

## “Why a Man?”

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Opened with a discussion about James Donald Bowman who went by the nickname, “**JD**”.

- Due to drug addiction, he would be raised by his **maternal** grandparents.
- His name was changed to James David Hamel. He graduated from High School and joined the **Marines**. He used GI Bill to go to Ohio State University and eventually graduated Law School at **Yale**. After marriage, he changed his last name to “**Vance**”, in honor of his grandparents who raised him.
- He is the third youngest **Vice President** in US History, and the first **millennial** to become Vice President.
- JD rose from nothing to one of the highest offices in our land. **Jesus** left Heaven to be born as a man, and now reigns over all creation.

### 1) Kingdom **Formed**

- What new world is the author is talking about is the one to come following **Jesus** second coming. (ref: Isa.65:17, 66:22; 2Pet.3:12-13; Rev.21:1)
- The New World will not be subject to **Angels**, but to Jesus and His joint heirs. (ref: v.5; Dan.7:27; Rev.20:4&6; 2Tim.2:12; 1Pet.2:9)
- The meaning of Jesus being “**King** of Kings” and “**Lord** of Lords” will also be true of the New World to come.

### 2) Kingdom **Lost**

- In the beginning, God gave **mankind** dominion over the Earth, but **Satan** and his Demons gained control after mankind fell into sin. (ref: Rev.12:7-9; Dan.10:20; Eph. 2:1-3, 6:12)

### 3) Kingdom **Restored**

- Jesus became a man, who is currently lower than **Angels**, in order to redeem mankind. If Jesus is reigning now, why is there still suffering, pain, and evil? That won't happen till after His **second** coming during the New Earth. (vs.6-9; Rom.8:22-23; 1John 2:16-17)
- **God** had to become like us in order to save us. He had to live a righteous **life** that we couldn't and die the **death** we deserved. (vs.10-18)
- Jesus' sacrifice spares His followers from experiencing the **second** death. (ref: v.9; Rev.21:8)
- We who believe have **died** with Christ and have been **raised** from the dead. (ref: Rom.6:3-4, 6; Col.2:12-13)

In closing,

- Ultimately, **Jesus** calls us brothers and sisters. Jesus had to become a man in order to save mankind and return us to our proper position.

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