CREATION

Creation involves God's activity in creating all that there is, both seen and unseen. He created the spirit world and the physical world The spirit world is where heaven, the heavenly hosts, and God's throne is located. The physical world is the visible universe and the earth. God created Adam and Eve in his image (Gen 1:26) and placed them in his garden in Eden (Genesis 2:7). Adam and Eve were denied only one thing in all of the world. They were forbidden to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

GOD CREATES → God doesn't need to create, he WANTS to create. Why? He WANTS to share his glory beyond himself. He WANTS to create a family with whom he can dwell.

THE PROBLEM → Create a family to share himself with who will FREELY CHOOSE to love him. Free will creates opportunity to sin – to choose to NOT love God.

THE PLAN → He knows Adam and Eve will freely choose to sin. Redeem his family through the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ who will FREELY CHOOSE to die.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. – Genesis 1:1

GOD CREATED:

Spirit World
* Heavenly Host
* Heaven
* God's Throne

Physical World
* Visible Universe
* Earth
* Animals, Mankind

ETERNITY PAST

YAHWEH

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. – Genesis 2:8

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." Genesis 2:16-17

FALL

COVENANTS

The Fall begins with the first rebel. Satan, an anointed guardian cherub (Ezekiel 28:14), brings sin into creation. He was the most beautiful of all God's heavenly host (Ezekiel 28:13) and he allowed pride over his beauty and power to cause him to sin (Isaiah 14:13–14, Ezekiel 28:15, 17). God cast him out (Ezekiel 28:16, Luke 10:18). This began a war in the spirit realm, but it would not be contained there.

Satan appears in the Garden of Eden in the form of a serpent and successfully tempts Adam and Eve –the image bearers of God – to eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. He draws Adam and Eve into his rebellion and their sin brought death and a curse upon all of creation (Genesis 3, Romans 5:12).

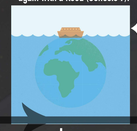
BUT GOD God made a COVENANT to bring a Savior who would redeem mankind from the curse.

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel. – Genesis 3:15

YOU START HERE
ALONG WITH EVERY HUMAN BORN SINCE ADAM BORN INTO SIN, ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD FOR YOUR SIN

Satan's rebellion is just the spark. Genesis 6:1–4 speaks of more heavenly hosts who left their place to come corrupt humanity even more. Revelation 12:4 teaches that a third of the heavenly hosts followed Satan in his rebellion.

Mankind had become so corrupted by sin, that God decided to flood the entire earth and start over with Noah's family (Genesis 7–8). God also made a COVENANT to never destroy the earth again with a flood (Genesis 9).



But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. – Genesis 6:8

However, even starting fresh with Noah's family did not deal with the problem of sin. Only a few generations after Noah, humanity united at Babel to build an enormous tower so that they could reach God (Genesis 11)

God confused their languages and the nations which were born at Babel fell away from our God – Yahweh – and worshiped lesser gods.

After Babel, God called Abraham and made a COVENAN T with him to raise up a nation – ISRAEL – through his offspring with his wife Sarah (Genesis 12, 15, 17).

And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. (Genesis 15:6)

Starting with Abraham's son, Isaac, God grew a family that became the nation of Israel. Along the way, God raised up men and women in Israel through whom he would keep his COVENANT with Abraham, but also with Adam and Eve to raise up a Savior who would redeem mankind from the curse. And all along the way, Satan fought persistently to stop the arrival of the Redeemer.

SPIRITUAL WAR

REDEMPTION

COVENANTS

PROMISE FULFILLED!

JESUS CHRIST, the SON of God came to earth, and was born to a young virgin named Mary (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18–23, Luke 1:26–38).

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. – Isaiah 7:14

He lived a sinless life, but was condemned to die a sinner's death. His death on the cross was in our place to take the wrath of God against our sins (2 Corinthians 5:21).

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. – 2 Corinthians 5:21

God raised Jesus from the dead as the first to be resurrected eternally, defeating death and the powers of Satan once and for all (1 Corinthians 15:20–22).

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. – 1 Corinthians 15:20–22

Christ's death and resurrection have broken the curse of sin that Adam and Eve brought upon mankind.

Because he died a sinner's death in our place, and took the punishment that we deserve, we can receive forgiveness for our sins through faith in his finished work on the cross and repentance!

YAHWEH

Then Jesus returned to Heaven and left us with a command to make disciples of the entire world (Matthew 28:18–20). But as he left, he told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for power from the promised Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4–8).

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 1:8

PENTECOST!

Ten days after Jesus returned to Heaven he sent the promised Holy Spirit (Acts 2) who indwells every believer (Galatians 4:6), empowers every believer to witness (Luke 12:12), and transforms every believer into the likeness of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18).

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" – Galatians 4:6

YOU CAN BE HERE
because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. – Romans 10:9

EVER SINCE... God has been building his Church through the mission he gave to his people to reach the whole world with the Gospel, reversing what happened at Babel by bringing the nations back to our God through Christ Jesus!

SPIRITUAL WAR

ALL COVENANTS FULFILLED

SPIRITUAL WAR ENDS

RESTORATION

CHRIST RETURNS

We look forward to his return because it will usher in the ETERNAL Kingdom, complete all COVENANTS that God has made with mankind, and will bring the SPIRITUAL WAR that began at the FALL to a final end.

SATAN IS DEFEATED!

The original rebel and our Accuser is finally defeated and is cast into the Lake of Fire. (Revelation 20:10)

DEATH IS DEFEATED!

Death is also finally defeated and is cast into the Lake of Fire. (Revelation 20:14)

GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

The dead are raised and stand before God for final judgment. If anyone's name is not found in the Book of Life, they will be cast into the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:11–15).

BOOK OF LIFE!
ONLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE TRUSTED JESUS CHRIST FOR SALVATION WILL HAVE THEIR NAMES RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF LIFE!

ETERNITY FUTURE

YAHWEH

NEW HEAVEN, NEW EARTH

God will recreate both heaven and earth and the two shall come together. The new Jerusalem will descend to the new Earth and no sin will ever corrupt creation again! (Revelation 21)

GOD DWELLS WITH US AGAIN!

Yahweh's home will be with mankind and he will dwell with us as he did in Eden. We will live with him and he with us, forever. (Revelation 21:4)

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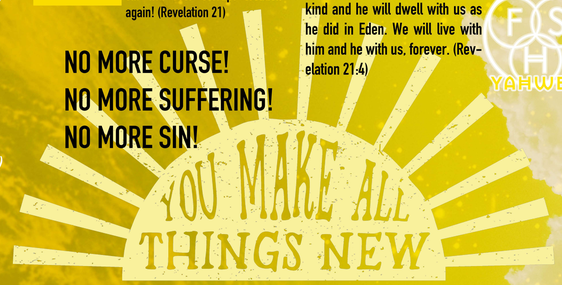
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