

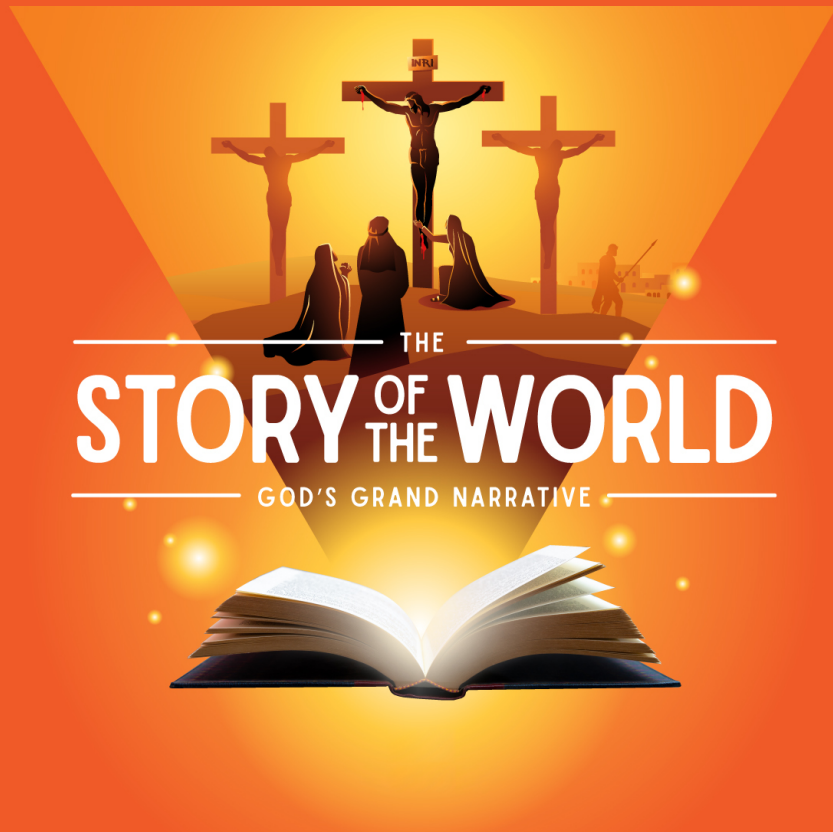
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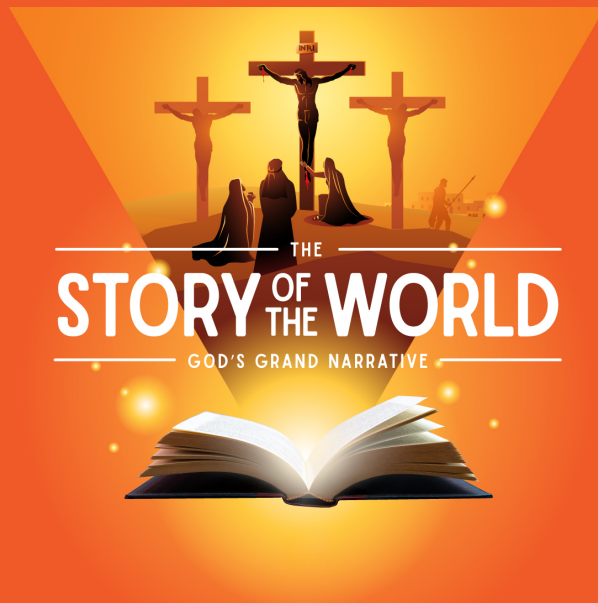
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## Luke 24:25-26 ESV

*<sup>25</sup>And **he said to them**, “O **foolish ones**, and **slow of heart** to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, **he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures** the things concerning himself.*



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# CREATION

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## Genesis 1:1-2 ESV

In the **beginning**, **God created** the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.



