

**Benevolent Dictator: He Rules with a Rod of Iron, Rev 2:27; 12:5; 19:15; Christ Crushes the Head of Lucifer, Gen 3:14-15; Universal Sin, Rom 5:12; Cosmic Archon**

- 17) David describes the future reigning Messiah, the Lord confirms this prophecy in Revelation 2:27, and fulfills it in Revelation 12:5 and 19:15:

**Revelation 2:27** - “He shall shepherd [ ποιμαίνω, *poimainō*: to care for and provide: refers to kings in regard to their people ] them with an iron scepter [ σιδήρεος ῥάβδος *sidēreos rhabdos*: maintenance of perfect order within the global commonwealth ] and like clay pots he will shatter them to pieces [ instant justice from a perfect Judge ].

**Revelation 12:5** - So the woman [ Mary ] gave birth to a son, a male child [ Jesus Christ in hypostatic union ], Who was about to shepherd all nations [ prophetic of the Second Advent ] with an iron scepter [ benevolent dictatorship ]. Furthermore, her Son was caught up with God [ ascension ] before His throne.

**Revelation 19:15a** - [ Christ at the Second Advent ] And a sharp broadsword [ ῥομφαία, *rhomphaia* ] comes out of His mouth [ The Word of the Lord is equivalent to the use of military weaponry ] in order that with it He might strike with maximum violence the nations [ the Gentile armies congregated at Armageddon ] and He shall rule them with an iron scepter [ benevolent dictatorship ].

- 18) This last verse is the biblical account of the Lord making His enemies the “footstool of His feet”: Satan bound in the Abyss along with his demonic hordes.

16. Our passage reads this way as far as we have gone:

**Ephesians 1:21** - (Jesus Christ is) over and above all demon general officers, commissioned officers, special forces, fifth columns, and the rank and file, not only during the Church Age but also in the Tribulation yet to come.

**v. 22** - And He [ God ] put all things in subordination [ ὑποτάσσω, *hupotassō* ] under His [ Jesus Christ's ] feet, and He gave Him ...

17. The verb “gave” is another gnomic aorist tense which indicates an absolute status, i.e., one that takes place over a long period of time.
18. This period of time reaches into eternity. Christ has ruled the church from Pentecost to the present hour and will rule it as resurrected royal family during the millennial kingdom and for all eternity.
19. The active voice indicates that God the Father produced this action as a part of His predesigned plan for the church.
20. The indicative mood is declarative indicating that the reality of this portion of the divine plan became an historic reality when the Lord was seated at the right hand of God following his ascension.

21. Next in the verse is the noun κεφαλή, *kephalē* and is translated “head.” If Jesus Christ has command authority over all things then that must also include the church. *Kephalē* is one of the titles given to Christ related to His rulership of the universal church.
22. This is indicated next by the preposition ὑπέρ, *hyper*, translated “above,” plus the pronominal adjective πᾶς, *pas*, translated “all.”
23. The verse concludes with the dative of reference of the definite article τῆ τῆ, translated “the,” plus the noun ἐκκλησία, *ekklēsia*: “church.”
24. Here is the complete translation of verses 21-22:

**Ephesians 1:21** - (Jesus Christ is) over and above all demon general officers, commissioned officers, special forces, fifth columns, and the rank and file, not only during the Church Age but also in the Tribulation yet to come.

**v. 22** - And God put all things in subordination under Jesus Christ's feet, and God gave Christ as head above all over the universal church.

25. Who is the ultimate winner in the military phase of human history? Jesus Christ is the conquering *Imperator* who in victory puts his foot on the head of the enemy.
26. This is fulfillment of the Lord's prophecy to Lucifer in the garden of Eden following the fall of man:

**Genesis 3:14** - The Lord said to the serpent [ שָׁחַר *nachash*: serpent used figuratively for Lucifer: Latin: *lucifer*: light-bearing; Hebrew: בֶּן־שָׁחַר לְלֵיל *helel ben shachar*: “The Morning Star, Son of the Dawn.” (Isaiah 14:12) ] ...

**Genesis 3:15** - And I will put hostility between you [ Lucifer ] and the woman [ Eve ], and between your seed [ the human race born in sin ] and her seed [ the sinless Messiah ]; He shall crush your head [ Operation Footstool at the Second Advent ], and you shall bruise His heel [ First Advent ].

