

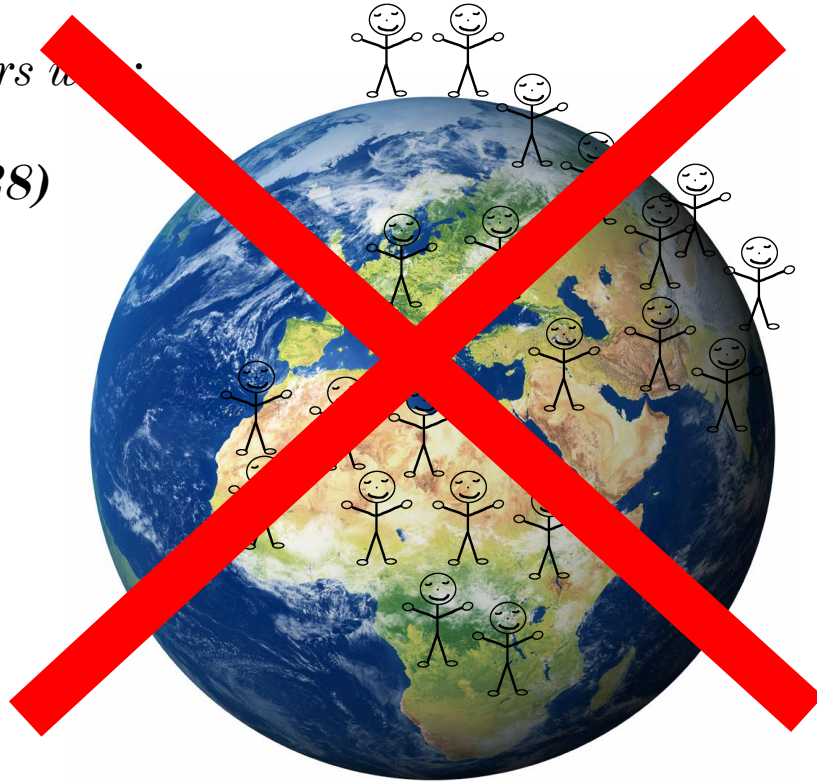
Why did God create humanity?

We are image bearers to God:

Rule (Gen. 1:26, 28)

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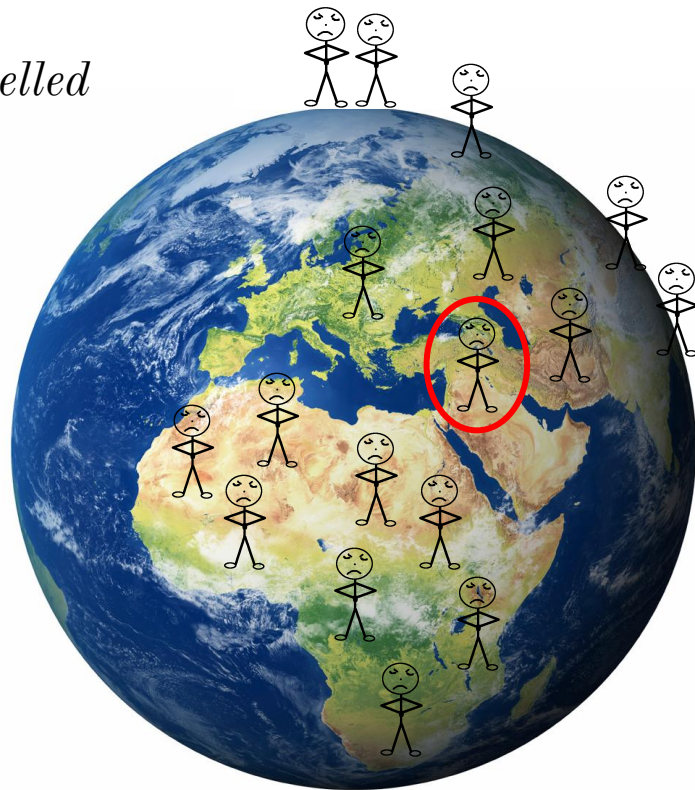
Fill (Gen. 1:28)



But how does the story actually go?