## Genesis 1:26-27 ESV

*<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us **make** man<sup>1</sup> in **our image**, after **our likeness**. And let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”*





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# FALL

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# CONTINUING CONFLICT

- *Adam and Eve : sin, disobey, trust broken;*
- *Cain and Abel : murder;*
- *The story of Noah : the flood;*
- *The Tower of Babel : pride;*





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# CHOSEN NATION

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# CHOSEN NATION : ISRAEL

- *God **calls** Abraham*
- *The Abrahamic **Covenant***
- *Abraham, Isaac & Jacob*
- ***Jacob** : 12 sons : 12 Tribes of Israel : The Nation of **Israel***
- *The story of **Joseph***
- ***Egypt** : Slavery, bondages*
- *The story of the **Passover***
- ***Exodus** to the wilderness*
- *The story of **Moses***





Genesis 12:1-3 **ESV**

Now the Lord said to Abram,

“Go from your country<sup>1</sup> and your kindred and your father's house **to the land** that **I will show you.**<sup>2</sup> And

**I will make** of you **a great nation,** and

**I will bless** you and

**make your name great,** so that you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup>**I will bless** those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”



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## **CHOSEN NATION : ISRAEL**

- ***Joshua*** : the Land
- Next Generation?
- ***Judges*** : the failures
- ***Priest, Kings*** : rules
- Major ***Prophets***
- Minor Prophets
- Assyrian, Babylonian, Persian, Greeks, Romans Empires etc.
- Intertestamental Period : 400yrs





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# REDEMPTION

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# COMING “HE” : THE SEED

Genesis 3:14-15 **NKJV**

*14* So the Lord God said to the **serpent**:

“Because you have done this,

You are **cursed** more than all cattle,

And more than every beast of the field;

On your belly you shall go,

And you shall eat dust

All the days of your life..

*15* I And I will put **enmity**

Between **you** and the **woman**,

And between **your seed** and **her Seed**;

**He** shall **bruise** your **head**,

And **you** shall **bruise** His **heel**.”







# SINCE ADAM'S FALL IS IT...

- *Abel?*
- *Noah? Shem?*
- *Abraham? Isaac? Jacob?*
- *Joseph?*
- *Moses? Joshua?*
- *Gideon? Samson? etc?*
- *Saul? David? Solomon? etc?*



# JESUS

HIS BIRTH, LIFE, DEATH &  
RESURRECTION



# THE CHURCH

THE DISCIPLES,  
THE OUTPOURING OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT, &  
THE GREAT  
COMMISSION



## **John 20:21** ESV

*Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with **you**. As **the Father has sent me**, even so **I am sending you**.”*

## **Acts 1:8** ESV

*But you will **receive** power when the Holy Spirit has **come** upon you, and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*



## Revelation 1:4-8 ESV

*<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:*

*Grace to you and peace **from him who is and who was and who is to come,** and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and **from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.** To him who **loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood...***



## Revelation 1:4-8 ESV

6 *and **made us a kingdom, priests** to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

7 *Behold, **he is coming with the clouds**, and every eye will **see** him, even those who **pierced** him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.*

8 *“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “**who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.**”*



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05

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# NEW CREATION

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## Revelation 21:1-2 **ESV**

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2 And I saw the holy city, **new Jerusalem**, coming down out of **heaven** from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.





## Revelation 21:3-4 **ESV**

*<sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the **dwelling place** of God is with man. He will **dwell** with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.*

*<sup>4</sup>He will **wipe away** every tear from their eyes, and **death shall be no more**, neither shall there be mourning, **nor crying**, nor **pain** anymore, for the former things have passed away.”*



# Understanding **NEW CREATION :** **New Heaven &** **New Earth**

*4 Questions :Why? How? When? Who?*  
*Revelation 21 & 22*



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## Q#1 : WHY?

