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The thread of redemption runs through the entire Bible. However, when we limit the scope of redemption to the eternal salvation of man, we miss the bigger picture and distort the message.

Δ In the beginning God created a fully functional Heaven and earth. **Genesis 1:1**

Δ The celestial hosts, the sons of God, were enthusiastic witnesses at the creation of the earth. **Job 38:7**

Δ Lucifer, a Prince of God, was created by God to be the supreme governor over the Kingdom of God. He commanded the Heavenly Host and led them in obedience to God for eons of time until power and pride overtook him. **Ezekiel 28:12-14**

Δ Lucifer led one-third of the Heavenly Host in a hostile takeover the Kingdom of God, elevating himself to the position equal to God. **Job 38:4-7**

Δ Lucifer was cast out of Heaven and down to earth. **Ezekiel 28:15-17** Whether his physical or spiritual impact on earth caused the earth to “become” useless and void is a topic for another discussion. **Genesis 1:2** Some of Lucifer’s co-conspirators were also cast to earth while others were chained in darkness. **2 Peter 2:4**

Δ The influence of Lucifer (now named Satan, the deceiver) was reduced to ruling over the contaminated ruins of earth, the singular blot of sin in God’s universe. **Matthew 4:8-9**

Δ God selected earth to introduce a new creation; the Kingdom of God on earth. This godly recreation of earth was intended to overrule and replace Satan's corrupt earthly kingdom. **Genesis 1:1-31**

Δ At creation, God rebuilt and repurposed everything about the earth, making it a new and perfectly functional planet again. All elements again functioned perfectly and God was pleased. **Genesis 1:31**

Δ God created man, a most remarkable created being, modeled as a triune being after the godhead. Man was created to serve Him in a class above the angels but lower than the godhead. Man was appointed lord and governor over God's creation. **Psalms 8:4-6**

Δ Man was created as a remarkable one-of-a-kind composition of body, soul, and spirit. A physical body, a soul (a volitional human being inside a physical body), and a spirit able to communicate directly with God. **Genesis 1:26; 1 Thessalonians 5:23**

Δ Man was placed in a pristine garden in the midst of Eden, a reflection of the heavenly Eden, once accessible by Lucifer before he was cast out of Heaven and down to earth. **Ezekiel 28:13**. the word for the Garden in Eden is the Greek word for Paradise (paradeisos).

Δ Man communicated with God directly and daily, and was tasked with maintaining order and structure over all earthly creation. Perfect physical order and personal fellowship with God the Father existed in the garden. **Genesis 2:16-17**

Δ Satan was allowed access to the earthly Eden and possibly communicated with Adam and Eve regularly. Eve wasn't frightened or threatened by the serpent in the garden. **Genesis 3:1-6**