

Today we continue with Worldview Puzzle Piece No. 8 – I have sub- entitled this section 'His-Story'. This is a refocusing of the subject of History back to its original and true meaning... The Story of God and His interaction with mankind. You may not have heard any sermons with the subject of History, but it is vitally important that we place our worldview understanding of History in the proper perspective of our past human experiences in relationship with God.

In this message, I am taking a Biblical and Theological rather than just a humanistic, secular understanding and approach to History. I agree with Noebles & Myers in their book "Understanding the Times" (Summit Ministries) when they write...

"From a Christian perspective, history is an epic unfolding of God's ultimate plan for all humanity. Knowing that God has been active throughout history helps us to understand our own role in the day-to-day history in our own lives. God was in the Garden with Adam & Eve, He was at the Burning bush with Moses, He was in the Pillar of Cloud in the desert, He was the Child in the Manger, He was the Suffering Savior on the Cross, and He was the linen wrapped body in the tomb, He was the victorious Risen Christ, and He is still with us in the present as the Holy Spirit". (p. 441)

There is in truth no such thing as History without consider God as the center focus and key actor in the drama of human History.

#### **HISTORY MATTERS for Biblical Worldview Christians**

The key reason that I see as to why HISTORY
MATTERS to those of us who are seeking to Develop
A Biblical Worldview is this:

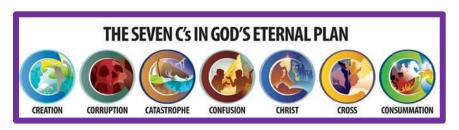
Knowing how God has spoken and interacted with humankind in the past and how we as humans have responded to God, and to one another; can give us knowledge and wisdom to live our daily lives so that we can live in RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD, WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND WITH THE CREATED WORLD AND IT'S RESOURCES.

I believe it is vital that Christians have a clear and Biblical understanding of History. When we see the larger picture of how God has interacted and guided through every phase of History, it helps us to have a confident and sure faith that God will continue to guide us through the History that we are making each and every day of our lives.

My message today is the conclusion of the History section and we will be using the Seven C's of History as originally written by Ken Ham and Stacia Mckeever.

## **Seven C's of History**

Adapted from Ken Ham and Stacia McKeever on <a href="https://answersingenesis.org/bible-history/seven-cs-of-history/">https://answersingenesis.org/bible-history/seven-cs-of-history/</a> May 20, 2004. Adapted from Pdf of booklet <a href="https://assets.answersingenesis.org/doc/articles/2007/The7CsOfHistory.pdf">https://assets.answersingenesis.org/doc/articles/2007/The7CsOfHistory.pdf</a>



#### The First 'C' in God's Eternal Plan



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1).

Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

Jeremiah 32:17

Day 1 – Let there be light. God separated the light from the darkness.

Day 2 – God made the expanse, separated the waters above from the waters below.

Day 3 – God made the seas and the dry land appear. Vegetation began to grow.

Day 4 – God made the sun, moon & stars

Day 5 - God created animals that live in the water and in the air.

Day 6 – God created land animals and Adam & Eve.

Day 7 – God rested from all His work

If you get a chance check out the full article that gives some great insight on what Jesus said about creation. This is the web site

https://answersingenesis.org/days-of-creation/did-jesus-say-he-created-in-six-literal-days/

This is a summary:

Mark 10:6 (Jesus says)... "But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female."

Matthew 19:3–6 (ESV) The Pharisees came up to Jesus and tested Him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" He answered, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So, they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

John 1:1-3... In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

So, we can be confident and assured that God, through Christ (The Word), created all things just as the historical accurate book of Genesis records, and the rest of the Bible affirms.

And it was perfect... Genesis 1:31... God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.

So what Happened? In short,

SIN HAPPENED. DISOBEDIENCE HAPPENED

That brings us to our Second C = Corruption

From Perfection to Imperfection

#### The Second 'C' in God's Eternal Plan



But you shall not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. For in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die (Genesis 2:17).

For more complete information read this article from the web: <a href="https://answersingenesis.org/kids/seven-cs/corruption-the-fall/">https://answersingenesis.org/kids/seven-cs/corruption-the-fall/</a>

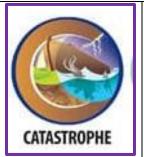
Remember <u>Genesis 1:31</u>...God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. In the beginning there was obviously no death, sickness or sin. God set forth His plan for Governing and Law from the very beginning in order to help maintain this peace and harmony. <u>Genesis 2:17</u> (above) records God making it very clear what the rules are.

He also was crystal clear about the consequences:

Genesis 2:16,17... <sup>16</sup> The LORD God COMMANDED the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may freely eat; <sup>17</sup> but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for on the day that you eat from it you will certainly die."

The result from Adam & Eve's choice to disobey God and follow their own path brough about CORRUPTION of God's GOOD CREATION....Sin, death, the ground was cursed, woman must endure painful childbirth and became subject to man. Apparently animals moved from all being herbivores, to some being carnivores. Children were now born with a sinful nature and needed to be restored and saved.

#### The Third 'C' in God's Eternal Plan



"And every living thing which was on the face of the earth was destroyed, from man to cattle, and to the creeping things, and the fowls of the heavens. And they were destroyed from the earth, and only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark" (Genesis 7:23).

