

## FROM OUR PASTOR

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Sabbath Greetings to everyone!

To quote Captain Kirk from Star Trek: “Space is the final frontier.”

Looking at the surges forward and huge space projects currently underway in Russia, China, and other places that statement is more true than ever.

China became the third country ever to launch a human into space in 2003 and has been expanding its space program ever since. Consider what this most populous nation on the planet has achieved just this year:

1. A Chinese commercial launch-service provider created earlier this year expects to launch 10 of its Kuaizhou solid fueled rockets per year between 2017 and 2020.
2. Two Chinese astronauts landed safely back on Earth after a month-long mission that set a new record for China’s human spaceflight program.
3. On Sept. 15, 2006, China launched its Tiangong-2 space lab to Earth orbit, which China views as a key step toward building a bona fide space station.
4. Aug. 15, China launched the first-ever quantum satellite in an effort to help develop an unhackable communications system.
5. Planted a rover on the moon — The Yutu rover – the first robot to roll across the moon since the Soviet Union’s Lunokhod 2 rover in the early 1970s.

The list goes on, and is in stark contrast to the USA NASA program that is barely a shell of what it was in the past.

Not to be outdone, in addition to its ongoing space programs, Russia this past week announced an accelerated program to build a station on the moon, landing men there to begin building it by 2030. India also has announced a moon landing project, plus there are numerous private space ventures under way, including several projects that hope to travel to Mars and other planets.

No one doubts that there are military goals and plans along with the civilian ones. Wars of the past century have been decided primarily by who controls the air. In the future it will likely be by who controls space.

The great Creator of heaven and earth sees all that is going on and knows the plans of men. Proverbs 19:21 says, “There are many plans in a man’s heart, Nevertheless the LORD’s counsel—that will stand.” So no matter what men may plan, eventually the will of God will prevail.

Isa 14:21 tells us that God has a purpose for the earth, “This is the purpose that is purposed against the whole earth, And this is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations.”

There will likely be a conflict in the future over who will rule space.

Some historians say the cause of World War I, which continued later as World War 2, was due to the competition of European nations to control the continent of Africa. Control of space, with all of its military potential, is a far larger prize. Whomever controls space will eventually dominate the world.

The Bible reveals to us who will eventually rule space. Those born as sons in the Family of God as spirit beings! This is told to us in Hebrews 2:6-8  
“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 HONOR, AND SET HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS. YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET.” For in that He put all in subjection under him. He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.” (NKJV)  
Notice that ALL THINGS—meaning all creation—are going to be under the rule of former men and women! In the last book of the Bible, Revelation, this destiny of ruling outer space is described as “the Morning Star.” “And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—‘HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON; THEY SHALL BE DASHED TO PIECES LIKE THE POTTER’S VESSELS’—as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star.” Revelation 2:26-28

So if anyone asks you who is going to win the race to control “the final frontier,” you know the answer!

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