

God has not yet assumed direct control of the world, but that time is coming. The current Arrangement is very clear:

“For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. But one testified in a certain place, saying: ‘What is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You take care of him? You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honour, and set him over the works of Your hands.’”
Hebrews 2:5-7

This passage reveals something crucial: the present world remains under angelic authority, but these are the fallen angels who rebelled with Satan. The “world to come” will be different, placed under Christ’s direct rule.

This is why we see such darkness and corruption now: humanity was meant to have dominion over God’s earth, but we’ve instead submitted to fallen powers who rule the world system using us as leverage.

Understanding this distinction - between the earth and the world - isn’t just theology. It’s essential to making sense of why there’s so much suffering, why God hasn’t intervened yet, and what’s coming soon.

If we view the world as inherently evil and creation and the planet is good, then we can now see why there is evil all around us, and also see that the promise Jesus offers us all, a new heaven and for us a new perfect earth on which to settle, is not the stuff of ‘pipe dreams’ – it’s a real future when we can reach out and accept Him.

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Module 04

Two worlds – one built by us, and the other a beautiful gift.

There is a vast difference between the world of ‘man’ and the earth we were given by God (or Gaia?), understanding this separation matters more than you can imagine and once you see the difference, you’ll never look at the world the same way again.

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Together we’ll challenge the clichés, put the spotlight on religion, and maybe rediscover the truth we were meant to share and why it really is good news!

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Creation versus corruption

And God said:

"...and let them have dominion..."

Genesis 1: 26

Tonight, we'll explore a crucial distinction: the difference between 'the world' we've built and 'the earth' God created, and why understanding this matters for making sense of the chaos around us.

Q1: Who owns the world?

This is simpler than you might imagine:

"Then the devil, taking Jesus up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, 'All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.'" Luke 4: 5

In this scripture, we can see Satan offering Jesus the 'Kingdoms of the world' and logically we can reasonably infer that Satan owns these or he wouldn't be able to offer them. It's worth noting that the Greek word for 'World' here

is: οἰκουμένη (oikoumenē) and this term specifically relates to 'mans' World that we have built and not the earth as in this planet.

Looking at John 5:19, we can also see where our continuous news feeds come from, full of woe, disaster and dubious honesty from leaders. We are told:

"...and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one."

Who rules the world? Satan.

Now let's look at the earth, its creatures and humanity with our original design and purpose.

Q2: Who owns the earth (Creation)?

"The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein." Psalm 24: 1

"Every beast of the forest is Mine... the world is Mine, and all that is in it." Psalm 50: 10-12

You'll notice in the translations the word 'World' appears again and this is a translation of the Hebrew word: tēbēl (תֵּבֵל), but it refers to the physical earth and everything God owns and is not the same as οἰκουμένη above.

So who rules the world? God.

So, we have two separate but connected spaces: Man's world and God's earth, a den of thieves versus the peace and purity of a stream.

Q3: Why does the distinction matter?

Remember the Vineyard parable told by Jesus?

"A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time. Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out.

"Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.'

But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may

be ours.' So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others." Luke 20: 9-15

I propose that the earth is the Vineyard Jesus refers to and we are the vinedressers 'looking after it' (or not as the case may be)! Which helps explain why there is so much corruption and destruction of the planet all around us.

And Satan?

"...Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time." Revelation 12:12

Satan, accompanied by a pantheon of human mal-actors are cumulatively destroying the vineyard (and the earth) but from a biblical perspective God, in the form of Jesus, will return and then these scriptures are likely to be fulfilled.