

EACH DAY OF CREATION DESCRIBES 1000 YEARS OF GOD'S RESTORATION PLAN

On day one of creation, God divided the light from the darkness. Because of Adam's sin, God showed us the division between spiritual light and spiritual darkness. The line of Cain went off into spiritual darkness away from God. The line of Seth began to call upon the name of the Lord by which they found spiritual light. Adam and Seth lived most of the first 1000 years of human history. God promised Adam that a man-child would be born and destroy Satan. This man-child came through the line of Seth, Adam's third son.

On day two of creation, God divided the waters above from the waters below and made the atmosphere. Because of the wickedness of man, during the second 1000 years of human history, God sent a worldwide flood upon the face of the earth. The flood destroyed the line of Cain, and only the line of Seth was spared. Noah was of the line of Seth. Noah was found to be righteous. God used the water from below and the water above to clean the earth of wickedness.

On day three of creation, God gathered the water and made dry ground. Early on the third thousand years of human history, God chose Abraham to bless the whole world through his lineage. God promised that He would provide Himself a Lamb for a sacrifice. Abraham was sent by God to a land for his inheritance. The land of Canaan was filled with wickedness and the lineage of Abraham was to drive them out of the land. When the line of Abraham, Israel, found themselves in bondage in Egypt, God used Moses to bring them out of slavery and they crossed on dry ground as God parted the waters of the Red Sea. As Joshua brought Israel into the promised land, God parted the water of the Jordan River and brought them across on dry ground. God promised Abraham the world

(Kosmos) for his inheritance and also for all people of the same kind of faith as Abraham. Romans 4:13 In the eternal kingdom, there is no more sea.

Revelation 21:1

On the fourth day of creation, God put a greater light to rule the day, and a lesser light to rule the night.

During the fourth thousand years of human history, God brought us the greater light of rulership in Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah. The Messiah ruled in the hearts of many even before He arrived at Bethlehem. King David was a man after God's own heart. Solomon built the Temple where God dwelled in glory until Israel went after strange gods. World Empires were ruled by men who were lesser lights of the night of human depravity, but these rulers were still used by God to bring about His purposes. Cyrus allowed the Jews to rebuild the Temple and later the walls of Jerusalem. Nehemiah led the building of the walls of Jerusalem in just 52 days commissioned by King Artaxerxes of Persia. "The powers (rulers) that be are ordained of God." Romans 13:1b

At the close of the fourth thousand years of human history, Christ was born in Bethlehem and fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament concerning His first coming. Jesus lived sinless and died sinless allowing sin to kill His physical body. His death condemned sin and the court of Heaven declared Jesus worthy to judge all the earth and bring an end to sin, death, and Satan. As a result of the victory of Jesus, the Eternal Kingdom will have no sin and no sorrow, no pain, and no death. Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, those who believe and receive new life in Christ will inherit the Eternal Kingdom.

On the fifth day of creation, God brought life to planet earth with marine life and birds. During the fifth thousand years of human history, the Holy Spirit

began to indwell those who believe and receive new life in Christ with abundance of fruits which make life truly worth living. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control provide the more abundant life that Jesus describes. Attributes of this life in Christ are abundant as the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky.

On the sixth day of creation, God created humanity. God created them male and female. God created the first marriage. Marriage is designed to picture the intimate relationship that every believer should have with Jesus Christ. During the fifth and sixth thousand years of human history, Jesus has been building His Church, the bride of Christ. At the close of the sixth thousand years, Christ will return for His Church (Bride). In Heaven there will be the marriage supper of the Lamb. And then Christ will bring His bride to earth for the Millennial Reign of Christ. The Seventh thousand years of human history will be lived out on earth with peace and rest. The Sabbath was to be a day of peace and rest from all labor. God ceased (rested) His creation and the seventh day and called it the Sabbath. The earth will have peace and rest for the first time in six thousand years. At the close of the Millennial Reign of Christ, the Great White Throne Judgment with Jesus on the Throne will usher in the Eternal Kingdom with no sin and no death.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ includes the restoration of creation and new life in Christ for the believer, those who receive Jesus into their lives by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Jesus showed us what holiness looks like. Jesus lived and died sinless.

Jesus showed us the power of God over nature, disease, and the demonic. We call them miracles.

Jesus showed us how atrocious sin is. He let sin kill His human body. The accumulated sin of all humanity was laid on Jesus, "And the Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all (Isaiah 53:6). God says that sin is condemned to removal from all creation because it killed the sinless Son of God. Romans 8:3 In the Eternal Kingdom on the earth, there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain. Rev. 21:4 The dwelling of God will be with men and He will live with them. Rev. 21:3 "He who overcomes will inherit all this and I will be his God and he will be my son." Rev. 21:7 "Who is it that overcomes the world! For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. 1 John 5:4

Jesus declared to us how we can be changed. By cooperation with Holy Spirit conviction we may be changed and made a vessel of righteous actions. The Holy Spirit will teach you all things. John 14:26 This implies that we must listen and cooperate with the Holy Spirit. Scripture is for training in righteousness. 2 Tim.3:16 We are born again of the Spirit to do good works. Eph. 2:10 If anyone cleanses himself from sin, he will be a vessel of righteousness, ready for every good work. 2 Tim. 2:21

The Gospel of Jesus Christ involves a change in the believer. The new life in Christ is the indwelling Holy Spirit of Christ who produces the fruits of the Spirit in us. The fruits of the Spirit are actions of righteousness: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

According to Revelation 19, the only thing we take with us to heaven are the righteous actions we allow the Spirit to do in us as we cooperate with Him.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ includes a change in the believer. Example:

Matthew 1:20-21 An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins. And the Gospel of Jesus Christ includes restoration of all creation to a state of no death and no sin. Example: John 1:29 John the Baptist was baptizing people in the Jordan River. John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world (the Kosmos) meaning all of creation.

Acts of cooperation with the Holy Spirit can be as simple as a smile. And some acts of cooperation require great courage. Examples:

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant^{of} of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."

And Joseph did what he had been commanded and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

The shepherds were told “You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

The shepherds responded, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Written by Tom Whedbee December 2024