

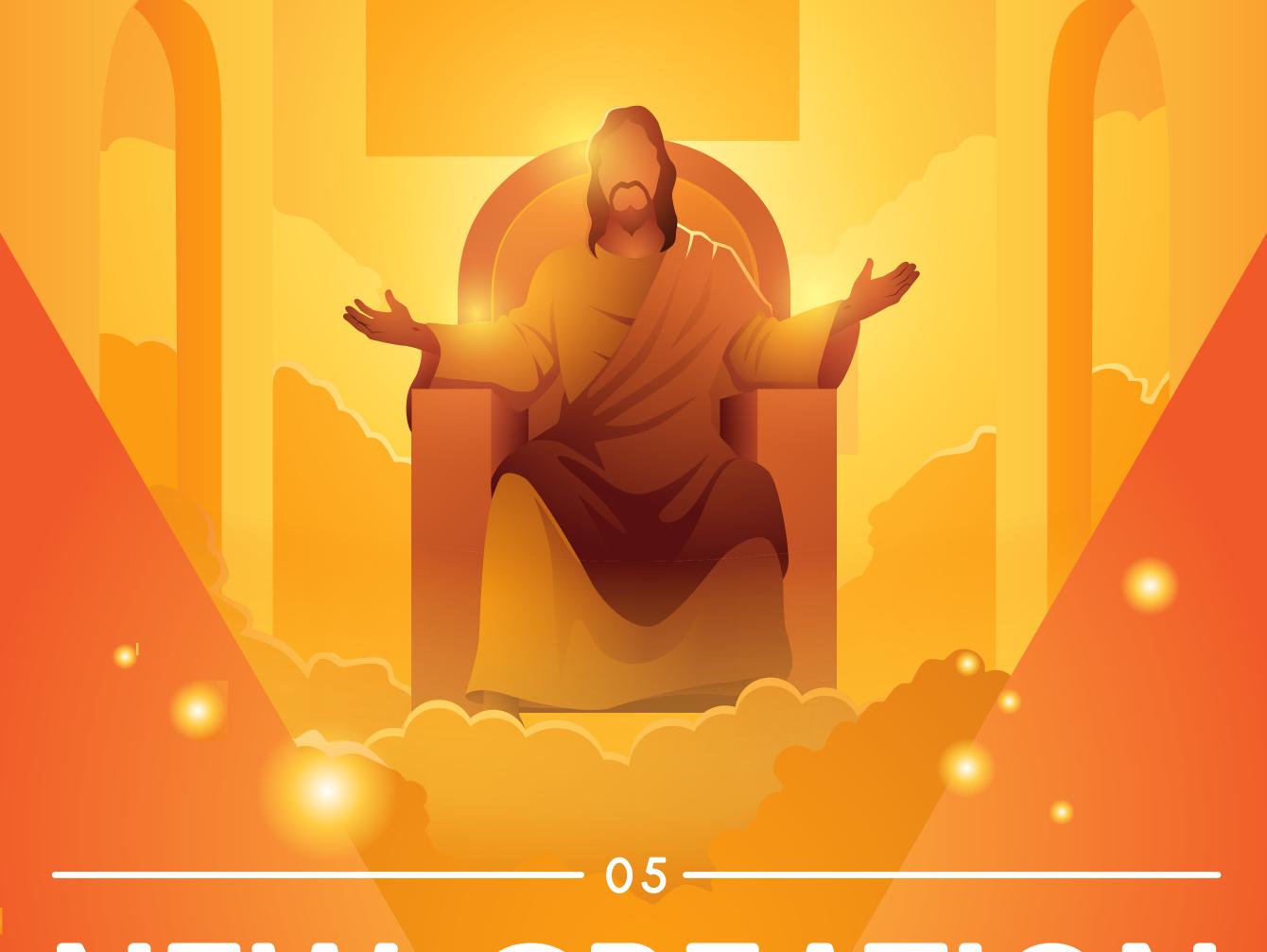
GOD'S GRAND NARRATIVE





4 QUESTIONS OF A WORLDVIEW

- 1. Origin Where did we come from?
- 2. Purpose Why are we here on Earth?
- 3. Morality What defines right and wrong? What is the Solution?
- 4. Destiny Where is our destination?

