

Ephesians Series

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The Ascension and the Angelic Revolt

Ephesians 4:7–10

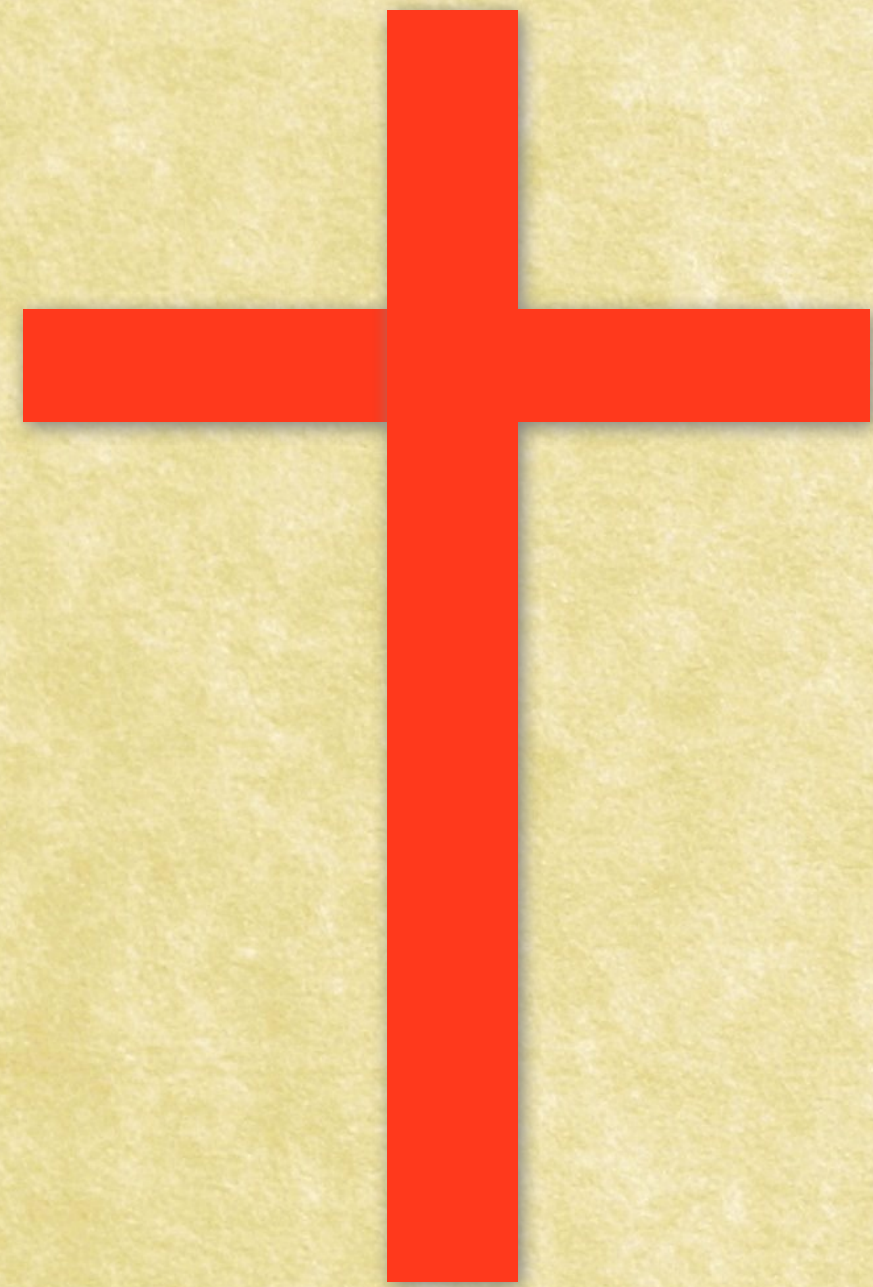


EPHESIANS

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1. When Jesus came at the First Advent it was not clear from Old Testament prophecy that there would be two advents. The Jews expected a one-coming Messiah.

2. Jews wanted the crown before the cross, the glorious Messiah before the suffering Messiah.



The Cross



The Crown

3. John the Baptist, Jesus, and the disciples all proclaimed a message about the proximity of the Kingdom. “Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

4. Near the midpoint of his public ministry the Jewish religious leaders accused Jesus of being empowered by Satan, this official rejection of Jesus led to the postponement of the Kingdom.

5. The result of this was that Jesus was crucified, buried, resurrected. But the people of the Kingdom had rejected their King, so the King had to expand His base.

6. Since His people rejected Him, the next stage in the plan, was to bring in a new people to fulfill certain objectives related to the angelic conflict. This new people would be based on a spiritual heritage, not a racial heritage.

7. So to bring about this, Jesus ascended in order to send the Holy Spirit to give birth to the Church at Pentecost. (John 16:7)

John 16:7, “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.”

This morning the focus is on two things:

- 1. The Ascension Completes the Strategic Victory of Christ on the Cross.**
- 2. The Strategic Victory of Christ sets up a New Phase or Dispensation in the Plan of God.**

Acts 1:9, “Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.”

ἐπαίρω epairō
**3 sing aor pass
indic to lift up**

ὑπολαμβάνω hupolambanō
**3 sing aor act indic to
suppose; to lift up; to reply**

Heb. 4:14, “Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.”

διέρχομαι, *dierchomai*, perfect active participle,

“to come or go through, to pass through, to travel through a place or location”

The Biblical “Heavens”

The Third Heaven: The Throne of God

The Second Heaven: The Universe

The First Heaven: The Earth’s Atmosphere

Heb. 4:15, “For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.”

1 Pet. 3:22, “who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.”

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**πορεύομαι *poreuomai*
aorist passive participle,
masculine singular nominative
“to go,” used of a journey**

Eph. 1:20, “which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,”

Eph. 1:21, “far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Eph. 1:22, “And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,”

***Sessionem:* (Latin) to sit**

Eph. 4:9, “(Now this expression, ‘He ascended,’ what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?

Eph. 4:10, “He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)”

Eph. 4:11, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Eph. 4:13, “till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;”

Heb. 4:14, “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.”

Heb. 1:3, “And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,” (Psalm 110:1)

Heb. 1:13, “But to which of the angels has He ever said, ‘Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet’ ”? (Psalm 110:1)

Heb 1:5, “For to which of the angels did He ever say, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You’? And again, ‘I will be a Father to Him and He shall be a Son to Me’?” (Psalm 2:7; 2 Sam. 7:14)

Heb. 7:17, “For it is attested *of Him*, ‘You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.’ ”
(Psalm 110:4)

**Acts 5:31, “He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.”
(Psalm 110:1)**

Heb. 10:12, “but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,

Heb. 10:13, “waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet.”

(Psalm 110:1)

Acts 2:30, “And so, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat *one* of his descendants on his throne,” [Psalm 132:11]

Acts 2:34, “For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand,” ’ ” [Psalm 110:1]

Acts 3:20, “and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,

Acts 3:21, “whom heaven must receive until *the* period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.” [Imagery from Daniel 7 and Isaiah]