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Workshop:

World in Crisis -Is there any Hope?

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## Is there any Hope?

### Where in the world are we?

Physical:

- Climate Change - Major Threat or Hoax?
- Danger of Collision(s) from outer space (Asteroids, etc.)
- Law of entropy
- Death is sure
- Threat of Alien Confrontation???
- Dangerous DNA Experimentation

**Political:**

Nation against Nation  
Polarized Ideologies

**Social:**

Family Breakdown  
Information Age and Terrorism  
Drugs and Alcohol  
Gender Confusion  
Polarized Politics - Socialism/Communism versus Capitalism

**Economic:**

Great Divide between “haves” and “have nots”  
Threat of impending financial disaster

**Where in the world have we been?****History –**

- Webster’s Definition: “a chronological record of significant events {facts} often with an explanation of their causes {interpretation}.”
- The fact that history is often revised indicates that this subject has become subjective rather than based on absolute truth.
- If we accept as a fact that God has intervened in History, then history becomes a record of HIS STORY.
- History that is true will never have to be revised because truth never changes.

Truth:

The Living WORD (Jesus Christ) John 17:17

The Written WORD (Scripture) John 14:6

**Creation**

The Creator  
Matter - Particle Physics  
Space - Hyperspace  
Time

## Conflict

Conflict of the Ages - God versus Satan

Creator versus a Created Being

“Thy Seed” versus “Her Seed”

Straight and Narrow versus Broad Way (Jesus’ word picture)

## Redemption

- Basic Outline: 1) Creation 2) Fall 3) Flood 4) Babel 5) Israel  
6) Church 7) Consummation

- Past

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| 1) Innocence        | From Creation (Genesis 1:26) to the Human Fall (Genesis 3:6)   |
| 2) Conscience       | From the Human Fall (Genesis 3:6) <i>NOTICE God’s first promise of redemption!! (Genesis 3:15)</i> to God’s Covenant with Noah (Genesis 8:20)                  |
| 3) Human Government | From God’s Covenant with Noah (Genesis 8:20) to God’s Covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12:1)   |
| 4) Promise          | From God’s Covenant [one-sided] with Abraham (Genesis 12:1) to God’s Covenant with Israel [two-sided] (Exodus 19:8)  |
| 5) Law              | From God’s Covenant with Israel [two-sided] (Exodus 19:8) to the Death-Burial-Resurrection of Jesus Christ (Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46; John 19:30) |

- Present

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| 6) Church (Grace) | From the Death-Burial-Resurrection of Jesus Christ (Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46; John 19:30) [See also Ephesians 3:2] to the Rapture of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51; Revelation 4:1) |
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- Future

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| 7) Tribulation             | From the Rapture of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51; Revelation 4:1) to Messiah’s return called the second coming of Christ (Revelation 19:11-20:3; Malachi 4:1-3) |
| 8) Kingdom                 | From called the second coming of Christ (Revelation 19:11-20:4; Malachi 4:1-3) to Satan’s final rebellion (Revelation 20:7-15)  |
| 9) The “Fullness of Times” | Sometimes referred to as “Eternity Future” or “New Heaven and Earth”<br>From Satan’s final rebellion (Revelation 20:7-15) to the New Heaven and New Earth FOREVVVER!! (Ephesians 1:10)”     |

## **Where in the world are we going?**

### Prophecy

Three important presuppositions:

- 1) The Bible is an integrated whole
- 2) Prophecy is NOT merely foretelling the future but proclaiming God's message to the people ("Thus saith the LORD")
- 3) There is a clear distinction between Israel and the Church (God is NOT finished with Israel)

### Key Scriptures pertaining to the future

Daniel 2 - World Empires in a "nutshell"

Daniel 9:20-27 - Precisely predicts Christ's "Triumphal Entry" and the cross, as well as the restoration under Ezra and Nehemiah. Also indicates the church period, the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem (again) under the Romans, the tribulation period and the false messiah (antichrist).

Matthew 24, 25 - The Olivet Discourse

Revelation - Puts previous prophecy in chronological perspective with some additional information.

### The ultimate goal and final destination

Revelation 21, 22:1-5