27. At Genesis 3 we find Lucifer as the ruler of this world, a position he holds until the Second Advent when the Lord figuratively places His foot on the serpent's head and crushes it, symbolic of his incarceration in the Abyss with the rest of the fallen angels.
28. The next passage in Ephesians that presents the presence and power of the Dark Side is:

**Ephesians 2:1** - You were dead in your trespasses and sins,

**v. 2** - in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. (NASB)

1. Verse 1 refers to the fallen condition of the human race prior to salvation. The sin nature was passed down from Adam to all his progeny. Thus, all mankind is born possessing a sinful nature to which Adams original sin is imputed.

**Romans 5:12** - Just as through one man, Adam, the original sin of Adam entered into the world and so spiritual death through the sin of Adam, consequently, spiritual death spread to all men because all sinned [ *πᾶς ἁμαρτάνω, pas hamartanō*: constative aorist active indicative ] when Adam sinned.<sup>1</sup>

2. Ephesians 2:1 makes reference to this condition: We “were spiritually dead in our trespasses and sins.”
3. The second verse expands on the personal problem of spiritual death and identifies the one to whom we submit while in that condition.
4. While in the status quo of unbelief we were defined by the trends of our sinful nature. As the writer of Hebrews testifies, we each have a sin nature which has trends that “so easily entangle us” (Hebrews 12:1b).
5. These result in facilitated wheel-tracks of wickedness to which we were formally enslaved. “According to the course of this world” refers to the influences from *cosmos diabolicus*: the external fifth column.
6. The external influences are invented by the genius mentality of the one who rules this world, identified here by the phrase “the prince of the power of the air.”
7. The external influence is orchestrated by Lucifer and constantly results in chaos. Human viewpoint is developed from cosmic ideas that, because they are divorced from divine viewpoint, cannot succeed and always compound problems.
8. We have seen this kind of influence in the plans and schemes that have led to our current economic crisis. Socialistic ideas conjured by demonically influenced congresses interfered with the free-enterprise system to the point that it was overwhelmed.
9. The New Sheriff is also influenced by these socialistic ideas and his purported plans to restore order will result in a totalitarian state.
10. These philosophies, ideologies, and schemes are devised right in the heart of hell by the Great Deceiver himself. We are presently being ruled by means of ideas communicated through doctrines of demons (1 Timothy 4:1).

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<sup>1</sup> The constative aorist gathers “all.” i.e., the entire human race, into a single whole and contemplates the action in its entirety. Since Adam is the seminal head of the human race we were all in Adam when Adam sinned. Therefore, when Adam sinned we all sinned. Every person enters this life with a sinful nature to which is imputed Adam’s original sin resulting in spiritual death, separation from God, and the need for a Savior. The solution is through redemption: faith alone in Christ alone.

11. Lucifer's title here is "prince." It translates the Greek word ἄρχων, **archōn**. It can be translated "ruler," "prince," or "king."
12. We have noted in our research a similar word: ἀρχή, **archē**, translated "rulers," which we have classified as demonic "general officers."
13. The *archōn* is the ruler over the army, i.e., the commander-in-chief. He is not called "king" because he did not inherit his domain but rather seized it through duplicity and deceit. He is therefore not a prince either since a prince is heir apparent to the throne at the death of the sovereign. He is a ruler but one who acquired his authority by nefarious means.
14. We could translate *archōn* with "snollygoster": a sleazy politician or lawyer who is willing to discard his principles (if he has any) to do whatever will increase his power and prestige."<sup>2</sup>
15. Sounds like fun, but I guess we must stick with something more lucid such as "highest ruler." He rules as a result of his bloodless coup d'état in Eden which transferred to him authority over the *kosmos*.
16. The word "power" is the familiar ἐξουσία, **exousia**, the word we translated in Ephesians 1:21 as "commissioned officers."
17. In this context *exousia* refers to Luciferian "authority" over the earth including the atmosphere around it, indicated here by the phrase τοῦ ἀέρος, **tou aēr**: "of the global atmosphere."

**Ephesians 2:2** - in which your former behavior patterns were according to the present circumstance of this world, according to the highest ruler of the authority of the global atmosphere ...

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<sup>2</sup> Charles Harrington Elster, *There's a Word for It! A Grandiloquent Guide to Life* (New York: Scribner, 1996), 185.