

## Long Story Short, A Journey Through the Old Testament

January 12<sup>th</sup>, Message 2: The Created Earth!

**Isaiah 45:18 (NIV)** For this is what the LORD says—he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited—he says: “I am the LORD, and there is no other”) **Proverbs 3:19 (NIV)** By wisdom the LORD laid the earth’s foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place.

### 1) God is THE Creator! (All hinges on Gen 1:1)

The creation and this world didn’t happen by chance no more than the house you live in happened by chance!

That which has been built or created obviously has a designer or a creator.

### 2) God’s creation is immaculate!

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.<sup>7</sup> He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.<sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.<sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. **Psalms 33:6-9 (NIV)**

We are just one of the millions of galaxies.

There are billions of stars just in our galaxy.

In fact if you were to count every star just in our galaxy at one per second it would take about 2500 years (Indescribable, Giglio and Tomlin).

Isaiah 40:25-26-“To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.---God calls these stars by name!

## The Milky Way Galaxy



Light travels at 186,000 miles per second...it is approx. 100,000 light years from one side to the next (our galaxy)...take approx 100,000 years to get from one side to the next (Indescribable).

Not in your notes- with light travelling at 186,000 miles per second and you were to catch a light beam you would be to the moon in 2 seconds... 4 years to the nearest star....and more than 10 billions years before you would reach the edge of the known universe!

Focus on the vastness of God

### 3) God’s created earth was intended to be inhabited!

He did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited—he says: “I am the LORD, and there is no other” **Isaiah 45:18 (NIV)**

“The Creator's matchless formula for life on Earth involves a multitude of planetary parameters working together in a specific and delicate balance. So precise is this prescription, a mere absence or slight alteration in any one of the countless interrelated factors and mutually-dependent variables upon which life hinges could prove cataclysmic” (David Bassett).

“With an orbital period of exactly 365.256 days, which the Earth can accomplish by racing through space at an incredible 66,600 mph (over 18 miles/sec !!), our planet's seasonal length is conducive for agriculture” [Gen. 1:14] (David Bassett).

In fact, in terms of insolation (i.e., incoming solar radiation), this orbital radius positions (93 millions miles from earth to sun) our world is at the optimum location for life in the entire solar system. [Gen. 1:14-18 / Ps.74:16] (David Bassett). (earth revolve around the sun)

Thank God that He chose you as part of His Creation and enjoy Him and His creation! We serve a big God who is in control of all things, we must realize we are accountable to the one true God!