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**Saved for a Purpose***A Purpose Which Has to Do with Regality* **By Arlen L. Chitwood of** [**Lamp Broadcast**](http://lampbroadcast.org/)

Man *has* been, *is* being, and *will* be saved for a *revealed purpose*. There is a *revealed goal* in view; and, relative to salvation (past [[Ephesians 2:8-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+2.8-9&t=NKJV)], present [[I Corinthians 1:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=I+Corinthians+1.18&t=NKJV)], or future [[Hebrews 1:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+1.14&t=NKJV)]), that goal is *always the same in Scripture, regardless of what aspect of man’s salvation is in view.*

That goal is the *same* for the whole of man’s salvation — spirit, soul, and body. That goal has to do with man being placed *back* in the position for *which* he was created in the beginning, and that position will be *realized* during the Messianic Era.

(This is the manner in which Scripture presents salvation *throughout*, with the *unchangeable foundational pattern* set in the opening verses of Genesis.

The inhabited world to come *will not* be placed in subjection to angels, as the *present* world [[Hebrews 2:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+2.5&t=NKJV)]. This is the message *seen throughout Scripture*.

A *new* order of Sons is about to be brought on the scene [[Romans 8:18-23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+8.18-23&t=NKJV)] — *Christ and His co-heirs*.

And, from a Scriptural standpoint, man’s salvation *centers* on that coming day when this *new* order of Sons *holds the sceptre and rules the earth*.)

Man invariably deals with salvation in relation to eternity and going to heaven. Scripture, on the other hand, *doesn’t do this*. Scripture presents the matter in a *completely inverse* fashion. Scripture deals with salvation centrally in relation to the Messianic Era and the kingdom of the heavens. Heaven (the present dwelling place of God) and the eternal ages *beyond* the Messianic Era are mentioned at times, *but not* relative to salvation in the same sense that *man* relates them to salvation.

*Man* is *not* going to spend *either* the Messianic Era or the eternal ages which follow in the place *known today as heaven*. And, in relation to the eternal ages which *follow* the Messianic Era, *God* is *not* going to dwell in this place either. God is going to dwell on the *new earth* throughout the ages comprising *eternity*.

And even when Scripture does deal with saved man in heaven (*e.g*., Christians following death, or Christians following the rapture) matters are always completely consistent with the way Scripture elsewhere deals with saved man. If *future* time comes into view, Scripture *references* things pertaining to the Messianic Era, *not* the ages beyond.

In several instances though, the Messianic Era is connected with and seen as the *first* of these ages (*e.g*., [Luke 1:33](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+1.33&t=NKJV); [Ephesians 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+2.7&t=NKJV)); but other Scripture, adding details, shows that a *sharp distinction* exists between the Messianic Era and the ages beyond (*e.g*., *cf*. [Revelation 2:26-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+2.26-27&t=NKJV); [3:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+3.21&t=NKJV); [22:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+22.1&t=NKJV), [3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+22.3&t=NKJV)).

**The Messianic Era, Ages Beyond**

During the Messianic Era, man will dwell *either* on a restored earth *or* in the heavens *above* this restored earth, with there being a Jerusalem *above* and a Jerusalem *below* (capital cities both over and on the earth, with Christians [along with certain Old Testament and Tribulation saints] inhabiting the city *above*, and Israel inhabiting the city *below*). During this era, there will be *a rule from the heavens over the earth*. And this rule, as today, will *originate* with God in heaven and *progress* through rulers placed in the heavens in relation to this earth.

*Today*, this rule progresses from God *through* Satan and his angels (though rebel rulers), who reside in the *heavens* above the earth. But during that *coming* day this rule will progress from God *through* His Son and His Son’s co-heirs, who will reside in the *new Jerusalem* above the earth.

A rule of the preceding nature, from the heavens over the earth, *must continue* during the Messianic Era, for this is the manner in which God established the government of the earth in the *beginning*. Such a rule *must continue* as long as the *earth remains*, which will be until the *end* of the Messianic Era — to the *full end of the seven days*, the 7,000 years, set forth in the beginning ([Genesis 1:1-2:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.1-2.3&t=NKJV)).

A rule from the heavens over the *earth* (*one province* in God’s kingdom) is *not only* the way in which God *originally* established the government of the earth but *the way* in which He evidently established His government throughout *all other parts* of the universe as well (*all other* provinces in His kingdom). And this *can never change* in relation to *any one province*, for “the heavens do rule” (*cf*. [Daniel 4:25-26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+4.25-26&t=NKJV)).

