

# **Born to Reign**

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I. Introduction. Text: Genesis 1:24-26.

II. The creative order.

A. It appears that animals appeared in creative leaps.

B. Man appears last in the creative order.

C. The origin of man is strikingly different from that of animals.

1. God's use of the first person plural is the first reference to the plurality of God.
2. God's name is plural.
3. God created man in His own image.
4. Man also appears then as a tri-unity.

D. Man stands as the link between God and His creation.

1. There is a great gap between man and animals—man did not evolve from animals.
2. Evolutionary theory is all merely projected thought without sufficient evidence.
3. Man was created directly from the hand of God.
4. Man is being redeemed by an act of God as well.

E. Man was created to govern the universe. (Romans 5:17)

1. The Christian is called to reign for life.
2. We are to be in control of events and not be taken by surprise within the limits of the Father's will.
3. This brings us to the heart of prayer—the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but are mighty. (I Corinthians 10)

F. God has called us to reign in Christ through prayer.

## **Application questions:**

1. What is the relationship between God's tri-unity and man? Explain.

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2. What are some of the issues with the theory of evolution?

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3. How does prayer help us to govern the universe? What might you do to enhance your prayer life?

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