God was true to His Word, as He always is, and the Corruption of Man's sin brought about CATASTROPHE. Sin is like a viral infection, it is worse that the Pandemic of COVID that we see today. It infects everyone and everything. It has a 100% infection rate, and sadly a 100% mortality rate.

Romans 3:23 says... For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God.

Romans 6:23 says... For the wages of sin is DEATH.

The sin of man reached such a level of CORRUPTION that God chose to wipe out mankind and start again with just Noah, his wife and his three sons and their wives.

I am confident in the historical and geological fact of a universal worldwide flood that wiped out all mankind and animal life on earth (except those who were 'saved' on the ark along with Noah and his family). Secular, humanistic beliefs try to refute this story, but they are sadly wrong. Remember we have not only historical, archaeological, and firsthand reports; most importantly – Jesus affirms the account of the flood and other Old Testament accounts as factual. Who you gonna' believe... I put my trust in Christ, and believe the Holy Bible. What about you?

#### The Fourth 'C' in God's Eternal Plan



"Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they cannot understand on another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from that place upon the face of all the earth. And they quit building the city" (Genesis 11:7–8).

Well, it is apparent that ancient humans were more like us than we may think. It seems that they just cannot discipline themselves to obey God and choose to do their own will in spite of God's clear and constant calls to obedience.

After a while mankind decided to build a giant tower, known to us as the Tower of Babel, in order to reach the heavens. Now, what the full extent of their reasoning was we may not know, but it is apparent that they wanted to make a name for themselves and to acquire power and control. Theologically, it is clear that this was an act of defiance against God and His supreme authority. I believe that God wanted to have humans develop many unique and separate characteristics as evidence of the creative nature of God. But, people wanted to be what they wanted to be and developed a sense of pride. God somehow, according to His divine power and creative abilities,...confused their languages and set them off to various parts of the earth.

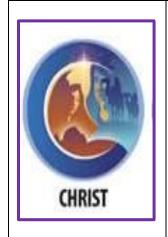
It is obvious that one of the results of sin is CONFUSION and lack of godly insight. I personally believe it was at this time that God, who by the way is the originator and creator of the concept of DNA, used this opportunity to begin the slow but sure development of different ethnic

groups and skin colors. Science even acknowledges that each human carries all the DNA with each person to develop into any color or characteristic. It is just a matter on which genes are "turned on or off". It is really such a stretch to think that God who created the earth out of nothing and mankind out of the elements of the ground, that He could not adjust the DNA of individual humans?

The bottom line is that Sin – CORRUPTION of God's good plan always leads to CONFUSION. Now you know why the secular, humanistic and non-God honoring people today come up with such wild and crazy alternatives to God!

Remember the beginning of Wisdom is the Fear of the Lord.

#### The Fifth 'C' in God's Eternal Plan



And she shall bear a son and you shall call His name JESUS: for He shall save His People from their sins. Now all this happened so that might be fulfilled that was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive in her womb, and will bear a son. And they will call His name Emmanuel,' which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matthew 1:21–23).

"God's perfect creation was CORRUPTED by Adam when he disobeyed God. This disobedience brought sin and death into the world.

Because of Adam's disobedience, and because we have all sinned personally anyway, we are all deserving of the death penalty and need a Savior (Romans 5:12). God did not, however, leave His precious—but corrupted—creation without hope. He promised to send Someone one day who would take away the penalty for sin, which is death (Genesis 3:15; Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 6:23)" (reprinted from <a href="https://assets.answersingenesis.org/doc/articles/2007/The7CsOfHistory.pdf">https://assets.answersingenesis.org/doc/articles/2007/The7CsOfHistory.pdf</a>)



The shepherd that missed out.

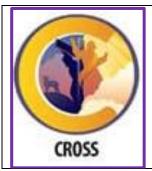
#### NEW SLIDE 5th C

I am not going to spend as much time of this "C" as it is the main focus of nealry each Sunday sermon. But this "C" is the very heart and cornerstone of God's Plan.

CHRIST is the fullness of God manifested, "In CHRIST we Live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28)

As I have said before CHRSIT is the very center, the hinge of History, the Cornerstone.

#### The Sixth 'C' in God's Eternal Plan



Christ Jesus . . . who, being in the form of God . . . was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:5–8).

The CROSS – the death of JESUS CHRIST – is the very Key Historical Event of all time. Without the CROSS we would still be in our sin and would be without hope. It goes on to say that the Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST from the grave after His death on the CROSS, go hand in hand. Because of the Sacrificial work of CHRIST we now have victory over the sin of our past History, we have victory in the present and assurance for the future.

That leads us to our Seventh and last C.

### The Seventh 'C' in God's Eternal Plan



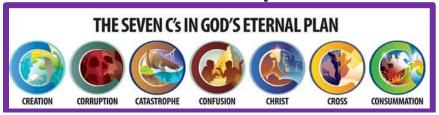
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away" (Revelation 21:1).

What joyful news we have that one day in the future, God will bring all sin and its effects to an end.

God's divine will is going to be accomplished. CORRUPTION, CATASTROPHE and CONFUSION will be done away with. Because of CHRIST and the CROSS we will experience the Consummation of all things in the will and plan of God.

We will spend all eternity in perfect harmony with God and fellow believers for all eternity.

# So here we have it the total scope of History or in reality HIS-Story



Because God is sovereign,
all powerful and,
all-present;
Because He is the Creator,
Writer, and
Guider of our past History,
our present and our future...
We can live as a VICTOR and not a VICTIM.
Glory to God



