers is Assur, the heavenly ruler of Assyria. He was once a most revered member of God's heavenly court. God's generous outpouring of His Holy Spirit gave him an exceptional level of knowledge, wisdom, and application on God's law. His vast expansion, at one time, provided great peace and civility. But, a time came, when he became proud and arrogant and turned to rebel against the Almighty God, who then, was forced to withdraw His Holy Spirit. This heavenly ruler became enraged with Almighty God and one-by-one the other heavenly rulers over the nations turned against God.

Again, Deuteronomy 32:8, "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." This event took place at the time of Babel. God's best legal experts were given, by God, rulership over the nations to bring them onto the path of righteousness. All of them failed. A pattern of failed Adams became visible.

The big story is recorded in Ezekiel 31. Almighty God warned the heavenly ruler over Egypt. “Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his multitude: ‘Who can be compared to your greatness? Look at Assyria, once a **cedar** [a great leader and expert of God’s law] **in Lebanon** [Lebanon: God’s headquarters in heaven]. This Lebanon is not the Lebanon on earth where the great cedars grow, hence the cedar tree on their flag. The Lebanon God is referring to in Ezekiel is His headquarters in heaven. Lebanon on earth is a mirror of Lebanon in heaven. It is not by accident; it is God intended. God made sure that Lebanon on earth was the home of the world’s great cedars to mirror the great leaders in His headquarters in heaven. Many scriptures refer to Lebanon, God’s headquarters in heaven.

“I [God] will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like the lily, and he will take root like the cedars of Lebanon. His shoots will sprout, and his beauty will be like the olive tree and his fragrance like the cedars of Lebanon” (Hosea 14:5-6).

God uses imagery to be transparent and show mankind on earth heavenly matters. The image of a cedar tree provides a visual for mankind to understand the magnitude and qualities of the leaders in heaven who are His law experts. Cedar trees are the tallest on earth. They are grand, dimensionally stable, with built-in thermal insulators, special oils, resistance to bacteria and fungus and a fresh-pleasing aroma. Each of these have a spiritual quality present in the great leaders of God’s courts in heaven.



The Cedar Tree

- **Great height**—They are rich in God’s knowledge.
- **Grand**—They are royal members of God’s family in heaven.
- **Dimensionally stable**—They are not easily swayed to make mistakes and sin.
- **Built-in thermal insulator**— They have a robust thermal shield. Thermal insulator significantly reduces the heat transfer in a space, thereby increasing insulation. It is an image of the how-to knowledge that sustains peace and harmony, settles disputes successfully in justice.
- **Oils**—They have enduring qualities to ensure righteousness prevails showcasing the priestly qualities that is the critical companion to kingship.
- **Resistant to bacteria and fungus**— They opposes misinformation and disinformation. They will combat fallen ideas and beliefs. They will not listen to talk of self-reliance, self-direction and self-glory.
- **Fresh aroma**—They advocate for the righteous. Their counsel is right and just.

Continuing in Ezekiel 31, “With beautiful branches that shaded the forest. It towered on high; its top was among the clouds. The waters [waters: God’s Holy Spirit] made it grow; the deep springs made it tall, directing their streams all around its base and sending their channels to all the trees of the field... It was beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its limbs, for its roots extended to abundant waters. The cedars [great leaders] in the garden [garden: family] of God

could not rival it; the cypresses could not compare with its branches, nor the plane trees match its boughs. No tree in the garden of God could compare with its beauty. I made it beautiful with its many branches, the envy of all the trees of Eden [leaders in God's family named Eden], which were in the garden of God."

God just described how great this leader grew spiritually. The problem is that this leader became ambitious and wanted more and more and eventually wanted to be equal with the Almighty God. This is revealed in Isaiah 37. Almighty God reminded this now arrogant and raging heavenly ruler. "You have said: 'With my many chariots I have ascended to the heights of the mountains, to the remote peaks of Lebanon. I have cut down its tallest cedars, the finest of its cypresses. I have reached its farthest heights, the densest of its forests'" (Isaiah 37:24).

God's use of imagery is His intention to be transparent and clear. The heavenly ruler of Assyria went to war against other great leaders described as cedars and cypresses. This rebel ascended to the "heights of the mountains" and the "remote peaks of Lebanon." This imagery is describing God's high government where federal matters take place and the remote peaks of Lebanon as the very high positions in God's heavenly courts held by highly trained and skilful leaders.

God knew long before creation this downfall would occur. Built into His plan long ago, He would use this rebel to take out weaker rebels.

"Have you not heard? Long ago I ordained it; in days of old I planned it. Now I have brought it to pass, that you should crush fortified cities into piles of rubble... But I know your sitting down, your going out and coming in, and your raging against Me" (Isaiah 37:26, 28).

Almighty God was forced to go to war against this raging rebel. "Because it towered on high, lifting its top above the thick foliage, and because it was proud of its height, I handed it over to the ruler of the nations, for him to deal with according to its wickedness, I cast it aside, and the most ruthless of foreign nations cut it down and left it" (Ezekiel 31:10-11).