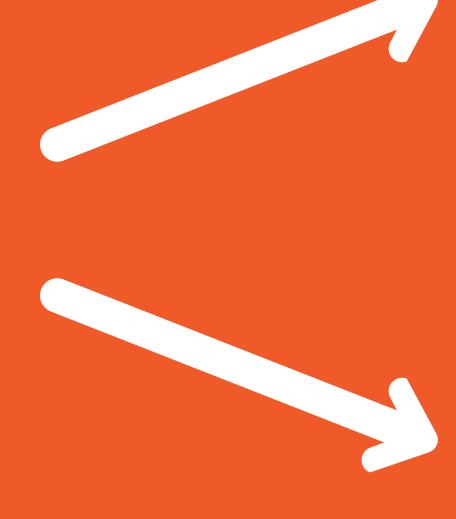


NEW CREATION

— GOD'S GRAND NARRATIVE —

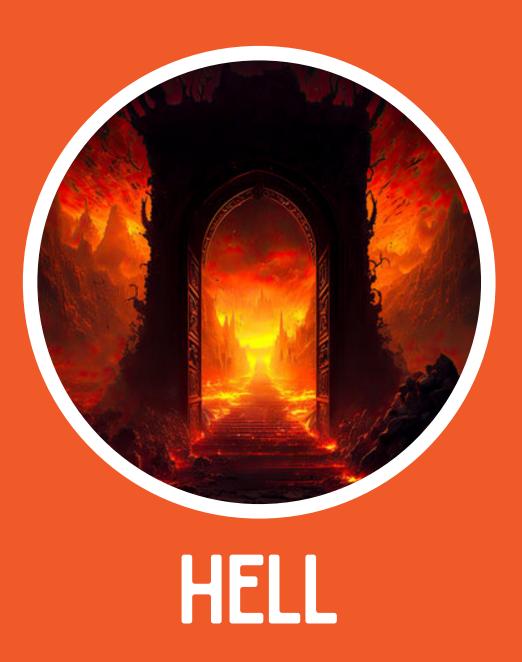
COMMON VIEW







HEAVEN



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Right now, I live on earth. One day, I will die.

I will stand before God and God will send me up to heaven if I've done the right things, or down to hell if I haven't.

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- 3. Heaven vs Hell. Is hell really the counterpart to heaven?



1. HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE CREATED WITH EACH OTHER FOR EACH OTHER

JEREMIAH 10:12

It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.

ISAIAH 45:12

I made the earth and created man on it; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host.

2 KINGS 19:15

And Hezekiah prayed before the Lord and said: "O Lord, the God of Israel, enthroned above the cherubim, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made **heaven and earth**.

2. HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE TORN APART BY SIN

And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,'cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

GENESIS 3:17-19

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PSALMS 115:16

The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man.

2 CHRONICLES 6:33

Hear from heaven your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you.

1 SAMUEL 2:10

Those who oppose the Lord will be broken.

The Most High will thunder from heaven; the Lord will judge the ends of the earth.





3. HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE DESTINED FOR RECONCILIATION

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

COLOSSIANS 1:19-20











GOSPEL VIEW

- 1. Heaven and Earth are created with each other for each other
- 2. Heaven and Earth are torn by sin
- 3. Heaven and Earth are destined for reconciliation

¹Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

REVELATION 21:1-4

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. 8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

REVELATION 21:5-8

⁹ One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, **the wife of the Lamb**." ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

REVELATION 21:9-10

It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the **twelve tribes** of Israel. If There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. If The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the **twelve apostles** of the Lamb.

REVELATION 21:11-14

The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. ¹⁶ The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia[c] in length, and as wide and high as it is long. ¹⁷ The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits thick.

REVELATION 21:15-17

²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. 25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. 27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

REVELATION 21:22-27

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

REVELATION 22:1-5

RESTORATION & RECONCILIATION

- 1. Relationship
- 2. Goodness
- 3. Purpose

REVELATION 22:20

20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.