*God's image bearers rebelled
(Gen. 3)*

*Sin spreads throughout
God's image bearers
and fills the earth
(Gen. 4-11)*



*God's rescue plan
begins with one of
these treacherous
image bearers
(Gen. 12)*

Restoration Through Righteousness

A Covenant with Israel

- Exodus 19:3-6 - A Kingdom of Priests
- Deuteronomy 30:15-20 - The Blessing and the Curse

How Did Israel Do at Choosing Life?

- Jeremiah 3:1-10 - Israel and Judah Were Unfaithful

What Would God Do?

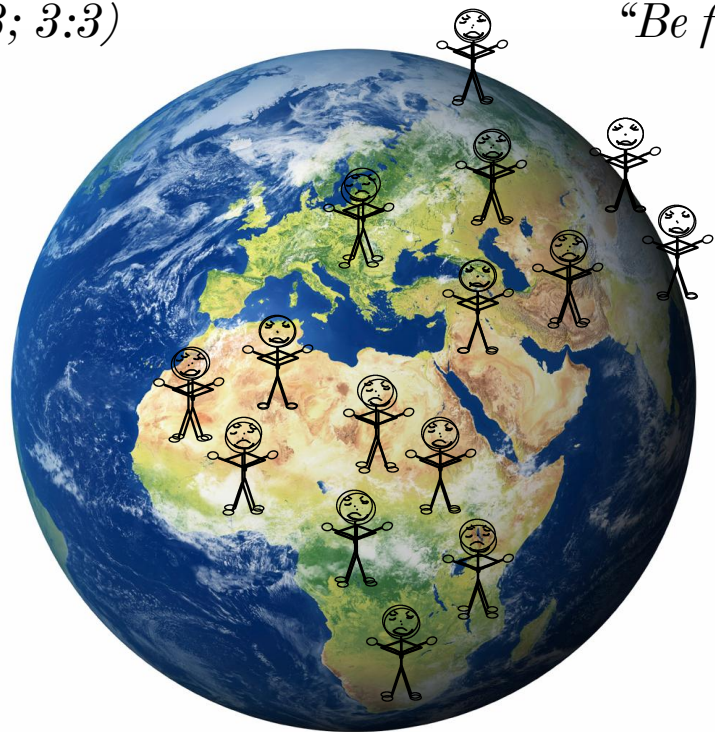
- Jeremiah 3:11-18 - Restoration
- Jeremiah 23:1-6 - Righteous Ruler
- Jeremiah 31:31-34 - New Covenant

God's Rescue Plan in the New Covenant

New Birth (John 1:9-13; 3:3)

*Disciple-Making
(Matt. 28:18-20;
Luke 24:44-49)*

*Worldwide Scope
(Acts 1:8; 3:25-26)*



“Be fruitful and multiply”

*(Acts 6:1, 7; 9:31;
12:24; 19:20;
Col. 1:3-12)*

How God Completes His Rescue Plan

In the new creation, we will see...

*God's image bearers
ruling and filling the
earth (Rev. 1:5-7; 5:9-10;
21:24-27; 22:1-2, 5)*

*God's relationship with
humanity fully restored
(Rev. 21:3, 22; 22:3-5)*



*The curse reversed and no
possibility of future
judgment (Rev. 21:5, 8)*

No more...

Sea (21:1)

Death (21:4)

Mourning (21:4)

Crying (21:4)

Pain (21:4)

Curse (22:3)

Night (22:5)

What Keeps Us from Announcing This Good News?

- Fear of rejection
- Don't know what to say / Fear of failure
- You may know the truth, but you aren't actually living it
- Laziness / Believe it is someone else's job
- Don't have friendships with people who are not Christians

How Can We Overcome Obstacles Like These?

- Get ready, and go (1 Pet. 3:15; Acts)
- Live the truth we proclaim (Phil. 2:14-18; Matt. 5:16)
- Teamwork (1 Thess. 5:11; Heb. 10:24-25)
- Prayer (Rom. 10:1; Col. 4:2-4; Acts 4:29)

Practical Resources

- Your Story, My Story, God's Story
- Romans Road
- *Evangelism as Exiles: Life on Mission as Strangers in Our Own Land*
by Elliot Clark

