

## Section One: Kingdom of God on Earth (Past)

### Category A: Creation – Kingdom Intelligence Report #5

Topic: The Negative Consequence of Plan B

Now for those unpleasant aspects of God's Plan B! The negative consequence of Adam and Eve's disobedience was two-fold; involving something added and something taken away. Their dominion over earth as mediators for God was removed and usurped by Satan, as a result of his successful temptation. This is not to say that the devil and his demon host became co-workers with God in advancing His Kingdom on earth. Far from it. But they now became more of an undermining rebel guerilla force, seeking to sabotage God's Kingdom on earth at every possible opportunity. Their adverse influence has been and continues to be extensive. Scriptural support for Satan's influential position, operating within and against the Kingdom of God on earth, is seen in his response to God in Job 1:7, 2:2; as well as the devil's authoritative claim in his temptation of Adam 2.0, in Luke 4:5-6. During the course of Plan B, Satan and his helpers, with their level of dominion authority, have proven to be maliciously effective enemies of the human race.

To make matters worse, God imposes a curse upon the entire created order, including the first human couple and all their descendants hereafter. The impact would be external and internal; physical, psychological and spiritual. Externally, our human existence would be diminished in regard to our ability to exercise dominion over the earth (Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 8:18-25). Internally, spiritual death would alienate us from God, and an inherited sin nature would mar and scar the image of God, so as to alienate us from one another (Genesis 3:8; 3:16; Romans 3:9-18). The specter of physical death would only add to the sense of hopelessness that God never originally intended to be a part of our human experience. One of the most graphic descriptions of what life on earth would be like from this point onward is given in Ephesians 2:1-3 –

**“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.”**

In the midst of this hopeless scenario, God provides the promise of a Second Adam who would undo what the first Adam had done (Genesis 3:15); symbolized in what God did for this failed human couple in the moment of their greatest need, in clothing them with garments of skin (Genesis 3:21). This temporary covering for sin was just that; pointing to a far better and permanent solution to our sin problem, by means of Adam 2.0, revealed in Hebrews 10:10, **“By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”** Therefore, it cannot be emphasized enough. In response to the failure of the original Plan A, God implements Plan B; not as an end in itself, but as a means to the end of restoring Plan A. As we pursue our study of God's Kingdom on earth, it is essential that we keep in mind this sequence established by God, as an expression of His plan and purpose, by means of the following graphic:

**ORIGINAL PLAN A (failure) >>>> PLAN B (means to an end) >>>> PLAN A (successfully restored)**