

Chapter 3: Major Biblical Themes / Chapter 3G: Creation Scriptures Survey

- I. **Series Theme Verse:** (Matthew 6:10) “Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.”
- II. **Review: Chapters 1, 2, & 3** (See Titles for Chapters 4 to 15 at Bottom of Page 2 of Previous Outlines)
 - A. Chapter 1: The Primacy of the Kingdom: Surveyed that the KOG is the Central Concept of All Scripture.
 - B. Chapter 2: KOG Defined in Twelve Statements: 3 Messages
 - C. Chapter 3: Major Biblical Themes: In Progress
 1. Covered: Plenary Infallibility; Eternal Decree; Covenant Theology; 2 People Groups & Dominion
 2. **Today**: Chapter 3G: **Creation** (Major Interpretive Principle: Several Reasons, Including: Inextricably Intertwined w/ Eternal Decree (Ontology & Teleology); Covenant, Dominion; Fall, Restoration, Etc.)
 3. Upcoming: Full Fall, Beyond Redemption to Restoration; Enemies & Us; and King & Kingdom; Etc.

III. **Creation: A Major Interpretive Theme for Several Reasons / Some Foundational Scriptures**

(Genesis 1:1) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (ESV / NASB / NKJV & NET - Same)
(Psalm 100:3) Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. (NASB) (Notice that Creation & Covenant are Inextricably Intertwined.)
(See also Psalm 19:1-14 – Creation & Torah / Covenant) (Romans 8:28-39 - nor any other created thing, ...)
(John 1:1-5) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. ⁵The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend / overcome / overpowered it. (NASB, ESV, AMP & EXB)
(Deuteronomy 4:31-40) ³¹For the LORD your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them. ³²“Indeed, ask now concerning the former days ..., since the day that God created man on the earth, ... Has *anything* been done like this great thing, ...? ³³Has *any* people heard the voice of God speaking ... ³⁴Or has a god tried to go to take for himself a nation from within *another* nation by trials, by signs and wonders and by war and by a mighty hand and ... by great terrors, as the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? ³⁵... that you might know that the LORD, He is God; there is no other besides Him. ³⁶... He let you hear His voice ... ³⁷Because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them. And He ... brought you from Egypt by His great power, ³⁸driving out from before you nations ... mightier than you, ... to give you their land for an inheritance, ... ³⁹Know take it to ... heart,... He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other. ⁴⁰So you shall keep His statutes and His commandments which I am giving you ..., that it may go well with you and with your children ..., and that you may live long on the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time.”
(Creation, Redemption, Covenant People & Sanctions, Etc.)

(Isaiah 42:1-13) “Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one *in whom* My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. ²“He will not cry out or raise *His voice*, Nor make His voice heard in the street. ³“A bruised reed He will not break And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴“He will not be disheartened or crushed Until He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law.” ⁵Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it And spirit to those who walk in it, ⁶“I am the LORD, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations, ⁷To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who dwell in darkness from the prison. ⁸“I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to graven images. ⁹“Behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare new things; Before they spring forth I proclaim *them* to you.” (Creation, Eternal Decree, Calling, Torah, Covenant, Etc.)

(Revelation 22:13) I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Context)

IV. The Importance / Significance of Creation:

A. Ontology & Teleology: (Ontology: Nature of Being or Existence)(Teleology: Study of Design or Purpose) (Matthew 19:3-8) ³ Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful *for a man* to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" ⁴ And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, ⁵ and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'? ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate." ⁷ They *said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND *her* AWAY?" ⁸ He *said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way. (Colossians 1:15-18) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of / over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place / be preeminent / have preeminence in everything. (NASB / ESV / NKJV) (Notice that Creation & Covenant are, once again, Inextricably Intertwined.)

B. The Foundation of All Biblical Themes: Eternal Decree, Dominion Covenant, Fall, Restoration, Etc.

C. The Attack On Creation Equals the Attack on All Things
(Romans 1:20-25) ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. ²¹ ... they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and ... creatures. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts ... ²⁵ For they exchanged the truth of God for a (Lit. the) lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator ... (NASB. Lit. Note) (Cf. NKJV Below)

D. "The Lie": (Rom. 1:25) ... who exchanged the truth (τὴν ἀλήθειαν) of God for the lie (τῷ ψεύδει), and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. (Cf. John 8:44)

V. Upcoming: Chapter 3H(ff): Major Biblical Themes Continued: Full Fall; Beyond Redemption, Etc.

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