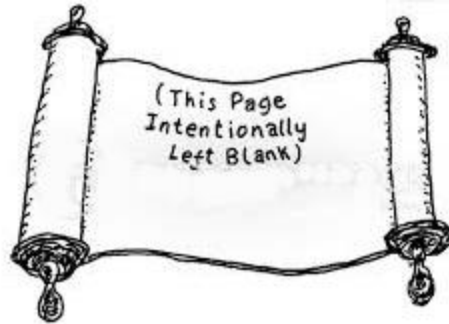


The Genius of God - *Why* Creation is *the way it is!?!*

Today, we'll take a journey -- a "big picture view" -- using scripture and our reasoning -- to explore the history of the universe ...

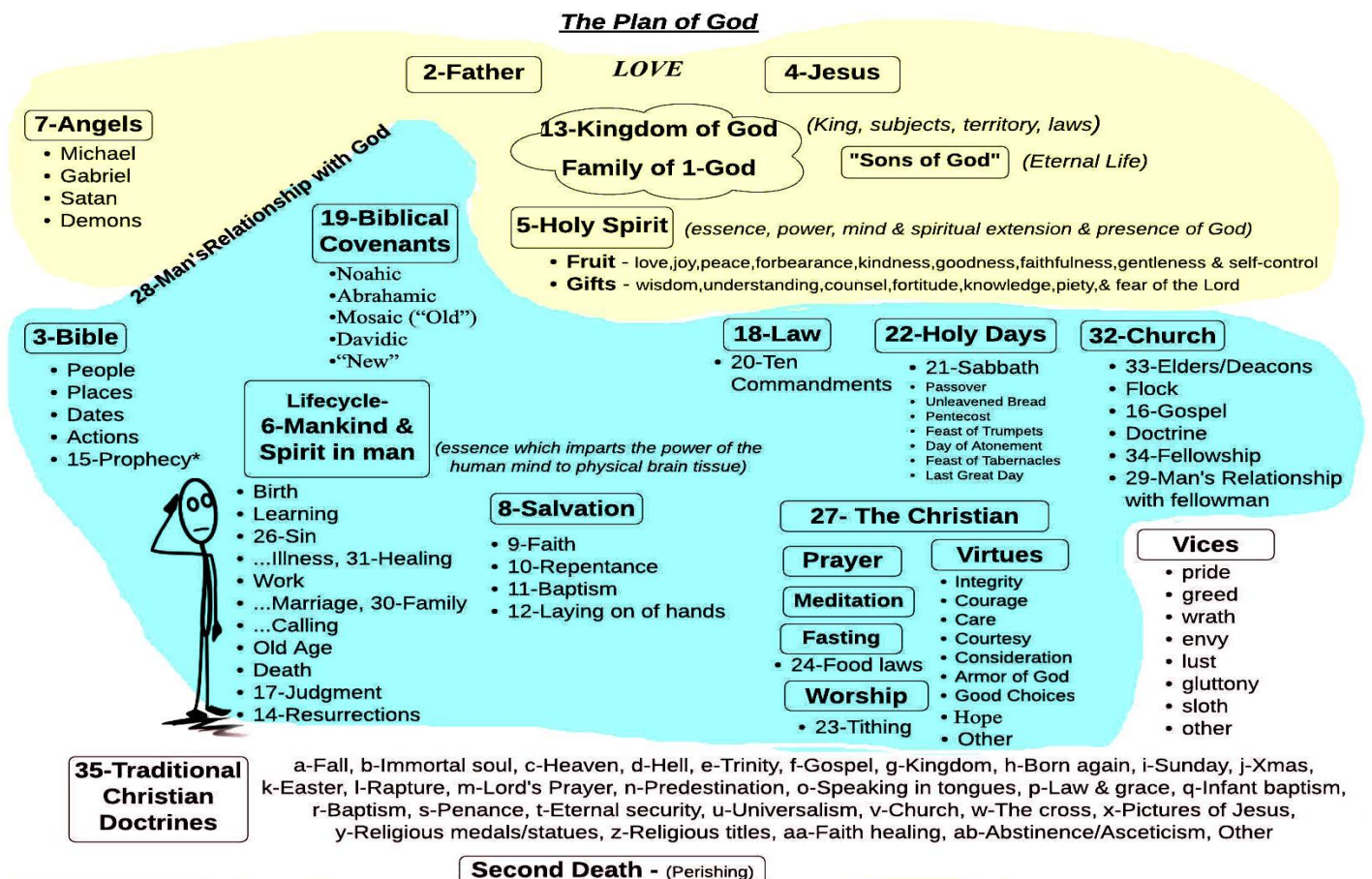
Starting with a blank page ...

