



Supernatural Seminar by Michael Heiser

Video 6, "Cosmic Geography"

Q & A Michael Heiser & Pastor Stovall

➔ Explain Biblical truth of Cosmic Geography

HEISER: Cosmic Geography: Israel, a people tied to a land – one element

Deuteronomy 32:8–9

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW: from that moment on, chooses one man whose wife is barren which makes her perfect b/c God will raise up a new family supernaturally so that everyone in the family will know that the only reason they exist is b/c God did a miracle. Then it is that family and Yahweh against all other countries and their gods. All the other turf is under domain of hostile supernatural beings.

➔ talk about the have lump language we use about invisible supernatural enemies

HEISER: 3 rebellions and different supernatural characters emerge from them. demons are minor characters. Deut 32 identifies the major characters

Daniel 10

Eph 6

Acts 17

Paul links return of Jesus in Rom 11

Great Commission – Jesus is about reclaiming every inch of the world,

➔ talk about weird passages & why it's important to understand cosmic geography to comprehend

HEISER: Gen 6 "sons of God" instead of "sons of Israel" gives understanding of the rest of the Bible

Philistines capture the ark, put in temple of dagon

Naaman the leper

Jesus uses two examples of faith that are pagans – Naaman and widow of Zarephath

Goat into wilderness

Paul borrows imagery with unrepentant sinner in the church in Corinth

Why believers are the Temple of God: 1 Cor. 3, 1 Cor 6, 2 Cor 6

2 Corinthians 6:14–16 (ESV) ¹⁴Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? ¹⁶What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

New Testament moves from one land to one body

Galatians 3:26–29 (ESV) ²⁶For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, **then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.**

People of God become sacred space and their mission is to bring people in from all nations

➔ **What about Moses' body – contending for it**

Deuteronomy 34:5–6 (ESV) ⁵So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day.

Jude 9 (ESV) ⁹But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."

HEISER: only understandable in context of cosmic geography

Moses belongs to God and doesn't matter where he's buried, while the lord of the dead wants to lay claim but God says "no"

➔ **Speak about New Testament and the language Paul uses about disarming the enemies**

HEISER: Paul has worldview drawn from OT, supernatural evil hostile forces who are rivals to God and His people. 5 or 6 places Colossian 2; Ephesians 1, 3, 4; 1 Peter 3, - associates the resurrection with the defeat, the delegitimization of supernatural powers and principalities

➔ **What are we referring to when we sing or say that the Lord is above all other gods?**

HEISER: elohim has nothing to do with a unique set of attributes – dead humans are referred to as elohim which is defined as ***a member of the supernatural/ unseen world – nothing to do with attributes***

No other Elohim is Yahweh, with attributes of God. There is no glory in saying that God is greater than a fictional character

➔ **How did nachash or "chief satan" end up on the top, the head**

HEISER – he is the rebel of Genesis 3, gets primacy because he is sort of an inversion of Eden – (cast down to "earth" which is also a word for realm of the dead) and becomes lord of death and the dead. Because everything dies he is sort of elevated – the original rebel, the one others look to as their example of rebellion and he owns the soul of every person unless they are a member of the Kingdom of God

It's not a coincidence that when Jesus begins His ministry and starts talking about the Kingdom of God, coincides with two things:

1. casting out of demons

2. sending out of 70, the number of nations disinherited at Babel. That's where Kingdom ministry begins and the message that if you are a member of Jesus' Kingdom the Lord of the dead has no claim over you. The sending out of 70 followers also coincides with Jesus saying that He saw satan fall like lightning from Heaven – essentially kicked out and told "you don't own these people anymore" and God doesn't want to hear about any claim to people because if anyone is a member of Jesus' Kingdom satan has nothing to say.

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