THE PRESENCE OF A KING

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To see the picture clearly, let's go back to beginnings.

Gen 1:1 In the ageless past or beginnings, God created the heaven and the earth.

So we see God's home, Heaven, and then He extended His domain and called it earth, the future home of mankind, His royal family.

In heaven, sometime before humanity was created we see an event that takes place where God lives. NOTE: One cannot understand Genesis without Ezekiel. Let's look at this "event" where God lives:

Eze 28:12 "... 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says:" 'You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 You were in Eden, the **garden of God**; every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald, topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared.

- 14 You were <u>anointed</u> as a <u>guardian cherub</u>, for so I **ordained** you. You were on <u>the holy mount of God</u>; you walked among the fiery stones.
- 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.
- 16 Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.
- 17 Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the ground of the earth; I made a spectacle of you..."

Satan (Lucifer) is cast down and falls.

Jesus references this: Luke 10:18 And Jesus said unto them, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Now let us advance past Genesis 1:1 and let's look at what God goes on to create.

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have **dominion**. "Image" means resemblance, and "likeness" means nature and character (of God - our source)

Now let us look at something interesting: the ground of the earth.

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the <u>ground</u>, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. We will revisit the "ground"

God brings "Eden" to earth.

8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food.

The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

God ordains Adam into his work.

Gen2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and <u>put him into the garden</u> of Eden to dress it and to keep it. **Dress** means to "serve" and "worship" and **keep** means "guard", "protect" and "be a watch over". He was to:

- Have dominion and rule the earth, starting in the garden
- Serve God,
- Guard protecting Eden.

Eden in Hebrew means many things, and is a deep subject of study. The Hebrew language tells stories with a single word as the characters or strokes of the alphabet mean something beyond the "stroke or letter". The word EDEN is made up of 5 stokes and each stroke means this:

Moment - Spot - Presence - Delightful Atmosphere - Open Door

A spot on the Earth, for the moment, where the Presence of God was an open door to Heaven

God PUT man in the Presence and Glory with open and constant access and communion.

This place existed in two parts: One part was the garden, a physical place, and then Eden which was not a physical place. That is why it has not been found. It was an ATMOSPHERE and <u>ENVIRONMENT.</u>

The SPOT was where God first placed it, but it moved with Adam wherever he went - Hence the MOMENT. Where ADAM went, Eden moved. He was to reproduce and all of his descendants would cover the Earth with Eden, the atmosphere and environment of God - the Ancient King!

But wait - even the ground (the garden) or location also had resources.

And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

I believe that very river came from the river that came from the throne of God.

Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

- 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
- 3 And there <u>shall be no more curse</u>: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

The rivers were rich with natural resources to rule the whole world!

Verse 11 and 12 says there was good gold, precious stones and oil! Through the King's commonwealth AND his atmosphere, Adam was a beneficiary of both Eden and the garden! It takes both to have dominion and do the work God gave us to do!

Then Adam and Eve commit treason, and violate the law of God - just as Lucifer!

Gen 3:23

Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep (or guard) the way of the tree of life.

What was the East? East is keh'-dem in Hebrew it means eternal, ancient, front or entrance. I believe this was the gate or open door to Heaven and it was connected to earth there. The presence of God was accessed through that portal door.

Revelation 22:14 says: Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

What was the flaming sword? I believe it was the "...the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17)

What is the Word of God? It is the constitution and law of Heaven. If we break the constitution or law, we become dislocated from right standing and are "unrighteous".

Satan's plan was to block God's glory all over the earth by corrupting and dislocating God's children from the Presence of the King.

Isa 60:2 For, behold, the darkness <u>shall cover the earth</u>, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

Hab 2:14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

His Glory and Presence MUST be part of our existence in order to complete our destiny and purpose.

So now what?...How does man gain access back to Eden, the atmosphere and environment of Heaven?

God had a plan to restore His Presence, and it would take hundreds of years for the portal to be reopened. Everything lost in the fall had to be restored and brought back so the Kingdom of God and His righteousness would once again be the focus of humanity, not depravity.

Watch this: Everything that Eden was begins to re-emerge one by one.

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Fast forward to Moses. God said build a "Tabernacle" - Meaning: **Habitation to live in, or with.** Fathom that - An Omnipresent being wanted a **SPOT** or PLACE to meet/dwell with His people.

On the top of the Arc of the covenant there were two Cherubim with their wings touching. This is symbolic of the two Charibum that blocked the door when mankind was evicted from Eden.

When the priest would approach, he placed the blood of the sacrifice where he had been instructed, ending with placing the blood between the Cherubim. That **SPOT** became the seat where God's **Presence** would sit. If that priest violated the laws, he would die and be removed by being pulled out of the Holy Place with a rope. Lucifer is kicked out, Adam was kicked out, and the Priest would be kicked out also.

The Presence of the God, the ancient King was so Holy that certain measures had to be installed to safeguard it. So God designed three courts to create buffers to the dwelling place of God.

There was the Outer Court, Inner Court, Holy Court or Holy of Holies These courts are a precious pathway to His Presence!

Psalms 65:4 - "Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, That he may dwell in thy courts: We shall be filled with the goodness of thy house, Thy holy temple".

Psalms 84:10 - For better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

- A court is the personal and private ENVIRONMENT of a king.
- Courts are progressive. You advance to the king in stages according to protocol.
- Outer courts are places of preparation to train you for the Presence of the King
- Inner courts are the place of the King's personal space and presence.

The PURPOSE of the King's courts:

- To maintain the right atmosphere for the King (Thanks and gratitude)
- To control the environment for the royal presence (The correct habitation praise)
- To protect the attitude of the King (Do not make a King angry Please Him)
- To maintain order and a standard that reflects the King (Lavish and full of splendor)
- To facilitate the keys to a king's court: Beauty/decor, Dancing, Music, Singing, Laughter, Celebration (of Himself)

The BENEFITS of the Kings courts:

It grants access to the king's:

Presence, Wealth, Protection, Pleasure, Blessings, Good Will

The POWER of the King's Presence:

The presence of His Kingdom, Power, Favor, Glory, and Wealth

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Now Jesus is the Highest, most exalted King of all and His Holiness and Goodness is available to us by His love and Mercy!

This King is good, and clothes us in HIS righteousness as Kings. We are not Princes, we are Kings! He wants us to fellowship with Him so badly, that He has made Himself the door! Now the OPEN DOOR, the final piece of Eden has been restored so that we can leave the garden, rivers, and riches of the dirt and enter the atmosphere of Heaven! We have access once again!

However, we are no longer surrounded by the atmosphere like Adam was at all times. He had been supernaturally placed By God in that atmosphere and it followed him wherever he went. Now, to access Eden, the atmosphere of Heaven, we must usher it in around us. We must follow that Biblical blueprint of the Tabernacle and enter into His courts by the blood of the Lamb, and then we can fellowship with Him at any time! We need no appointment, we only need to desire it!

The protocols of the King are still in place. We still have to follow the path of the courts, but in His great mercy, he has made a special offer to us ONCE a year. Guess what the King does? He leaves the courts and comes to where we are - in the field!

Remember the GROUND I told you we would revisit? In Gen 3:23 "Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken." That was the field where he farmed and sweated in his labors. Our good King in His great mercy and kindness has left the royal courts, and is coming to the field where the crops and tilling is still happening, where man found himself after being cast out of the King's Presence!

The King created another appointed time and is coming to the field to meet, tabernacle, and fellowship you!

THE PRESENCE OF THE KING. What will you do with it?