

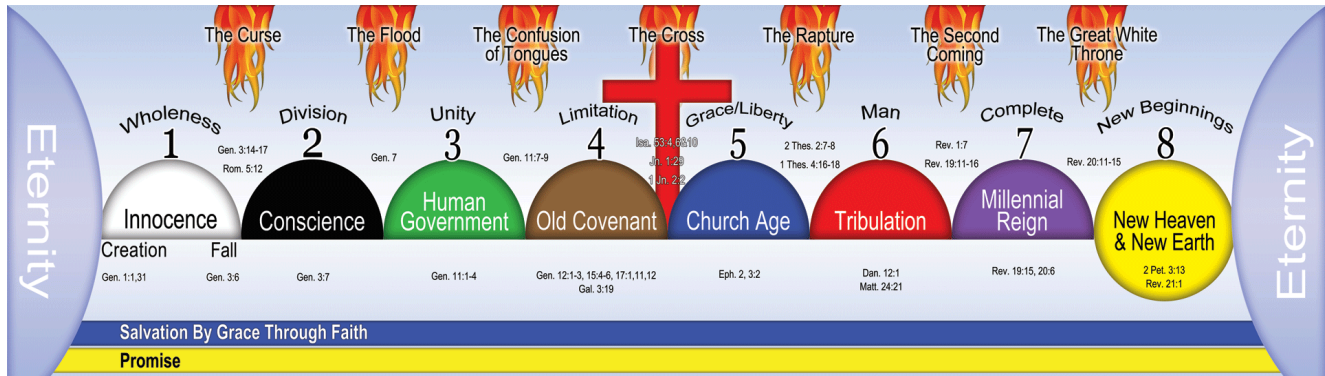
Candlelight Christian Fellowship

Hebrews (Chapter 1 – Lesson 4)

Hebrews 1 (NKJV)

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels did He ever say: ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You’? And again: ‘I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son’? But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: ‘Let all the angels of God worship Him.’ And of the angels He says: ‘Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire.’ But to the Son He says: ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.’ And: ‘You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.’ But to which of the angels has He ever said: ‘Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool’? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”

(This lesson is brief as the result of the several referenced Scriptural passages. Please read them all.)



Jesus Reign

A literal physical earthly reign is anticipated in Scripture. The text predicts /promises/references this reign. None would argue that Jesus reigns in the hearts of believers even now. However, a future physical Second Coming of Jesus is promised (see Acts 1:11, Revelation 1:7 and 19:11–16), as is a final earthly rule (see Isaiah 9:6–7), in which Jesus reigns from Jerusalem (see Isaiah 2:1–4, Jeremiah 23:5, Micah 4:1–7), as King of the world (see Psalm 2, Zechariah 14:9, Revelation 20:1–6), where He will be seated on the “throne of David” (Luke 1:30–33 [for extended study see Ezekiel 34 and 37]).

This reign is referred to as “the Kingdom.” (See Matthew 4:23, 9:35, 6:10, and 24:14)

The Temporal Nature of the Present Creation and The Eternal Nature of Jesus

As stated, Jesus is the Eternal Son of God, the Divine Sustainer, God Incarnate, fully Divine and fully Man, Creator of all things, Firstborn over all creation, Heir to all He made and redeemed, better than the angels, and the soon coming Ruler of Israel and the nations.

As the Creator, He *“made the worlds,”* and as Sustainer, He upholds *“all things by the word of His power”* (vss. 2–3). This present work of creation, being sustained by Him, will nonetheless be dissolved, at the appointed time, when He allows its removal, in order to replace it with a New Heaven and a New Earth (see 2 Peter 3:10–12 and Revelation 21:1). For this reason, the author reminds the Hebrews that this Jesus, Who is God from the beginning, is the One to be worshipped as the Eternal Son of God, for His *“throne is forever and ever”* (vs. 8). He Who transcends His creation, will abide. He existed from before all of creation and *“of His kingdom there will be no end”* (Luke 1:33). *“And: ‘You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail”* (vss. 10–12). Jesus’ temporal creation will be eclipsed by the new, but He Himself will remain.

Questions:

- 1) **True or False:** Jesus reigns in the hearts of His people now. There is no future Millennial Kingdom.
- 2) **True or False:** Jesus will reign from Jerusalem as King of Israel and of the whole world.
- 3) **True or False:** When Jesus referred to the Kingdom in Matthew 4:23, He was referring to His future earthly reign.
- 4) **True or False:** There will be a New Heaven and a New Earth after the Millennial Kingdom
- 5) **True or False:** Jesus’ temporal creation will be eclipsed by the new, but He Himself will remain.

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