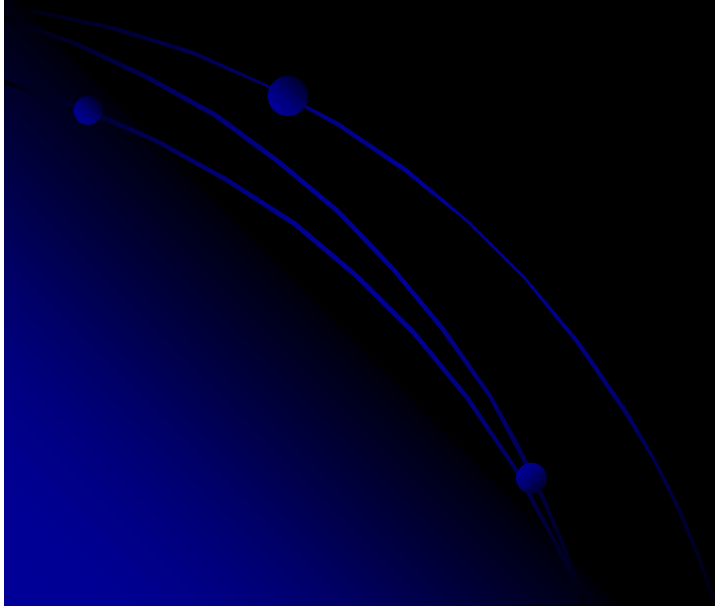


God's Purpose for Planet Earth



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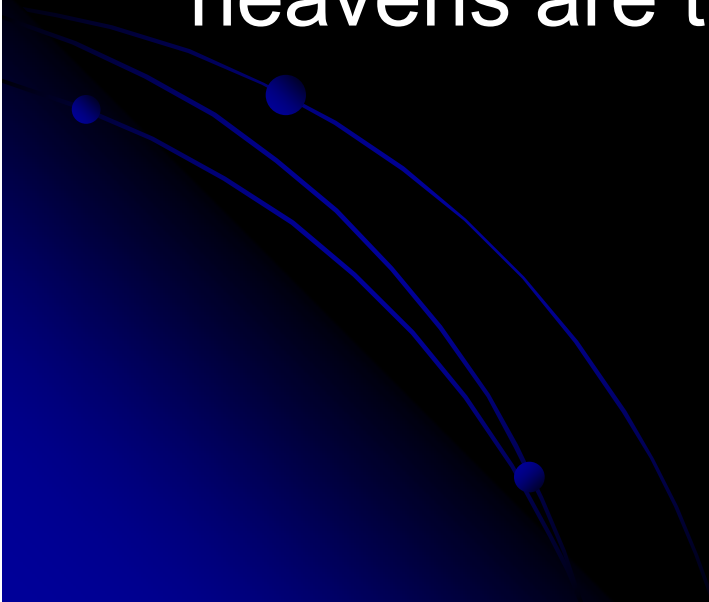
- Gen. 1:1-2 - “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.”
- 2Kings 19:15 - “Then Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said: O LORD God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.”

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- 2Chron. 2:12 - “Hiram also said: Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who made heaven and earth”
- Psalm 90:2 - “Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.”
- Psalm 102:25 - “Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.”

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- Psalm 121:2 - “My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.”
- Heb. 1:10 - “You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.”



God Made The World Out Of Nothing In Six Days

- Gen. 1:31 - “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”
- Heb. 11:3 - “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.”
- Ex. 20:11 - “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day.”

God Upholds It By The Word Of His Power

- Col. 1:17 - “And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”
- Psalm 119:90 - “You established the earth, and it abides.”
- 2Peter 3:5, 7 - “For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water... 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”

God Created Humankind To Dwell On The Earth

- Gen. 1:26 - “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’”
- God not only created, He determines the laws.
 - Acts 17:24, 26 - “God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings”

God Created Humankind To Dwell On The Earth

- God created humankind with superior intelligence and gave us dominion over creation.
 - Gen. 1:27-28 - “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

God Created Humankind To Dwell On The Earth

- God created us at “the beginning”
 - Gen. 1:1, 26-31 - “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
- One cannot believe the Bible and accept general, organic, or theistic evolution
 - Matt. 19:4 - “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female.’”
- This earth was created for us.

Our Days On Earth Are Limited

- We are not meant to dwell on this earth forever.
 - 1Chron. 29:15 - “For we are aliens and pilgrims before You, As were all our fathers; Our days on earth are as a shadow, And without hope.”
 - Gen. 3:19 - “In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”

Our Days On Earth Are Limited

- The earth itself is limited and running down
 - Heb. 1:10-12 - “You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11 They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; 12 Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail.”

Our Days On Earth Are Limited

- Earth itself is limited and running down
 - Matt. 24:35 - “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”
 - 2Peter 3:10-11 - “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness”
 - The second inescapable physical law of our universe (the laws of thermodynamics): The entropy of any isolated system always increases.

The Earth Of Noah's Day

- Peter in describing the ancient world referred to it as the "world that then was"
 - 2Peter 3:6 - "By which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water."
- In contrast, Peter writes of the present heavens and earth (world after the flood) as, "the earth which is now" (vs. 7).
 - 2Peter 3:7 - "But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word"

The Earth Of Noah's Day

- It appears the earth never knew rain before the flood
 - Gen. 7:4 - “For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made.”
 - Gen. 2:6 - “But a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.”

God's Name Is Proclaimed Throughout The Earth

- Psalm 135:5-7 - “For I know that the LORD is great, And our Lord is above all gods. 6 Whatever the LORD pleases He does, In heaven and in earth, In the seas and in all deep places. 7 He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain; He brings the wind out of His treasures.”

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- Psalm 136:1-9 - “Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. 2 Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever. 3 Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever: 4 To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever; 5 To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy endures forever; 6 To Him who laid out the earth above the waters, For His mercy endures forever; 7 To Him who made great lights, For His mercy endures forever- 8 The sun to rule by day, For His mercy endures forever; 9 The moon and stars to rule by night, For His mercy endures forever.”

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- Ex. 9:16 - “But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.”
- Mark 16:15 - “And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”
- Rom. 10:18 - “But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world.”

God's People Are Strangers And Pilgrims On Earth

- This earth is not designed to be our permanent home
 - Heb. 11:13 - “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.”

God's People Are Strangers And Pilgrims On Earth

- To be part of this world is to live according to the world
 - 1Peter 2:11 - “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul”
- Jesus said He was going (leaving this earth) to prepare a place and that the saved would be with Him there.
 - John 14:3 - “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

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- When Jesus returns
 - 1Thes. 4:17 - “Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”
 - Ecc. 12:13-14 - “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. 14 For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.”