... we'll fill in some of the key events of history and seek to understand the *mind of God* ... to hopefully arrive at some reasons that God made the choices He did ... as these choices have had a *giant impact* upon the history of mankind & where we are at today!



This review & overview, will allow us to ponder some giant questions we have...

- Why is there so much war & evil in the world today?
- Why do human monsters get away with perverted hateful acts upon the innocent?
- Why have millions died in floods & hurricanes & tsunamis, & earthquakes?
- Why did God make *mankind* the way we are? ... and the *world* the way it is?



Time: (Past - History - Creation, 25-Hebrew Calendar ... Present -(World events) ... (Future - 15-Prophecy*) ... Eternity ...)

But ... before we begin to fill out our “blank page” ... let’s review some “**prerequisite knowledge**” that will remind us of some “**scriptural truths**” & “**common sense**” we can use in this exploration... so we don’t get *bogged down*.

1. ... we start (as believers) with an understanding that God created everything...

Gen 1:1 In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth.

- we will not explore *endless* theories that Zeus or Buddha was the creator

2. ... we understand God is “way smarter” than we are ...

Isaiah 55:8-9 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Romans 11:33-34 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?

Proverbs 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

3. ... we need to respect that God (in his wisdom) had valid reasons for his choices & decisions

Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, **His work is perfect**; For all His ways are **justice**, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.



Rom 9:20-21 But indeed, O man, **who are you** to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this? Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?"

Rom 9:22-23 What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, **endured with much longsuffering** the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory...

4. ... perhaps the best way we can understand being puzzled by God’s choices & decisions is to remember back to our childhood when our parents did **NOT** always say “Yes” to **everything** we wanted or wanted to do! As children *we thought we knew better* than our parents! As adults today, we realise that our parents’ **reasoning skills & foresight** was MUCH better than ours. Our heavenly Father & *creator of the universe* clearly has reasons for his decisions & it is “**wisdom**” for us to seek to understand God



Jeremiah 9:23-24 Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he **understands & knows Me**, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

Our job is to **search the scriptures** and to reason with God ... as we search for answers
Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us **reason** together," Says the LORD...

Some might ... (**& do!**) criticize God ... & His choices ... & His methods ...

ie **Why** did you do it **THAT way** God? were you too *stu-stu-stupid*...
to do it the way **I think** would be better?
(This is a bad approach ... to understanding)



We need to:

- **“see what is”** from the past & the present &
- **“seek to understand”** why would our **wise & loving God** allow something to happen ... or choose to do it **THAT way**? What did God foresee (looking forward) to cause Him to make **THAT choice**??? What “cards” is God holding to play at a later date? (**“Future” thinking** instead of just **“today” thinking**?)

As we explore our page of ... **Key events in History** ... to seek to understand the **mind of God** in His choices ... We see we were not there ... so we will be peaking in from the outside... and ... we might also allow another point of view to be represented -- that might attack God & His choices -- because we live in a world that does attack God & His choices!

(It is prudent to understand these attacks ... so we might be able to reach out and reason with “some” people ...someday ... in our Christian walk)



“Jim” & the “good people”
Seeking to **understand**
God’s choices



Satan & his accusers
Seeking to **accuse**
God & His choices

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... The rest of “forever”!