**What is it about :**

- *A **New** Heaven &*
- *A **New** Earth?*
- ***First** Heaven & **First** Earth  
Passed away?*
- *And **The** Sea **No** More?*
- *And **The** Sun & **the** Moon?*

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## Genesis 1:1-2 ESV

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## Revelation 21:23, 25 ESV

*And the city has **no need of sun or moon to shine** on it, for **the glory of God** gives it light, and its **lamp** is the Lamb.*

*<sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day—  
and there will be **no night** there.*





# Q#2 : HOW DOES HEAVEN LOOK LIKE?

*Revelation 21 & 22*



## Revelation 21:2-3 ESV

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## I Thessalonians 4:16-18 ESV

*16 For the Lord himself will **descend** from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the **dead** in Christ will **rise** first. 17 Then we who are **alive**, who are left, will be **caught** up together with them in the clouds to **meet** the Lord in the air, and so we will **always** be **with** the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.*



## Revelation 21:4-5 ESV

*<sup>4</sup>He will **wipe away** every tear from their eyes, and **death shall be no more**, neither shall there be mourning, **nor crying**, nor **pain** anymore, for the former things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”*



## 2 Corinthian 5:17 ESV

*17 Therefore, if **anyone** is **in Christ**, he is **a new creation**. The **old** has passed away; **behold**, the **new** has come.*



## Revelation 22:1-2 ESV

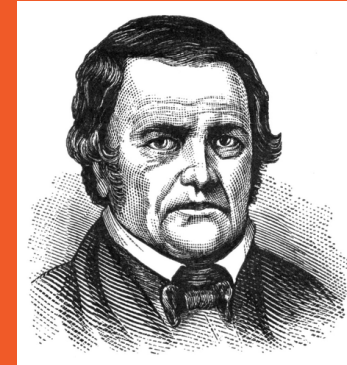
Then the angel<sup>[a]</sup> showed me **the river of the water of life**, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb<sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, **the tree of life**<sup>[b]</sup> with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the **healing** of the nations.



**Q#3 : WHEN IS THIS  
NEW CREATION  
COMING ?**

# Some of the FAILED Prediction of Jesus Second coming and Doomsday :

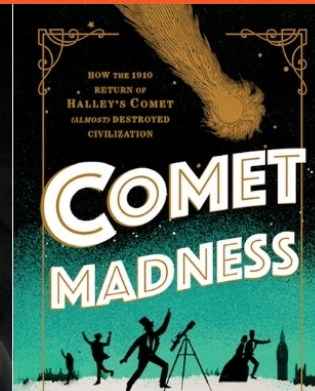
*1843/1844 : Mar 21 : William Miller :  
The Great Dissappointment;  
1910 : The Halley's comet;  
1919 : The Astronomical event : 6 of our  
planets in our Solar system are aligned;  
1988 : 88 reasons why rapture; 1989  
2000 : Y2K : Jan 1 : Computer collapse;  
2011 : May 21 @ 6pm : Harold Camping :  
a series of earthquake and hell-fire;*



**William Miller**

1782-1849

“My principles in brief, are, that Jesus Christ will come again to this earth, cleanse, purify, and take possession of the same, with all the saints, sometime between March 21, 1843, and March 21, 1844.”



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## Matthew 24:36-37 ESV

<sup>36</sup> “But concerning that day and hour **no one knows**, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son,<sup>[b]</sup> but the Father only.  
<sup>37</sup> For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.



## Acts 1:6-11 ESV

“So when they had come together, **they asked him**, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” **He said to them**, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. **But you** will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



## Acts 1:9-11 ESV

9 And when he had **said** these things, as they were **looking** on, he was **lifted** up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

10 And **while** they were **gazing** into heaven as he went, **behold**, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and **said**, “Men of Galilee, **why do you** stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”



# Q#4 : WHO WILL INHERIT THE NEW CREATION?



## Revelation 21:7-8 ESV

***7 The one who conquers*** will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

***8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”***



## Revelation 22:14-15 ESV

<sup>14</sup> **Blessed** are those who **wash their robes,** so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>15</sup> **Outside** are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.



## Revelation 21:6 ESV

“And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the **thirsty** I will **give** from the spring of the water of life without payment.

## John 7:37 ESV

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone **thirsts**, let him **come** to me and drink.



## Revelation 22:20-21 ESV

*20 He who testifies to these things says, “**Surely I am coming soon.**”*

*Amen. **Come, Lord Jesus!***

*21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.*