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He is talking about Jesus Christ.

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What does the term ‘the world’ mean to you? What does it mean when it says *the world to come*? What does it mean:

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Hebrews 2:5 For He did not subject or put under the rule to angels, the world to come?

‘**The world**’ refers to *the inhabited earth, the world or the Roman Empire*. The root meaning is *to dwell* and means *the inhabited world*. In most cases it refers to the people who live on the earth. Therefore, it refers to *civilization*.

There are Four civilizations in human history. They are not dispensations, so we need to define civilization for our study from the Word of God.

1. A civilization begins a period of human history with believers only. Now the way that Webster defines our word is the society, the culture, the way of life of a particular group of people. Well, for our study we are going to limit this to groups of people who are believers in Jesus Christ. We are going to begin with the first civilization of two people, who were innocent. Therefore Adam and Eve began the first Civilization. The first civilization was terminated by a disastrous judgment by God. By this judgment the entire population of the world was destroyed except for a few believers only. These believers, eight people, began the second civilization.
2. Very important to us today is that each civilization has its **own climate**, its own environment and characteristics within the species. That is, that each civilization has a different life span. In fact even many animals are different in each civilization. In each civilization while animals will change, each has species that remains the same. There is no transmutation. That is, man remains man and animals remain animals. In importance to our study, *angels remain angels, elect angels remain elect angels and fallen angels remain fallen angels*.
3. A quick outline of these civilizations:

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- (1) The first civilization began with two in creation; of Adam and Eve, to the destruction by God in the Flood.
 - (2) The Second civilization began with 8 people, Noah + 7 members of his family. It includes the Age of Israel and it includes the Church Age; the Rapture and the Tribulation and the 2nd Advent. It begins with 8 believers and ends with the disastrous destruction by baptism of Fire by all unbelievers being removed from the civilization.
 - (3) The 3rd Civilization is the Millennium, that is the Reign of Jesus Christ for 1,000 years. It begins with Believers only. This is important to God in that He teaches about it by the parables to the Wheat and tares, parable of the good and bad fish, and the wise and foolish virgins. All of these deal with the end of this civilization. This ends the 3rd Civilization with another great destruction. This ends with the destruction of the universe. This one ends with the removal of all unbelievers of the Millennium who are cast into the Lake of Fire with the Devil and his angels.
 - (4) The Forth and final civilization begins with believers only. As we have already stated that each civilization begins with its own climate. The climate of the third civilization was with perfect climate, same beautiful climate throughout the world. There are millennial animals as in the third civilization. You will be able to pet the king cobra (if you like). The Lion and the Lamb shall lie down side by side.
4. The first civilization began before the destruction of the flood, which was stopped by the flood. It began with Adam and Eve in innocence and concluded with the universal flood which destroyed all of the population of the earth except for 8 people.

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5. The Second Civilization is after the great flood. It begins with the 8 believers who were alive at the end of the First Civilization and who began the Second Civilization. The Second Civilization began with 8 believers only and will conclude with the 2nd advent by the removal of all unbelievers by the Baptism of Fire of Matthew chapter 25, and began the Third civilization, or by the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ.
6. Now the third Civilization, that is the Millennium. It begins with believers of the Tribulation, believing Jews and believing gentiles. It will end by yet a final destruction of Satan himself.
7. The Fourth civilization which is from the end of the Third Civilization through all eternity. It has no end. It is by believers in Resurrected bodies only. It begins with New Heavens and New Earth and a new Jerusalem. Each civilization begins with a divine blessing and terminates with divine judgment, except for the last which has no termination and there's no end to divine blessings for believers in Resurrected bodies.

Hebrews 2:5 For He has not put under the authority of angels the coming civilization

Now in verses 6-9 we have two Adams and the Angelic Conflict.

Hebrews 2:6 But one has testified somewhere, saying, "What is man, that You remember Him? Or a son of man, that You are concerned about him?"

Last week we read the

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Psalm 8:4 What is man that You thought of him, And a son of man that You are care for him?

Psalm 8:5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty!

Psalm 8:6 You have him rule over the works of Your hands; You have put everything under his feet,

In Hebrews 2:6 the author refers to Jesus as “The Son of Man.” In the Old Testament, this ‘title’ was given to the Prophet Ezekiel. In fact, it was used of Ezekiel over 90 times, signifying the importance of his prophetic work for the nation of Israel. So it was used of Ezekiel and Jesus. It was used in Daniel chapter 7, again referring to Jesus and in Revelation 1:13 referring again to Jesus. ‘Son of Man’ is a title of His Humanity.

1 John 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God; every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

Jesus is called the Son of Man in fulfillment of Prophecy: in Daniel 7:13-14.

In our study in Hebrews 2:7-8 we see four parts to God’s purpose for Jesus; a 5th part is seen in verse 14.

A. In His humanity He was created inferior (lower) to the angels.

B. God the Father adorned Jesus with both glory and honor (two of the highest exalts from God).

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- C. God the Father appointed Him (Jesus) over the works of your (Jesus') hands. Remember Jesus is credited as being the creator of all things.
- D. God the Father placed Jesus as the Son of man, **in authority over all things** (under His feet is symbolic of absolute dominion and authority).
- E. From verse 14 by Jesus death **Jesus neutralized the power of Satan over death.**

God has placed all things in subjection under Jesus feet.

What does this mean????

