

## Lesson 11

# The Seven C's of History

*The Bible is the history book of the universe.*



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### Review

- ? What special book has God given to us so we can learn all about him? *The Bible.*
- ? Right. And how much of the Bible is true? *All of it!*

Yes! We know that the Bible is the place we go to find the truth. The Bible is God's Word. But did you know that it is also a history book for the whole universe?! A history book tells about things that have happened in the past. But in order to understand it right, we need to read it right. Let me show you what I mean.

*Show the children's book you brought. I have a story to share with you today. Turn to the middle and read several pages. Turn to the end and read that. Then flip to the beginning and read a few pages.*

- ? How was that? Did you like the story? How many of you thought it was a little confusing? *Show of hands.*
- ? What do you think? Was that the right way to read a story? *No.*
- ? What was I doing wrong? *Allow responses. You were reading it out of order.*

That's right! For the story to make sense, I should have started at the beginning and read each page in the right order. And it's the same way with history. Just like we have to read a story like this from beginning to end for it to make sense, we have to understand the things that have happened in the history of the world in the correct order. And God's Word can help us with that.

- ? Who has the Bible? Please bring it up. *Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible.*

Today we are going to take a look at this history book of the universe—the Bible—from beginning to end and learn how God has always done things for our good and for his glory.

So let's get started. There are seven events that really happened that we are going to talk about, and they all start with the letter C. We call them the Seven C's of History!

### Creation

- ? What did God do at the very beginning? What important event happened? *God created everything!*

Yes! In the beginning, God was the Creator of everything. And he created it all by just saying the words.

### Genesis 1:31

*Refer to the Flip Chart. The first C is Creation. After God created everything, he said something about his beautiful creation. Listen to what he said. Read Genesis 1:31 emphasizing the words "very good."*

- ? What did God think of his creation? *It was very good.*

Yes. God made a perfect creation. No one ever got sick or hurt or sad. It was a wonderful place to live. And God made two people to live happily in his perfect creation.

- ? Does anyone know who those two people were? *Adam and Eve.*

### Corruption

They were Adam and Eve! But one day, Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They ate the fruit from the one tree God told them they couldn't eat from. Adam and Eve sinned, and corruption came into God's creation. Corruption is our second C.

- ? *Refer to the Flip Chart. Can you say corruption with me? Corruption.*

Corruption means something that was once good has been ruined and isn't good anymore. You see, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they sinned. And sin and death came into all of God's creation. Because Adam and Eve were the first people, all of their children and grandchildren were sinners, too. So everyone—including you and me—is a sinner.

### Genesis 6:5

After Adam and Eve sinned, it didn't take long for evil to spread. Listen to this sad verse. *Read Genesis 6:5 emphasizing the words "only evil."*

The people had become very evil. They were sinning and disobeying God. But, God is perfect and holy. He hates sin. Sin cannot even be near God. Because of this, God would have to destroy everything bad and evil.

### Catastrophe

And that's just what God did. God was going to have to judge all the earth because the people were sinning and had become wicked and evil. So God sent a catastrophe.

### Genesis 6:7

Listen to what God's Word says! *Read Genesis 6:7.*

- ? *Refer to the Flip Chart. Catastrophe is our third C. Can you say catastrophe? Catastrophe.*

- ? What is a catastrophe? *Allow answers.*

A catastrophe is a really big disaster! This catastrophe was a flood that covered the whole world—it was a worldwide flood! The worldwide flood wiped almost everyone from the face of the earth, except for a man named Noah.

God saved Noah and his family—eight people in all—and two of every kind of animal that roamed the earth. They were all kept safe on a huge ship called the ark.

When the flood dried up, God sent Noah and his family out of the ark and onto dry land. God told Noah's family to spread out over the whole earth. As the years passed, Noah's family grew and grew. But they did not fill the whole earth like God had told them to do. They did not obey God, just like Adam did not obey God. So once again, God had to punish the people.

### Confusion

- ? Why did God have to punish the people? What did they do? *They disobeyed God's command. Did not spread over the earth.*

That's right. They disobeyed God. But this time the punishment wasn't a catastrophe like the flood. Let's read about it.

### Genesis 11:7

Listen carefully and tell me what God did this time to punish the people because they disobeyed him. *Read Genesis 11:7 emphasizing the words "confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech."*

- ? What did God do? *Confused the language.*

God made it so the people could not understand each other anymore. They all started out speaking one language, and they decided to stay together instead of going all over the earth like God had told them to. So when God confused the language, suddenly people were speaking different languages. And they couldn't understand each other anymore! It must have been confusing when their friends started speaking to them in different languages all of a sudden.

