

Adult Sunday School Lesson
Nassau Bay Baptist Church
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Read Isaiah 40:12-26

Arguments

1. Measured the waters.
2. Measured Heaven.
3. Calculated the dust.
4. Weighed the mountains and hills.
5. No one directed the Spirit.
6. No one taught the Spirit.
7. No one counseled the Spirit on justice.
8. No one showed the Spirit understanding.

9. Nations are a drop in a bucket and small as dust.
10. Islands, he lifts easily.
11. Burning Lebanon is insufficient.
12. Lebanon's animals not enough for sacrifice.
13. All nations are as nothing and worthless.

14. Nothing is like God.

15. He sits above the circle of the earth.
16. People are like grasshoppers to Him.
17. He stretches the heavens like a curtain.
18. He spreads the heavens like a tent.
19. Brings princes to nothing.
20. Makes judges useless.
21. He blows on rulers and they wither.
22. His whirlwind takes them away.

23. He created the stars and heavenly bodies.
24. He brings them out by number.
25. He calls them all by name.
26. Not one is missing.

At least 26 arguments for God's omnipotence, omnipresence, and omniscience in 15 verses.

But let's focus on the sky and **verse 26**.

Astronomers now estimate two trillion [2,000,000,000,000 or (2×10^{12})] galaxies.

Astronomers now estimate 1 septillion [1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 or (1×10^{24})] stars . . . OR

. . . one trillion groups, all containing one trillion stars.

But those numbers just keep rising.

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The God we worship not only created such a universe. The God we worship commands the universe, and it obeys . . . no questions asked.

In Houston, and in most of the United States, we do not see much when we lift up our eyes. But in Israel, in 700 B.C., it was quite different.

No air conditioning.

No TV.

No cell phones.

No computers.

Only the rich had books to read.

People laid up on their roofs and studied the skies. And they could see so much more than we ever see. And they saw it all night after night after night after night.

And they were smart. While they did not have as much information as we have, they were every bit as smart as or smarter than we are.

They could see the order, the consistency, the vastness, the beauty of the stars in the skies.

They did not think all of that just happened.

They knew it was a creation and not an explosion.

They knew that only a vast God, set apart from the earth and all that is in it, could create such majesty.

Other Scriptures

He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. Psalm 147:4

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. Psalm 33:6

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. Hebrews 11:3

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? Psalm 8:3-4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. John 1:1-3

Yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live. 1 Corinthians 8:6

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He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. Colossians 1:15-17