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— *God was already present before "the beginning."*
- **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 nothing was made that was made.
- **Colossians 1:16–17** **For by Him all things were created** that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible... And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.
- **1 Peter 1:19–20** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was **foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you.

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- **Job 38:4-7** "Where were you when I laid the **foundations of the earth**? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, **When the morning stars sang together**, And all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?"
- **Rev 12:3-4** And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew **a third of the stars of heaven** and threw them to the earth.
- **Eze 28:12-17** "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. You were the **anointed cherub** who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were **perfect** in your ways from the day you were created, **Till iniquity** was found in you. "By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground..."

- **2Co 4:3-4** But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the **god of this age** has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.
- **Mat 4:8-11** Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "**All these things I will give You** if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY YOU SHALL SERVE.'" Then the devil left Him...
- **Luk 10:17-19** Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "**I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven**. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

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- **Gen 1:25-27** And God made the beast of the earth **according to its kind**, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 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." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

- **Ephesians 1:4** Just as He chose us in Him **before the foundation of the world**, that we should **be holy and without blame** before Him in love.
- **2 Timothy 1:9** Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to **His own purpose** and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus **before time began**.
- **Titus 1:2** In **hope of eternal life** which God, who cannot lie, **promised before time began**.

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- **Gen 3:4-6** Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

- Definition of **Freewill** (Biblically Speaking) ... Freewill is the God-given ability of human beings to make choices — including the ability to **obey or disobey** God, **love or reject** Him, choose **righteousness or sin**. It is **foundational to moral responsibility**... (Our obligation to DO RIGHT!) In Scripture, God calls people to **choose**, and holds them **accountable** for their choices, which implies that human beings are not merely robots or puppets.
- **Deuteronomy 30:19** “I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore **choose** life, that both you and your descendants may live.”
- **Isaiah 1:18–20** “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow... If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword”; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.



- **Revelation 3:20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.
- **Matthew 23:37** “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem... How often I wanted to gather your children together... but you were not willing!”

3. Lots of events ...

3.1 The Flood & tower of Babel

- Gen 6:5-8 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.
- Gen 11:5-8 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.

3.2 Covenant with Abraham, Isaac & Jacob (Israel)

- Gen 22:16-18 ... "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

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- **Exo 20:1-3** And **God spoke** all these words, saying: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.



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5.2 Life, death & resurrection of Jesus

- **Php 2:5-11** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be **equal with God**, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and **given Him the name which is above every name**, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

5.3 The New Testament Church & preaching of the gospel of the Kingdom of God

- **Mat 28:18-20** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.** Go therefore and **make disciples of all the nations,** baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

5.4 End time events (Great Tribulation, Heavenly Signs, Day of the Lord)

- **Mat 24:21-22** For then there will be **great tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And **unless** those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved (*alive*); but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

6. Return of Jesus (Battle of Armageddon, marriage supper of the Lamb)

- Rev 19:6-9 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "**Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!** Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'"

7. Kingdom of God (Millennium, White Throne Judgment, New Jerusalem) ... "forever"!

- **Eze 37:1-14** The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. And He said to me, "Son of man, **can these bones live?**" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will



cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. **Then you shall know that I am the LORD.** ' ' So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them. Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ' ' So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' Therefore prophecy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, **I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves.** I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD.' "

The Goal ...

- Rev_21:7 He who **overcomes** (*sin*) shall **inherit all things**, and **I will be his God** and **he shall be My son**.
- Rev 21:2-5 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and **He will dwell with them**, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will **wipe away every tear** from their eyes; there shall be **no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain**, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

To review...

- **Isa 64:6-9** But we are all like an unclean thing, And **all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags**; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For **You have hidden Your face from us**, And have consumed us because of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, **You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.** Do not be furious, O LORD, Nor remember iniquity forever; Indeed, please look—we all are Your people!



So ... With this *background* about God, & his purpose for creating the physical universe AND what God has in store for the future ... **Do answers for our tough questions seem easier now?**