Let's see what that might have been like. I'm going to divide you into groups. Each group will say the word, "hello" in a different language. *Divide the class into four groups. Assign each group one of the four languages, English-hello (hu-loh), Spanish-hola (oh-lah), French-bonjour (bone-jure), and Italian-ciao (chow). Have each group practice their word together.*

Now, when I say go, all of you will start saying your word over and over, all at the same time until I say stop. Are you ready? Go! *Have all the students repeat their word for "hello" in their assigned language.*

Okay. Stop! Wow! Everyone was speaking in a different language. That was confusing, wasn't it? That's kind of what it must have been like when God confused the languages many years ago. The people couldn't understand each other anymore, so they decided to move away. And they all spread out around the world like God had told them to do in the first place.

*Refer to the Flip Chart. This is the fourth C! Say it with me: Confusion. It was another punishment from God because the people disobeyed him.*

### Christ

But guess what? We still sin and deserve God's punishment!

*Refer to the Flip Chart. But that takes us to the next C, which is Christ. The confusion, catastrophe, and corruption of God's creation show that the world needs a Savior.*

- ? What is a savior? Does anyone know? *Allow discussion.*

### Matthew 1:21

A savior is someone who saves you from something terrible. And you know what? We do have a Savior! I'm going to read about him in Matthew 1:21. Listen to this! *Read Matthew 1:21 emphasizing "save his people from their sins."*

God knew that we needed a Savior to save us from sin.

- ? And who is that Savior? *Jesus.*
- ? That's right. Why did God send Jesus? What did this verse say? *To save people from their sins.*

God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to live a perfect life on earth. He was not like the first man Adam, who sinned and brought death into the world. Jesus never did anything wrong. He was perfect. And he took the punishment for our sin.

### Cross

- ? *Refer to the Flip Chart. This leads us to the sixth C, the Cross. Can anyone tell me what happened on the cross? Jesus died.*

Jesus Christ, God's Son, the perfect man, died on the cross to save sinners like you and me. Jesus died, but rose to life again! Jesus was the only one who could take the punishment for our sins. And all who believe in Jesus and turn away from their sins can be saved from God's punishment—because Jesus already took it on the cross. Jesus is the Savior for every person who will turn away from sin and trust in him. And people who believe in Jesus become children of God!

### Consummation

*Refer to the Flip Chart. God's Word makes a very special promise for the children of God. That promise tells us that one day Jesus will come back. And when he does, he will make all things perfect again! This is the last C. It is called Consummation. Say Consummation with me very loudly—Consummation! Repeat the word several times.*

The Consummation has not happened yet like the other C's. But it is something to be very excited about! No one will get sick, or hurt, or be sad ever again!

### Revelation 21:4

The Bible tells us this is true. Listen to this verse from Revelation. *Read Revelation 21:4.*

It will be wonderful! God will wipe away every tear, and there will not be any death, crying, or sadness. There will be no more sin. God will make a new heaven and new earth. And the best part is that we will be with God if we trust in Jesus as our Savior!

We know that God created all things and that his Word is true. The first six C's we just talked about really did happen! And we can look forward to the last one, the Consummation.

### The Seven C's of History

*Refer to the Flip Chart. Let's review the Seven C's we just learned. Creation—God made a perfect world. Corruption—Sin brought death and separation from God. Catastrophe—God judged the world by sending a worldwide flood. Confusion—God confused the language of the people and made them move all over the world. Christ—Jesus Christ is God's Son who lived a perfect and sinless life to be our Savior from sin. Cross—Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins, making a way for us to come to God. Consummation—One day, God will make a new heaven and new earth where there is no sin or pain or death.*

All right, it's time for a little quiz. I want everyone to squat down on their toes. When I ask each question, you need to pop up and shout the answer then squat back down for the next question. Are you ready?

- ? Which C tells us about the perfect world God made? *Creation.*
- ? Which C tells how the very first sin came into the world? *Corruption.*
- ? Which C tells how God destroyed everything with the worldwide flood? *Catastrophe.*
- ? Which C tells how God caused everyone to speak a different language? *Confusion.*
- ? Which C tells us about God's Son, Jesus the Savior? *Christ.*
- ? Which C tells us about Jesus' death for us? *Cross.*

Which C tells us that a time is coming when everything will be perfect again—no crying, no sin, pain, or death? *Consummation.*

*Continue with the Lesson Review Game.*





**1** Creation



**2** Corruption



**3** Catastrophe



**4** Confusion



**6** Cross



**5** Christ



**7** Consummation

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