

# The Earth is Placed Under the Feet of God's Image-bearers

I thought you might like to check out the Bible to actually see who we are, as opposed to what Christianity says we are.

Read it for yourself. It's very auspicious.

*"I have to ask you this question: Compared to all this cosmic glory, why would you bother with puny, mortal man or be infatuated with Adam's sons? Yet what honor you have given to men, created only a little lower than Elohim<sup>1</sup>, crowned like kings and queens<sup>2</sup> with glory and magnificence. You have delegated to them mastery over all you have made, making everything subservient to their authority, placing earth itself under the feet of your image-bearers.<sup>3</sup> All the created order and every living thing of the earth, sky, and sea—the wildest beasts and all the sea creatures—everything is in submission to Adam's sons."<sup>4</sup>*

When fellow believers tell you that this can't happen until Jesus returns, let them know what's written here (in The Passion Translation, of course).

Show them that it's not retrospectively looking at Adam.

Inform them that it's not a messianic prophecy which the Son will fulfil.

Let them know that this is where Jesus is leading his people today. However, only those with ears to hear him speaking will know his voice and follow his leading.

And there's this:

*"The entire universe is standing on tiptoe,<sup>5</sup> yearning to see the unveiling of God's glorious<sup>6</sup> sons and daughters! For against its will the universe itself has had to endure the empty futility<sup>7</sup> resulting from the consequences of human sin. But now, with eager expectation, all creation longs for freedom from its slavery to decay and to experience with us the wonderful freedom coming to God's children."<sup>8</sup>*

What an awesome responsibility we have.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

- 1 – This is the same Hebrew word used for the Creator-God in Genesis 1:1. [classic.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+8&version=TPT#en-TPT-76](http://classic.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+8&version=TPT#en-TPT-76)  
These are members of the Divine Council (see [www.academia.edu/31844032/A\\_Biblical\\_Theology\\_of\\_the\\_Divine\\_Council](http://www.academia.edu/31844032/A_Biblical_Theology_of_the_Divine_Council))
- 2 – The concept of kings and queens is implied in the text by the word *crowned*.  
[classic.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+8&version=TPT#en-TPT-76](http://classic.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+8&version=TPT#en-TPT-76)
- 3 – The Septuagint translation of 8:5–7 is quoted in Hebrews 2:6-8. Today, all things are not yet under our feet. Even mosquitoes still come to defeat us. But there will be a time of restoration because of Christ's redemption, when everything will rest beneath our authority. See Isaiah 11:6-9; 65:25; Matthew 19:28; Revelation 20:4-6.  
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- 4 – Psalm 8:3-8 (The Passion Translation)
- 5 – The Greek word used here means "intense anticipation," or "anxiously anticipating what is about to happen" (with an outstretched neck).  
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- 6 – Or "the manifestation of the sons of God." Interestingly, the Greek word used for "unveiling" (*apokalypsis*) is the same word for the full title of the last book of the Bible, "The Revelation [Unveiling] of Jesus Christ." The created universe is but the backdrop for the dramatic appearing of God's sons and daughters unveiled with the glory of Jesus Christ upon them. The verb tense in the Greek text is clear that this "unveiling" is imminent, soon to happen, and destined to take place. Christ's glory will come to us, enter us, fill us, envelop us, and then be revealed through us as partakers of the glory. Although God will not share his glory with any other, we are no longer "another," for we are one with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through faith in Christ. See John 17:21-23.
- 7 – Or "the purposelessness" or "the frustration" (or "chaos").  
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- 8 – Romans 8:19-21 (The Passion Translation)