"Its boughs fell on the mountains and in all the valleys; its branches lay broken in all the ravines of the land. All the nations of the earth came out from under its shade and left it" (Ezekiel 12).

The fall of the great leader forecasted the fall of all who would grow so great. Creation just cannot remain humble and serving when given immense power and control. "Therefore, no other trees by the waters are ever to tower proudly on high, lifting their tops above the thick foliage. No other trees so well-watered are ever to reach such a height; they are all destined for death, for the earth below, among mortal man, with those who go down to the pit" (Ezekiel 31:14).

The first, second and third beasts that rose up on earth lavishing in power and self-glory are all fallen heavenly rulers. Soon, a final beast will rise to try and take control over the rulership of

God's kingdom, which has already been awarded to Jesus Christ, King over all kings and Lord over all lords. These Adam-types are rebel, fallen sons of God.

They are condemned, to be destroyed and return to dust. Spirit beings will be mortalized. "I said, 'You are gods; you are all sons of the Most High. But **you will die like mere men; you will fall like every other ruler**'" (Psalm 82:6).

The wicked will become ashes under the feet of the righteous. "'And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act,' says the LORD of hosts" (Malachi 4:3).

THE LAMB

The rebel heavenly rulers over nations on earth were not briefed



Mankind's fall into sin cut them out of God's family and reduced them to slaves to sin with no opportunity for eternal life. From before creation, Almighty God knew the outcome. Our gracious Father engineered mankind's saving plan and wove all of the details into the tapestry of time. Creation in heaven were not briefed on all of the details. The prophets of old longed to know the full details. God's gracious salvation plan for mankind remained a conundrum for hundreds of years.

The Apostle Paul knew and said, "Among the mature, however, we speak a message of wisdom—but **not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age**, who are coming to nothing. No, we speak of **the mysterious and**

hidden wisdom of God, which He destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it. For if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory" (1 Corinthians 2:6-8).

These rulers referred to in 1 Corinthians 2 are not mortal rulers. Pilate could not find a basis for a charge against Jesus. He went before the Jews and tried to release him. Once more Pilate said, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that **I find no basis for a charge against him**" (John 19:4). The Jewish chief priests and officials rejected Jesus' release. "Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, 'If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar'" (John 19:12).

Finally, Pilate said, "Here is your king." But the Jews shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" (John 19:15)

“When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but instead an uproar was starting, **he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood,’** he said. ‘It is your responsibility!’ All the people answered, ‘Let his blood be on us and on our children’” (Matthew 27:24-25).

The rulers of this age are the heavenly rulers given kingship over the nations at the time of Babel. These rulers are fallen sons of God, once-honoured members of God’s courts in heaven who have allied with Satan, now working against all of mankind even those serving him. Satan wants all mortals to be destroyed physically and spiritually. Remember the scripture, “In fact, **unless that time of calamity is shortened, not a single person will survive.** But it will be shortened for the sake of God’s chosen ones” (Matthew 24:22).

The great sacrifice

The image of the Messiah of mankind as a sacrificed lamb is a painful visual of the death of tender innocence. It is a graphic that is forever burned in the mind as a reminder against sinning.

The Messiah’s redemptive sacrifice won mankind’s freedom from the rogue heavenly rulers and their determination to keep mankind on the path of destruction—eternal death. Christ’s blood—a sacrifice without defect won him master over mankind. They are bought and paid for.

The leadership, these rogue heavenly rulers had was originally given to them as an inheritance from God at the time of Babel, but they lost their rulership because Jesus Christ, the last Adam was successful. He paid the penalty of mankind’s sins. They lost the battle over the nations. Jesus won. They were taken captive and paraded before the imprisoned in Sheol, inner earth, where they, too, remain.

“This is why it says: ‘When He ascended on high, He led captives away, and gave gifts to men. What does “He ascended” mean, except that He also descended to the lower parts of the earth?’” (Ephesians 4:7-8)

Judgement has taken place. Satan lost, as well, and he has been condemned.

“But I tell you the truth, it is for your benefit that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He comes, He will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because they do not believe in Me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see Me; **and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world has been condemned**” (John 16:7-11).

When scriptures identify Christ as the “Lamb,” they are pointing to the power of kingship he won by paying the price for the sins of mankind. Only one Being was found worthy to save mankind—the One who would not sin. The One who remained humble and strong, loyal and faithful to Almighty God under extreme distress and constant temptation.

“And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, ‘Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?’ But **no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth** was able to open the scroll or look inside it” (Revelation 5:2-3).

Jesus Christ was passing through from earth to heaven when the Apostle John saw this troubling moment. He knew that if the scroll wasn’t opened, then, Jesus failed to save mankind. God Almighty was clear through scripture, to declare that no angels or rulers in heaven qualified. **Jesus, the Messiah put both his spiritual and physical life on the line.** If he had sinned while a mortal on earth, he would have fallen under the same legal penalty imposed on all of mankind. He would not have been resurrected back into his glorious body. The Apostle John wept and wept. His mind was likely racing wondering if his beloved friend failed.

“Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep! Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed to open the scroll and its seven seals.’ Then I saw a **Lamb who appeared to have been slain**, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth” (Revelation 5:5-6).