Thus, God’s Son, with His co-heirs, must rule throughout the Messianic Era in *exact accord* with the *way* God established the government of the earth in the *beginning*. Such a governmental rule *will have to* continue during this time, for the present earth *will not pass* out of existence *until the end of the Messianic Era* ([Revelation 21:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+21.1-5&t=NKJV)).

God’s Son, with His co-heirs, will rule over the earth for 1,000 years — the earth’s coming Sabbath, foreshadowed by the seventh day in [Genesis 2:1-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.1-3&t=NKJV) (*cf*. [Exodus 31:13-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+31.13-17&t=NKJV); [Hebrews 4:1-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+4.1-9&t=NKJV)). They will rule for 1,000 years to *effect* order where disorder has prevailed for millenniums in *one* province in God’s universe. And once order has been *restored*, the kingdom will be *delivered up* to God the Father, that God might be “all in all [*i.e*., permeate all, be ‘everything in all things’].”

Then, once order has been *restored* and the kingdom has been *delivered up* to the Father, the present heavens and earth will be *destroyed*. A *new* heavens and a *new* earth will be brought into existence, and the new *earth* will become the place in the new heavens (as the earth *today*, suspended at a point in the heavens) *from whence universal rule will emanate*. God will *move* His throne to the *new* earth, the Son will sit with His Father on this throne (called “the throne of God and of the Lamb”), and saved *man* will exercise power from this throne as well ([II Peter 3:10ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=II+Peter+3.10ff&t=NKJV); [Revelation 21:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+21.1ff&t=NKJV); [22:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+22.1-5&t=NKJV)).

**Regality, the Earth, the Universe**

Therein lies man’s destiny, not going to heaven per se. Man’s destiny has to do with regality, the earth, and the universe — *first*, ruling over this present earth from the new Jerusalem *above* the earth (during the Messianic Era); *then*, ruling out in the universe from the new Jerusalem *on* the new earth (during the ages which follow).

Salvation in Scripture is always dealt with in relation to the scope of Scripture; and Scripture deals centrally with everything moving toward a seventh day, a seventh 1,000-year period.

Events during this coming day, the Messianic Era, must be brought to pass first. And therein lies the reason why Scripture deals with man centrally in relation to *this time*, with the ages *beyond* seldom being in view (regardless of which aspect of salvation is being dealt with — past, present, or future).

Only *following* the Messianic Era can the ages which lie beyond this era be brought into view in all their fullness. During the *present* time they are briefly dealt with in Scripture so that man can have *some* understanding of God’s *plan for the ages*, where the whole of the matter — 6,000 years, followed by a 1,000-year Messianic Era — will eventually lead. But *only* following the Messianic Era will matters move *beyond* that dealt with extensively in Scripture. Only *then* will God begin to open up and fully reveal that which will occur during the period which *man thinks of today as eternity*.

And the manner in which Scripture presents this whole matter — particularly as it relates to man’s salvation — has become very difficult, practically impossible, for most Christians to see and grasp.

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When that depicted by the woman *placing the leaven* in the three measures of meal in [Matthew 13:33](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+13.33&t=NKJV) occurred very *early* in the dispensation (which concerned an attempt on Satan’s part to corrupt all Biblical doctrine having to do with the Word of the Kingdom), anything *related* to the Word of the Kingdom began to be *adversely* affected. And this *working* of the leaven, of necessity, would *extend even into the Biblical scope of salvation by grace*.

This would have to be the case *because* of the inseparable connection salvation by grace has with the Word of the Kingdom. It is man passing “from death unto life” which places him in a *position* where he can *realize* the salvation of his soul.

And matters become even more negative surrounding the relationship which salvation by grace has with the kingdom through the message of those *advocating* Lordship Salvation.

Those proclaiming this message take things having to do with the Word of the Kingdom and seek to bring these things *over into and apply them* to the message of salvation by grace (*i.e*., things having to do with *present* and *future* aspects of salvation are *removed* from their respective contexts and *applied* to things having to do with *past* aspects of salvation). And, through this means, those proclaiming this message *not only remove* the message pertaining to the coming kingdom from view but they *do two other things* in the process.

They both *destroy* the Word of the Kingdom and *corrupt* the message of salvation by grace.

Interestingly enough, those who proclaim the message of salvation by grace *correctly*, but *ignore* the Word of the kingdom, and those who *proclaim* a lordship salvation message (who, through this means, *destroy* one message and *corrupt* the other) *form two major groups in Christendom today*. Those from these two groups remain at almost *complete odds with one another* on the message of salvation by grace; but when it comes *to correctly relating this message to the kingdom*, it can only be said of *both groups that they have been similarly, adversely affected by the same leavening process which is rampant in the Laodicean Church of today* ([Revelation 3:14ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+3.14ff&t=NKJV)).

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