

(For those watching on video see the link for a PDF with the notes)

Introduction: Coming to know God's plan for me!

- The temple veil torn in two.
 - Mt 27:50-51 ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.¹
 - The veil separates the holy of holies the place where God resides from the people.
- The New Jerusalem
 - Rev 21:22-23 ²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.²
 - The temple is no longer necessary because God dwells with the people.
 - Also, the eternal flame is replaced by the glory of God!
- Creation Gen 1-3- Attended the N.T. Wright Lecture series at Asbury Theological Seminary.
 - The purpose of Creation was for God to dwell with God's Creation
 - The purpose of worship is relationship.
- Question: I encourage to purchase a notebook or a journal and use it to answer these questions for yourselves as we go through this study.
 - What were you created to do?
 - What are you passionate about?
 - What brings you Joy?

¹ [The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version](#). (1989). (Mt 27:50–51). Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

² [The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version](#). (1989). (Re 21:22–23). Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

Creation- The Temple- Read Genesis 1-3

Isa 45:18 For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it a chaos, he formed it to be inhabited!): I am the LORD, and there is no other. ³

God builds the first Temple-N.T. Wright

- From Nothing to Chaos to Boudaries
 - Gen 1:1-13
 - Light is created, Darkness is!
 - Light is Good, Darkness is!
 - Separation of Heaven and Earth (Is it Good?)
 - Not as far away as you might imagine.
 - Connected and support one another.
 - It was Good! (3 days)
- Eternal flame- Day 4
 - Gen 1:14-19
 - To be seen Night and Day (Exodus 13:21)
- The place for Worship- Day 5
 - Gen 1:20-25
 - It was Good!
- What does worship look like? - Day 6
 - Gen 1:28-31 (Gen 2:15)
 - Gen 4:3-4 Cain and Able worship by bringing the fruit of the land.
- The Original Blessing of Creation - on the seventh day God rested.
 - Genesis 1:31 It was VERY GOOD
 - Gen 2:3 He Blessed It and Hallowed it
 - Three times in the Creation story the term blessing is used. 1:22,28 and 2:3
 - Creation is a vehicle for God's blessing. - Brueggemann
- Questions:
 - What does it mean to you to hear God say, "it is good?"
 - How far away is heaven? (Where is heaven?)
 - How often have you heard the phrase "original blessing?"
 - What has been the most meaningful experience(s) in your life?
 - Why were they meaningful?

Reading for Next Lesson: Genesis 5-9

³ [*The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version*](#). (1989). (Is 45:18). Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.