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**TORN**

**Adam lost sight of his own value.**

**When he ate he fell short.**

**Darkness descended on His mind and he ran and hid from God.**

**But God came looking for Him.**

**To restore His value.**





# TORN COMOS / TORN COSMOS

**World** = Greek word *kósmos*  
(literally, "something *ordered*")  
– properly, an "*ordered system*"  
(like the universe, creation); the  
*world*. (Strong's #2889)













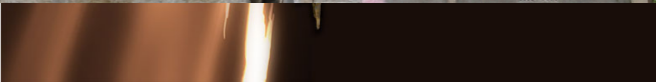


# Galileo and Tertullian

**“We conclude that God is known first through Nature, and then again, more particularly, by doctrine; by Nature in His works, and by doctrine in His revealed word.” (5) (5) Adversus Marcionem, I, 18..”**















***“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way... 8 He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’”***

***Matthew 13:24-28b***



**In the beginning God created  
the heavens and the earth.**

**Genesis 1:1**

**For by him all things were  
created that are in heaven and  
that are on Earth.**

**Colossians 1:16**



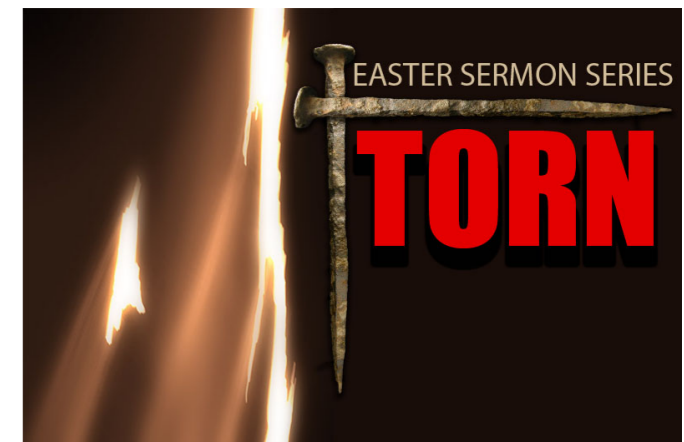


***“...has made known to us the mystery of his will...according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.”***

***Ephesians 1:9-10***



“From the very beginning God determined to take man into partnership with himself on the basis of the *incarnation*. But in order to have man as his covenant-partner, God must first create him...



and in order to exist man must have a **sphere of existence**. Hence there is a reciprocal relationship between **creation** and **covenant**.

**Colin Brown on Karl Barth's Church Dogmatics III/1**



2 Cor. 4:4 Satan is referred to as the “god of this world.”

Ephesians 2:2 “...the ruler of the power of the air”

1 John 5:19 it tells us that “We know that we are God’s children, and that the whole world lies under the power of the evil one.”



**Genesis 3:18-19** “...*cursed is the ground because of you... you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*”

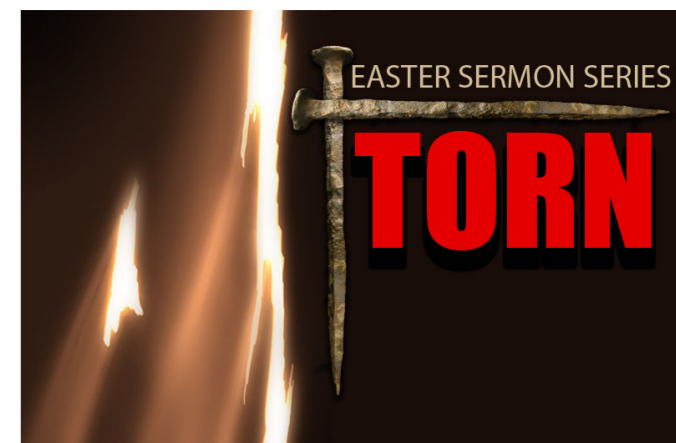
**Leviticus 18:26-28** “*otherwise the land will vomit you out for defiling it, as it vomited out the nation that was before you.*”





## Romans 8:19-22

“For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now....”



## Romans 8:29ish (MSG BIBLE)

*“God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him.*



# 1. He rebukes the devil's activity in nature.

“A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped... He woke up and **rebuked** the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!”

**Luke 4:35-39**



**REBUKE** = **epitimaó**. “to censure or admonish; by implication, forbid -- (straitly) charge, rebuke.

Strong's #2008

And Jesus **rebuked** [**epitimaó**] the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly.

Matthew 17:18



**2. He restores dominion and order.**

**“...the Son of man came eating and drinking.” Matthew 11:19**

**“... “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch...”**

**Colossians 2:20-23**





# 3. He didn't waste (Stewardship)

*And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. Mathew 14:20*

**RECYCLE**

**REDUCE**

**REUSE**



# Acts 3:20-21

“...so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, who must remain in heaven until the time of **universal restoration** that God announced long ago through his holy prophets.”



God's solution for a **TORN** cosmos is a **restored people**, restored in relationship with a loving Father, manifesting his very nature as they live in this cosmos.

**JESUS RESTORES  
RESTORERS!**





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