

1 **What on Earth is God Doing?**

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4 **Genesis 1:26**

- Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

5 **Genesis 1:27**

- So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

6 **Genesis 1:28**

- God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

7 **The Image of God**

- No formal definition given
- Gen 1:26, 27 not "in" but "as"
- Doesn't describe what man is like but what he is to be and do.
- Gen 1:26b, 28 Let them "rule" and "subdue"
- Man is God's Steward of the Earth!

8 **Psalm 8:4-5**

- [W]hat is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

9 **Psalm 8:6-8**

- You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

10 **God's Steward**

- God's original plan was to have the earth ruled by man in his stead.
- There is no evidence this plan has ever changed!

11 **The Image of Adam**

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13 **Results of the Fall**

- Death
- Sinful Nature

- Worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator
- No longer act as God intended!

14 **Luke 4:5-7**

- The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours.”

15 **Descriptions of Satan**

- “The god of this age” 2 Cor 4:4
- “...the whole world is under the control of the evil one.” 1 John 5:19
- “The ruler of the kingdom of the air” Eph 2:2

16 **Drug Lord**

- Controls the block
- Has no right to the block--holds no title
- No one with enough power to tell him no
- Holds functional control over this world system!

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19 **Genesis 7:21-22**

- Every living thing that moved on the earth perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died.

20 **Genesis 7:23**

- Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; men and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds of the air were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark.

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23 **Genesis 15:13-14**

- Then the LORD said to him, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.

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25  **Exodus 19:16-17**

- On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

26  **Exodus 19:18-19**

- Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, the whole mountain trembled violently, and the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder. Then Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

27  **Exodus 40:34-35**

- Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

28  **1 Kings 8:10-11**

- When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the LORD. And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled his temple.

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31  **The Glory Departs**

- Ezek 8: The vision begins
- Tour of the Temple
- The Glory moves from the ark to the threshold of the temple

32  **Ezekiel 10:4-5**

- Then the glory of the LORD rose from above the cherubim and moved to the threshold of the temple. The cloud filled the temple, and the court was full of the radiance of the glory of the LORD. The sound of the wings of the cherubim could be heard as far away as the outer court, like the voice of God Almighty when he speaks.

33  **The Glory Departs**

- Ezek 8: The vision begins
- Tour of the Temple
- The Glory moves from the ark to the threshold of the temple
- To the gate of the city
- To the mountain east of the city

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35  **Ezekiel 21:25-26**

- “ ‘O profane and wicked prince of Israel, whose day has come, whose time of punishment has reached its climax, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: Take off the turban, remove the crown. It will not be as it was: The lowly will be exalted and the exalted will be brought low.

36  **Ezekiel 21:27**

- A ruin! A ruin! I will make it a ruin! It will not be restored until he comes to whom it rightfully belongs; to him I will give it.’
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37  **Times of the Gentiles**

38  **Amos 9:11-12**

- “In that day I will restore David’s fallen tent. I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be, so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name,” declares the LORD, who will do these things.

39  **Amos 9:13**

- “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills.

40  **Amos 9:14**

- I will bring back my exiled people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,” says the LORD your God

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42  **Wedding Feast Parable**

- Wedding Feast = Promised Kingdom
- King = The LORD
- Those who have been invited = Jews
- 2 offers, one more expansive than the other
- Rejection of both offers resulting in the destruction of the city
- Those not invited = Gentiles

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48  **Deed to the Earth**

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53  **We Are Expatriates!**

- Phil 1:27
- Unique Word
- Live as a Citizen

54  **Questions?**