The Transfer of Power and Authority

Overview: God transferred His power and authority over the earth to man. Understanding the flow and transfer of that power and authority over the history of mankind helps us to understand God's plan for us today and for the future.

A. In the Garden of Eden

1. God transferred the authority over the earth to man. — Gen 1:26-28
2. Man was given the job to protect the garden. — Gen 2:15
3. Man was given authority over creation. — Gen 2:19-20
4. Adam, through disobedience, turned his authority over to satan. — Gen 3:1-11
   a) Satan became the god of this world. — 2 Cor 4:4
   b) Satan tempted Jesus by offering all the kingdoms of the world. — Luke 4:5-8
   c) Jesus defeated satan. — Col 2:14-15
   d) Jesus removed satan's rights on Earth and cast him out. — John 12:31

B. God's Acts Require a Partnership with Man

1. God can do anything but break His Word. — Ps 89:34
   a) He gave man authority over the Earth. — Gen 1:26-28
   b) God would have to break His Word to usurp man's authority. — Isa 55:11
2. God partnered with Noah regarding the flood. — Gen 6:13
   a) Noah condemned the Earth. — Heb 11:7
3. Abraham and the destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah. — Gen 18:20-33
4. The Coming of Jesus.
   a) The preparation was prophesied by man and completed by John. — Isa 40:3-5; Matt 17:10-13
   b) The virgin birth was prophesied (Isa 7:14); completed by Mary. — Luke 1:34-38
   c) Joseph had to accept the mystery of the virgin birth. — Matt 1:20

C. The Resurrection

1. All power (authority) was given to Jesus; then to the church. — Matt 28:18-20
2. Jesus destroyed satan who had the power of death. — Heb 2:14
3. Jesus is seated in heavenly places far, far above all. — Eph 1:20-21
4. We are seated with Christ in heavenly places. — Eph 1:21-23; 2:6

D. To the Body of Christ

1. Power given as signs and wonders to go proclaim the gospel. — Mark 16:15-18
2. Power given to the Church over all the power of the enemy. — Luke 10:19
3. We are ambassadors of Heaven on earth with all the rights. — 2 Cor 5:20
4. We are joint-heirs with Christ & we can do greater works. — Rom 8:17; John 14:12

E. In the Millennium

1. We have authority in this world and in the world to come. — Eph 1:21
2. We shall judge angels. — 1 Cor 6:3
3. We have been made kings and priests and shall reign over the earth. — Rev 5:10
4. We will reign with Christ in the millennium — Rev 20:4

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