

## **Kingdom Past: Creation Intel Report #2**

Topic: Plan A

As we learned in our previous report, God establishes His Kingdom on earth by creating the earth and everything in it (Revelation 4:11). We also discover that within the creation week, a critical aspect of administering the Kingdom would involve a delegation of authority to the first human couple: Adam and Eve. For the lack of a better expression, we will be calling this **Plan A**: God's kingdom on earth, established through creation, and extended by mediation. This is confirmed in Genesis 1:26-28, where we read:

**“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”**

In the above passage, we are given two important facts about this delegation of authority. First, it could only be possible due to man being created in the image of God. The word “image” occurs three times here, emphasizing the importance of the unique nature of man, in relation to the rest of the created order. In turn, this distinctive aspect of our humanity would give man the capacity to govern the earth in harmony with God's will. The granting of this ruling authority is mentioned twice; confirming God's intent to establish His Kingdom on earth through creation, as well as this significant delegation of authority to the first man and woman.

On the other hand, the authority to rule the earth, given to the original human couple, was not absolute. The Creator would still be the ultimate authority figure over all His created order, including the male and female, who would be governing on God's behalf. This is why we must understand that the dominion authority granted to Adam and Eve by God, was not only a “right to rule,” but also a “responsibility to fulfill.” It would be a **“stewardship,”** given by the Creator, to His ultimate creation, for which they would be accountable. Rather than viewing Adam and Eve as a king and queen, in their delegated authority under God; it would be more appropriate to see them as a human prince and princess, functioning under God, their Divine King. God enacted this all important balance between authority and accountability, at the very outset of **Plan A**, in order to establish His Kingdom on earth, confirmed in Genesis 2:15-17 –

**“Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. The Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.’”**