

The Seven C's Of History

Psalm 8:3–4 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

I. Creation:

In the beginning—about 6,000 years ago—in six 24-hour days, God made a perfect Creation

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

Genesis 1:31 - And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

II. Corruption:

The first man, Adam, disobeyed the Creator.

His sin brought death and Corruption into God's very good creation

Genesis 2:17 - 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 3:6–7

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

III. Catastrophe:

Adam's race became so wicked that God judged the world with a great Catastrophe—a global flood—saving only those on the Ark built by Noah

Genesis 7:11–12

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened.

12 And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

Genesis 7:18–21

18 The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

19 And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered.

20 The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep.

21 And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind.

Genesis 7:23 - He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark.

VI. Confusion:

When Noah's descendants disobeyed God's command to fill the earth, God brought Confusion on their language, forcing them to spread over the earth.

Genesis 11:1–9

1 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words.

2 And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

3 And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar.

4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."

5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built.

6 And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.

7 Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may

not understand one another's speech."

8 So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

V. Christ:

The Creator became a man, Jesus Christ, who obeyed God in everything, unlike the first man, Adam

Matthew 1:21–23

21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel."

VI. Cross:

Jesus, the Messiah, died on the cross to pay the penalty for mankind's sin against God.

Colossians 1:19–22

19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

1 Corinthians 15:3–4

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

VII. Consummation:

One day, at the Consummation, the Creator will remake his creation.

Revelation 21:1–4

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

1) The biblical view, which we outline using the Seven C's of History.

2) The secular view, which relies on man's ideas from outside the Bible to try and determine the events of the past.

1 Peter 3:15 - but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

The secular view of Creation: The universe was created from a big bang about 13-15 billion years ago; the earth formed about 4.5 billion years ago. Animals and man have evolved to their present state.

The secular view of Corruption: The world has always had disease, struggle, and death. Sin and guilt are just psychological conditions that must be overcome.

The secular view of Catastrophe: If there was a flood, it was a local flood that affected only the Mesopotamian region.

The secular view of Confusion: There are different races of mankind, and these races reflect different levels of evolutionary development.

The secular view of Christ: If Jesus even lived, then he was a good man, a prophet, or perhaps even our "savior," but he is not the Creator.

The secular view of Cross: Jesus' death on the cross shows that he identified with us in our suffering, but it has no significance for salvation.

The secular view of Consummation: Either all men will be saved because God is loving and would never send anyone to hell, or there is no afterlife, and people return to the dust when they die.

John 3:12 - "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

Jude 1:3 - Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to **CONTEND FOR THE FAITH** that was once for all delivered to the saints.