

WHY EARTH ALONE SHINES WITH LIFE

AS I WATCHED the Artemis II spaceflight, what fascinated me most were the images of the Moon and Earth. Earth looked so vibrant—full of color, movement, and life—while the Moon appeared barren, “without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep,” echoing Genesis 1:2 when God first created the heavens and the earth.

And it isn't just the Moon. Every planet we've photographed looks the same—empty, dark, and lifeless. Only Earth stands out as a world bursting with life.

Why is that?

The Bible tells us that all creation—every star, every planet, every material thing—“groans” as it waits for redemption (Romans 8:22). Like humanity, creation itself is unfinished, still in its foundational state, waiting for the moment when all things are made new.

So again, why is Earth different?

CONSIDER THIS: the material universe, with its vast and ever-expanding reach, is a new creation—something that never existed before. Yet on Earth, God did something He didn't do anywhere else. He filled earth with life, as recorded in Genesis 1. To care for this life, He created people—male and female—as His stewards. Never before had there been a being formed from the dust of the ground until Adam. According to the genealogies of the Bible, Adam was created less than seven thousand years ago. In the scope of eternity, humanity has existed for less than a single seven day “week” (2 Peter 3:8).

WHEN GOD CREATED MANKIND, His purpose was to form something extraordinary—kings to rule in God's kingdom (Revelation 1:6; 5:10). Even now, we are in training for that kingship.⁽¹⁾ When Jesus returns, we will receive our inheritance as “joint heirs” with Him (Romans 8:17). As joint heirs, we will inherit everything He inherits. All that exists in this material universe—space, time, and matter—and all that exists in heaven beyond space, time, and matter will be under our authority, with Jesus as the King of kings.

THIS IS WHY I BELIEVE the desolation we see on other planets will remain until Jesus returns, renews all things, and grants us our inheritance to rule with Him over “many cities” (Luke 19:12–27). I believe those cities are planets, the galaxies are nations, and the totality of the universe is the kingdom of God. In this sense, Earth is a single city within the nation of the Milky Way, in the Kingdom of God.

For a fuller explanation of why I believe this, see Appendix H of my book *REVELATION and the Age of the Antichrist*, pages 173–176. It's available as a free download at hope-for-today.com.

In the meantime, God has prepared an inheritance for His people that is beyond anything we can imagine (1 Corinthians 2:9). To be part of that inheritance, you must be ready. You must...

Believe Jesus. Receive Jesus. Live Jesus.

(1) A Story. “In Training To Be A King.”