

Grades 4-5 • Lesson 11

The Seven C's of History

Genesis 1:1, 1:31, 2:17; Romans 5:12; Genesis 7:23, 11:9; Matthew 1:21; John 19:17-18; Revelation 21:4

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Biblical View vs. World's View

Below are two columns. Column 1 has the Biblical View of History—the Seven C's of History. Column 2 has some of the things you might hear from the world. Column 2 is not based on God's Word. As you read the two columns, put the letter from Column 2—the World's View of History next to the biblical truth.



Biblical View of History

1. **Creation:** In the beginning—about 6,000 years ago, God made a perfect Creation in six 24-hour days (*Genesis* 1).



2. Corruption: The first man, Adam, disobeyed the Creator. His sin brought death and Corruption into God's very good creation (Genesis 2:17).



2 3. 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 7:23).



4. 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 11:7–8).



 5. Christ: Jesus Christ, the Creator and Son of God, came to earth and was born as a human being (Matthew 1:21-23).



– 6. Cross: Jesus, the Messiah, was crucified on the Cross, the perfect sacrifice for all who repent from their sins and turn to Him. He is the only way to get to heaven (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).



7. **Consummation:** One day, at the Consummation, the Creator will remake His creation. He will cast out death and the disobedient, create a new heaven and new earth, and dwell eternally with those who trust in Him (Revelation 21:4).

World's View of History

- A. If Jesus even lived, then he was a just good man or a prophet. He is not the Creator of the universe or the Son of God.
- B. Anyone can get to heaven. They don't have to believe in Jesus' perfect sacrifice on the Cross for the forgiveness of sins.
- C. People are all different. They are not from the same family. There was never a time everyone spoke the same language. The different races of people prove that some people are smarter and better than others.
- D. The world has always had disease, struggle, and death—nothing caused it to enter God's very good creation.
- E. The universe was created from a big bang about 13 billion years ago; the earth formed about 4.5 billion years ago. Animals and man have evolved to their present state.
- F. Nothing happens after we die. There is no heaven or hell. When we die, we die and that is it!
- G. There was never a flood that covered the whole earth—never a flood that destroyed everything on the earth. The flood in the Bible was just a local flood.

Learn the Word

Remember to work on your memory verse this week! Fill in the blanks.

Psalm 8:3-4

When I look at your ______, the work of your fingers, the _____ and the _____, which you have set in place, what is _____ that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you for him?



ANSWERS: 1) E 2) D 3) G 4) C 5) A 6) B 7) F



What You Heard In the Word

God's Word explains the true history of the universe from beginning to end. We can remember it by the Seven C's. They are Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation.

OutWord For Family Discussion

Suppose your friend asks you, "If God is so good and so loving, why do so many bad things happen—pets die, people get sick and die, storms hurt or kill people? It doesn't make sense." What can you tell her?

It is true that a lot of bad things happen now.
But bad things aren't God's fault. He did not create them that way—He created everything very good. But sin entered the world when Adam disobeyed God in the garden. That is when suffering and death came into God's very good creation.

HomeWord For Parents

If we recognize the Bible as the history book of the universe, we will develop a worldview that trusts God's Word over man's word—and we will have the answers to confidently defend the truth of God.

The Seven C's of History start at the beginning—Creation—and finish with the new heaven and earth—the Consummation—at the end of history. The Seven C's are:

Creation: In the beginning—about 6,000 years ago—in six 24-hour days, God made a perfect Creation (Genesis 1).

Corruption: The first man, Adam, disobeyed the Creator. His sin brought death and Corruption into God's very good creation (Genesis 2:17).

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 7:23).

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 11:7–8).

Christ: The Creator became a man, Jesus Christ, who obeyed God in everything, unlike the first man, Adam (Matthew 1:21–23).

Cross: Jesus, the Messiah, died on the Cross to pay the penalty for mankind's sin against God. He rose from the dead, providing life for all who trust in Him as Savior (1 Corinthians 15:3–4).

Consummation: One day, at the Consummation, the Creator will remake His creation. He will cast out death and the disobedient, create a new heaven and new earth, and dwell eternally with those who trust in Him (Revelation 21:4).

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