

Sunday, December 29, 2013—The Son of the Highest, Part 2

Introduction/Review

- Luke 1:32, 35—the word “Highest” appears twice in this passage and Jesus is explicitly described as being the “Son of the Highest.” The Holy Ghost coming upon Mary coupled with the “power of the Highest” overshadowing her produced the birth of the Son of God. All three members of the Godhead were involved in bringing about the birth of Christ.
 - God the Father—overshadowed Mary
 - God the Son—was conceived in the virgin’s womb and was found in fashion as a man (Phil. 2:8).
 - God the Holy Spirit—the active agent which caused the conception of Christ in the Mary’s womb.

- Luke 8:28—even the demons in the maniac of Gadara recognize Christ as the “Son of the God most high.” The expression “most high” comes from same Greek word translated “Highest” in the passages we have already looked at.
 - Acts 7:48—“the most High”
 - Acts 16:17—“the most high God”
 - Hebrews 7:1—“the most high God”

- Genesis 14:18-22—the title “the most high God” is a specific title that means to be the possessor of heaven and earth. Jesus Christ is the Son of the Highest.
 - Genesis 1:1—God created two realms of authority heaven and earth.

- Isaiah 14:12-14—Lucifer’s original boast is comprised in these five “I will” statements. The 5th and final statement comprises the ultimate goal of Satan’s plan of evil to be “like the most High.” What would Satan need to be to be “like the most High?” He would need to usurp and possess God authority in heaven and earth for himself.
 - Ephesians 2:2—Paul calls Satan “the prince the power of the air.”
 - Ezekiel 28:12-19—Satan received this title by leading a rebellion in the heavenly places and causing a portion of the heavenly hosts to rebel against God.
 - John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11—Satan is called “the prince of this world”
 - Genesis 1:26-28—when Satan tempted and deceived Adam and Eve the authority in the Earth that God had vested in Adam was taken by Satan.
 - Matthew 4:8-9—this is not a real temptation if Satan does not possess these kingdoms under his authority.

- Genesis 3:15—immediately following mankind’s fall into sin God promised to send a redeemer via the “seed of the woman.”
- Luke 1:32-35—lying in the manger that first Christmas morning was “the Son of the Highest.” The one whom the most high God was going to use to reclaim heaven and earth back to himself.

The Repossession of the Earth

- Luke 1:31-33—one does not need to look far to find the earthly function of the “Son of the Highest” it is contained within Gabriel’s announcement to Mary. In naming his Jesus there multiple things that are true of him.
 - He shall be great
 - Shall be called the Son of the Highest
 - Lord God will give unto him the **throne** of his father David
 - Reign over the **house** of Jacob
 - Of his **kingdom** there shall be no end.
- II Samuel 7:12-16—Jesus Christ came to fulfill the Davidic Covenant. Gabriel tells Mary that Jesus the “Son of the Highest” will establish the throne, house, and kingdom promised to David in the Old Testament.
- Isaiah 9:6-7—Jesus Christ is the ultimate fulfilled of these Old Testament Prophecies.
- Daniel 2:44—the goal of prophecy was the establishment of God’s kingdom on earth. All of these prophecies and covenants were made to and with the nation of Israel.
- Ephesians 2:11-12—the Gentiles were strangers from the covenants of promise.
- The book of Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament to be written. After its completion there was a period of silence for 400 years in the history of the nation Israel. The next time God speaks is to Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, the forerunner of the Messiah.
- Luke 1:12-20—Zacharias was struck dumb until the birth of John the Baptist.
- Luke 1:67-76—notice that Zacharias says that God “hath visited redeemed his people (Israel). The fulfillment of the prophecy that was transpiring in this passage is explicitly said to be according to “his holy prophets, which have been since the world began.” In other words, God has been talking about these events coming to pass for a long time i.e., since Genesis 1:1.
- Acts 3:18-24—Peter calls Israel’s attention to the fact that they were living in the days of fulfilled prophecy. Where all that that prophets had spoken about since the world began was within their grasp if they would repent for killing Christ.

- What happened to the kingdom? Israel rejected her King. This rejection on the part of Israel brought about the revelation of God's secret plan to repossess the heavenly places back to himself.

Repossession of the Heavenly Places

- Ephesians 1:3—"all spiritual blessings in heavenly places"
- Ephesians 1:20-23—Christ is currently at the right hand of God and been made the head over all things to the church which is his body.
- Ephesians 2:7—"made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus"
- Philippians 3:20—speaks of our heavenly conversation.
- Colossians 3:1-4—we today as members of the body of Christ are not looking for a kingdom to be established on this earth. We are going to appear with Christ in glory. We are rapture off this rock and given a body like the gloried Christ to take part in the execution of God's government in the heavenly places.
- Ephesians 3:1-11—that God would a joint body comprised of both Jews and Gentiles was a mystery, not made known in unto the sons of men, and unsearchable in the Old Testament. The execution of this plan was part of God's eternal plan which "he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- Who is Jesus according to Luke 1:32? The Son of the Highest. As the Son of the Highest, Jesus Christ is the one through whom the authority of God will established both on earth and in heaven.
- Colossians 1:15-20—it pleased that in his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ that all fullness should dwell.
- Colossians 1:25-27—that God would use Israel in the earth to establish his kingdom was never a mystery it was spoken by the prophets since the world began. That God would form an entirely new agency that he would use to repossess the heavenly places unto himself there by making Christ the head of all things in heaven and earth was a mystery. The revelation of this mystery is what completes the word of God.
- Ephesians 1:10—Jesus Christ the Son of the Highest is the one through whom God the Father is going to gather all things in heaven and earth back under his authority.