

Sunday Evening August 5, 2018

"History / His Story" Lamentations 5:19

You, O LORD, remain forever; Your throne from generation to generation. (Lamentation 5:19 NKJ)

The Fourteen Cs of History:

I. Creation –

1. The creation of the Heavens and the Earth, and all things in them –

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1 NKJ)

W.S.C. Question 9 - What is the work of creation? Answer: The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good. (Genesis 1; Hebrews 11:3)

2. Man is created in God's Image –

²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:27-28 NKJ)

- A. Man is created in God's image in knowledge, righteousness and holiness –

and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, (Colossians 3:10 NKJ)

and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:24 NKJ)

- B. Man is created (designed) male and female - male and female He created them... (Genesis 1:27 A)

- For communion, help - And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." (Gen. 2:18 NKJ)
- For procreation – Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it ... Genesis 1:28

- C. With dominion over the creatures - let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (Genesis 1:26 NKJ)

- D. All creation was very good –

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. (Genesis 1:31 NKJ)

3. This is seen in our culture as over against evolution, which states:

- A. All things popped into existence out of nothing –

"The universe burst into something from absolutely nothing – zero, nada. And as it got bigger it became filled with even more stuff that came from absolutely nowhere." Alan Guth, Theoretical Physicist MIT

- B. Time and chance brought about life, and ultimately mankind –

- C. Therefore, according to evolution everything is purposeless, meaningless –

II. Corruption –

1. Man, a moral creation was created to obey God, but he did NOT -

"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 2:17 NKJ)

Truly, this only I have found: That God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes." (Ecclesiastes 7:29 NKJ)

2. Adam's fall brought corruption to all –

Genesis 5 – "and he died ..."

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned-- (Romans 5:12 NKJ)

3. According to the Bible death is the consequence of sin - For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23 NKJ)

4. According to Evolution death is natural, normal and desirable ... as the fittest survive - There is a way *that seems* right to a man, But its end is the way of death. (Proverbs 14:12 NKJ)

5. Corruption increased on the earth –

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (Genesis 6:5 NKJ)

The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. (Genesis 6:11-12 NKJ)

III. Catastrophe –

The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. (Genesis 7:18 NKJ)

So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained *alive*. (Genesis 7:23 NKJ)

We see the effects of the flood all around us, in the fossil record - "billions of dead things, buried in rock layers, laid down by water, all over the earth." Ken Ham

Evolution says, "a little water, a lot of time." vs. God and the Bible "a lot of water, a little time" Mt. Saint Helens shows us what evolutionists say takes millions of years can happen in hours or days!

IV. Confusion –

1. Man's desire –

And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." (Genesis 11:4 NKJ)

2. God's Command –

So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. (Genesis 9:1 NKJ)

What ungodly men are constantly striving for is unity apart from God and against God. One world human government! Revelation 6's Four Horseman: (1) The Gospel, (2) War (3) Economic disparity (4) Death

V. Covenant # 1 Previewing Christ –

I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (Genesis 12:3 NKJ)

Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. (Exodus 12:13 NKJ)

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.¹⁵ Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though *it is* only a man's covenant, yet *if it is* confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it.¹⁶ Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ. (Galatians 3:13-16 NKJ)

VI. Captivity #1 Egypt –

Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is* not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. (Genesis 15:13 NKJ)

The captivity in Egypt lasted more than 400 years, during that time the Israelites multiplied and became a great nation, they came out singing- Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying: "I will sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea! (Exodus 15:1 NKJ)

VII. Commandment –

And God spoke all these words, saying: ²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ³"You shall have no other gods before Me. (Exodus 20:1-3 NKJ)

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. (Romans 13:10 NKJ)

God gave us Ten Commandments, ungodly men would rule OVER us with thousands upon thousands of pages of rules and regulations ...

VIII. Crown –

David, Solomon, ultimately Christ -

"He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. (2 Samuel 7:13 NKJ)

And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (Revelation 19:16 NKJ)

Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*, ³ "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." ⁴ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. ⁵ Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: ⁶ "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." ⁷ "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.' ⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" ¹⁰ Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. (Psalm 2:1-12 NKJ)

IX. Captivity #2 Babylon –

1. Rebellion against God led to horrible situations -

The hands of the compassionate women Have cooked their own children; They became food for them In the destruction of the daughter of my people. (Lamentation 4:10 NKJ)

2. Yet, God had not abandoned his people –

Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. ²³ *They are new every morning*; Great *is* Your faithfulness. ²⁴ "The LORD *is* my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" ²⁵ The LORD *is* good to those who wait for Him, To the soul *who* seeks Him. (Lamentations 3:22-25 NKJ)

3. Out of the captivity God brought a remnant –

Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, The remnant will be saved. (Romans 9:27 NKJ)

4. A statue – Daniel 2 / Beasts – Daniel 7 Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome vs the remnant-

And as Isaiah said before: "Unless the LORD of Sabaoth had left us a seed, We would have become like Sodom, And we would have been made like Gomorrah." (Romans 9:29 NKJ)

Israel came out of Egypt a mighty nation, they come out of Babylon a small remnant.

X. Covenant #2 Previewing God's Spirit –

"But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. (Jeremiah 31:33 NKJ)

"Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, (Ezekiel 11:19 NKJ)

So he answered and said to me: "This *is* the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. (Zechariah 4:6 NKJ)

XI. Christ – the word Christ means anointed ONE, referring to Christ's anointing with God's Spirit -

1. Prophet –

"For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.' ²³ 'And it shall be *that* every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.' (Acts 3:22-23 NKJ)

2. Priest –

But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. (Hebrew 7:24-27 NKJ)

3. King -

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. (Luke 1:31-32 NKJ)

Christ as Prophet restores our knowledge, as Priest He restores righteousness and as King He restores holiness!

XII. Cross –

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:8-11 NKJ)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18 NKJ)

XIII. Church, the Bride of Christ, Temple of the Holy Spirit –

1. Christ washes the church with His blood –

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, (Revelation 1:5 NKJ)

2. Christ makes the Church His Bride -

²³ ... Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

²⁴ ... the church is subject to Christ,

²⁵ ... Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

... ³⁰ For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

³¹ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (Ephesians 5:23-32 NKJ)

3. Christ baptizes with the Holy Spirit –

"I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mark 1:8 NKJ)

"for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." (Acts 1:5 NKJ)

XIV. Consummation –

1. Heaven –

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, 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 heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴ "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." ⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. ⁷ "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. (Revelation 21:1-7 NKJ)

A. An intimate, eternal relationship with God. B. Tears dried C. No death, no sorrow, no crying, no pain D. All things NEW E. The water of life F. All things ...

2. Hell –

"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8 NKJ)

"he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." (Revelation 14:10-11 NKJ)

3. God reigns –

And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! (Revelation 19:6 NKJ)

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