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**Man and the Universe
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There is an existing universe which God not only brought into existence but one over which He also exercises absolute, sovereign control. And the Bible is God’s revelation to man concerning His actions in the preceding respect, especially as these actions relate to the earth and to man.

Man is a latecomer in the universe. He was created after God’s creation of the physical universe, after God’s creation of angels, and after God’s government of the universe had been established and was in full operation. Man’s existence dates back only six millenniums, and he was brought into existence for the specific purpose of replacing a disqualified provincial ruler in God’s kingdom, one who had been ruling for a prior unrevealed period of time.

Man was created to replace the ruler whom God had, in the beginning, placed over the earth ([Ezekiel 28:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ezekiel+28.14&t=NKJV)). This ruler, Satan, who, because of his rebellion against God’s supreme power and authority, disqualified himself ([Isaiah 14:12-15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+14.12-15&t=NKJV)). And man was subsequently brought on the scene to take the sceptre and, along with the woman, rule this one province in God’s kingdom in the stead of Satan and his angels ([Genesis 1:26-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.26-28&t=NKJV)).

Thus, matters surrounding man’s subsequent fall and redemption both revolve around the reason for his creation — “…let them [the man and woman together] have dominion…”

Satan knew why man had been created, and he immediately set about to effect man’s disqualification (through disobedience), as he himself had been disqualified — an act which, if successfully accomplished (as it was), would allow Satan (though disqualified) to continue holding the sceptre ([Genesis 3:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+3.1ff&t=NKJV); cf. [Luke 4:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+4.5-6&t=NKJV)).

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This is the manner in which Scripture not only begins in the Book of Genesis but also concludes in the Book of Revelation ([Revelation 22:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+22.1-5&t=NKJV)). And all intervening Scripture must be viewed and understood within this same framework.

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