The Apostle John saw a lamb covered in blood. His redemptive sacrifice qualified him to be worthy to open the seals. Nobody in heaven or on earth has ever qualified to be worthy to redeem people through their death. Almighty God foreknew that His Son would be the only one who would be successful.

“But with **the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or spot. He was known before the foundation of the world**, but was revealed in the last times for your sake. Through Him you believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and glorified Him; and so your faith and hope are in God” (I Peter 1:19-21).



THE UNIQUE, BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD

Unique, one-of-a-kind Son of God

The second God at creation is unique in all heaven and on earth. He is one-of-a-kind—exclusive.

Strong's Concordance

monogenés: only begotten
Original Word: μονογενής, ἕς
Part of Speech: Adjective
Transliteration: monogenés
Phonetic Spelling: (mon-og-en-ace')
Definition: only begotten
Usage: only, only-begotten; unique.

HELPS Word-studies

3439 *monogenés* (from **3411** /*misthōtós*, **one-and-only** and **1085** /*génos*, "offspring, stock") – properly, *one-and-only*, **one of a kind** literally, "one (*monos*) of a class, *genos*" (the *only* of its kind).

“For God so loved the world that **He gave the only begotten Son**, so that everyone believing in Him should not perish, but should have eternal life” (John 3:16).

The words “only begotten” point to the Son’s rare—one-and-only who existed before creation in heaven and on earth. He is one-of-a-kind. This Son is different from all of the existing sons of God in heaven.

Job recorded the excitement of the “morning stars” and the “sons of God” at the re-creation of earth. “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundations? ...On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the **morning stars sang together** and **all the sons of God shouted for joy?**” (Job 38:6-7)

Jesus Christ described himself as the “bright Morning Star” in Revelation 20:16. It appears that there are multiple morning stars in heaven and Jesus is the “bright” One.

Job recorded the regular interactions the Almighty God has with His sons in heaven. “Again, there was a day when **the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD**, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD” (Job 2:1).

The sons of God in heaven are also referred as gods, of which, Almighty God—the Most High is above them all. “For you, **LORD**, are the **Most High** over all the earth; **you are exalted far above all gods**” (Psalm 97:9).

King David understood the spiritual creation in heaven. “For **the LORD** is the **great God**, the **great King above all gods**” (Psalm 95:3).

Some Judeo-Christians are confused about the existence of gods in heaven and how Jesus Christ fits in among them. A careful read of scriptures notes the use of “only son” applied by Abraham in reference to Isaac. Abraham was referring to his only heir, his only son from Sarah, his only covenant son. He had multiple sons. He had Ishmael from Sarah’s servant, Hagar and after Sarah died, he remarried and had six sons from Keturah. His only heir of all these sons was Isaac (Genesis 22:2 and Hebrews 11:17).

God’s begotten Son is also God’s only heir of His kingdom from creation in heaven. Repentant mankind from earth are heirs and co-heirs with the only begotten Son.

“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).

There are many different types of life forms in heaven recorded in the Bible. Some that are known are: the four living creatures, Seraphin, Archangels, 24 elders, sons of God, host in heaven, morning stars, and the bright Morning Star who is the begotten Son through whom creation was made and for whom it was made.

It was planned from the beginning that this Son would receive the kingdom.

“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and **transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son**, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins” (Colossians 1:13-14).

This unique Son is involved in the creation, the establishment and finalization of every part of God Almighty’s plan for His eternal God-family kingdom. He is the foreknown King over all kings and Lord over all lords. “For **in Him all things were created**, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities. **All things were created through Him and for Him**” (Colossians 1:16).

Almighty God is working to provide this Son with strong leaders to help Him reign over the ever-expanding, eternal God-family kingdom. God gave His most skilful experts in His heavenly court rulership over the nations at the time of Babel, when mankind began wandering back into the sinful ways after the great flood. These heavenly rulers were instructed to teach the people of the nations obedience to God’s law and His ways. But, to God’s great disappointment, all of these heavenly rulers failed. If any of these heavenly rulers remained obedient and righteous, they too, would have been heirs of the kingdom. They became rebels with Satan, working to overthrow Almighty God and the Saviour of mankind.

Wars in heaven and on earth

The battles fought for the control of God's kingdom go back in time and have continued to this present day. Satan is allied with the final beast and false prophet described in Revelation. They will attempt to usurp all power from the Lamb, but they will fail.

“They [the 10 kings] have **one purpose** and will **give their power and authority to the beast**. They will make war against **the Lamb**” (Revelation 17:13).

The ten kings and the beast will seek to regain their kingship over the nations on earth by warring against the Lamb—the King who won the authority on the cross.

“But **the Lamb will overcome** them because he is **Lord of lords and King of kings**—and **with him** will be his called, chosen and **faithful followers**” (Revelation 17:14).

His name saves

No other name can save mankind. “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

“Therefore, **God has highly exalted him** and **bestowed on him the name that is above every name**” (Philippians 2:9).

God Almighty has given Jesus Christ all power so that he can restore all things to how they were before iniquity was found. The ten kings, the beast and Satan combined cannot match the Messiah's all-mighty power.