Dominion over all the earth was first given to the 1st Adam in the Garden of Eden after he was created. Genesis 1:26-27.

But when Adam sinned by disobeying God's command about not eating the fruit from the one tree, his dominion was taken away and given to Lucifer (Satan).

From that day to the time when Jesus was glorified by His death, resurrection and session, Satan kept dominion.

But now Jesus has dominion over the earth as the 2nd Adam who did **not** disobey God but fulfilled God's purpose for His life

However Jesus does not exercise complete authority over all creation and will not until He returns to set up His kingdom.

Verse 9 deals with what we do in this terrible age in which the Devil rules, that is this civilization in which Satan is the ruler of this world when things are not under the authority of Jesus Christ, when there is rebellion both to the Laws of Divine Establishment and even to Bible Doctrine.

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Verse 9 is centered on Jesus Christ. First note that in discussion of His being incarnation and suffering, He is known in His humanity as Jesus. So as Son of God, He became a member of the human race. Incarnation---Jesus made lower than angels, for a little while. Then by Jesus, He is named in His incarnation according to His purpose. And His purpose was to die for all members of the human race. The wages of sin is death but we are born dead, (spiritually dead) and therefore we could not make the payment for death. So here is the love of Jesus Christ, He died, spiritually for our sins, then He died physically. **Jesus because of the suffering of death** and then in His humanity He is crowned with glory and honor, **so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.** His death was Spiritual Death. This includes His death for all believers and every unbeliever. The reason that one is in the eternal lake of fire has nothing to do with sin, but with rejection of Jesus as savior, because on the cross, Jesus paid Substitutionary death for all mankind.

1 John 2:2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

We saw how God the Father bestowed His Grace on us because of His love for His Son.

The concluding source of Salvation is the Grace of God

The caring cause of Salvation is the Death of Christ &

The Graceful direction of Salvation is for every human being.

Verses 9-10 Christ is the Leader

Hebrews 2:9 ... because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor In the Greek this is a *Passive Voice* which says that He received glory and honor from the Father.

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Isaiah chapter 53 explains that God the Father clothed His Son in suffering with *glory and honor*. (Read Isaiah 53:10-12)

Jesus Christ now sits in the honor of God's right hand.

Hebrews 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

This is a declaration of the Love of God the Father for His Son. In verse 9 "crowned" means to crown someone as victor (in the games) where God the Father who loves His Son, crowns Him.

with Glory and honor. Glory belongs to deity but is now given to the member of the human race who was victorious in salvation and victorious over the Angelic Conflict.

Hebrews 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.

Even though this was not written by Paul, Paul had this same understanding. Look at

Colossians 1:16 for by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities— all

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things have been created through Him and for Him

All of Salvation is the design of God the Father.

Hebrews 2:10 in bringing many sons to glory. *many* refers to every person who believes in Jesus as Savior.

sons refers to believers

to glory means that by salvation every believer is in glory as

To perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings. God's plan is proclaimed—*because of whom and through whom*

God's work **in leading many sons to glory**

and now:

Christ work **to make the author of their salvation perfect through sufferings** where in Hebrews 12:2 he is the author and perfecter of our faith. He was the first to go through death and the first to be glorified. Think about all that we are learning about Jesus Christ, the one that many Israelites rejected as Messiah and who wanted Him Crucified.

Hebrews 2:11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

Both Christ, the Sanctifier and believers, the sanctified, are set apart, have one common source, God the Father. What is so beautiful here is that God the Father has no trouble now that we are in His Son, has no problem in referring to all believers as His brothers. This is so dramatically explained in

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Hebrews 10:10 By this will, (God's) we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time. (the author could not have made it any stronger)

Hebrews 2:12 saying, I will proclaim Your name to My brethren, In the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise.”

Hebrews 2:13 And again, “I will put My trust in Him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children whom God has given Me.”

All three quotations from the Old Testament confirm the statement of verse 11. The three quotations:

Psalm 22:22 I will tell of your name to my brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

Isaiah 8:17 And I will wait for the Lord who is hiding His face from the house of Jacob; I will even look eagerly for Him.

Isaiah 8:18 Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.

These confirm the statement of:

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**Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to
call them brethren,**

Verses 5-13 proclaim that God the Son became mankind in order to win back for mankind rule over the inhabited earth. This of course demanded His spiritual death by dying a substitutionary death. He did not die as a martyr but came back in a resurrection body and He will later win the Angelic Conflict and rule over the earth.

Six benefits given to believers by God Himself

1. Believers in Jesus Christ are brought as sons of Glory.
2. Made believers Holy or Sanctified
3. Makes believers brothers to Christ
4. Makes us members of God's family
5. Delivers us from the power of Satan
6. Removes our fear of dying (many believers come to fear at the point of dying)

More we learned about Jesus Christ:

1. He was made a little lower than the angels
2. As a man He experienced suffering and death. By the way, the death of Jesus provided a marvelous display of dying grace.
3. God loved His Son, and permitted Him to endure suffering and death for everyone so He could conquer death by His Resurrection.
4. Also by His love for His Son, Jesus Christ suffered spiritual death and then crowned Him with Glory and Honor

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5. His death, burial, resurrection, ascension and session exalted Jesus as a man superior to angels.
6. In His Resurrection body, which we will also receive one day, He was made physically superior to angels as we too will be one day.
7. Every person who trust in Jesus Christ has made a son of God's glory which means each one of us brings honor to God simply by our faith in Christ.