



# Light of the World



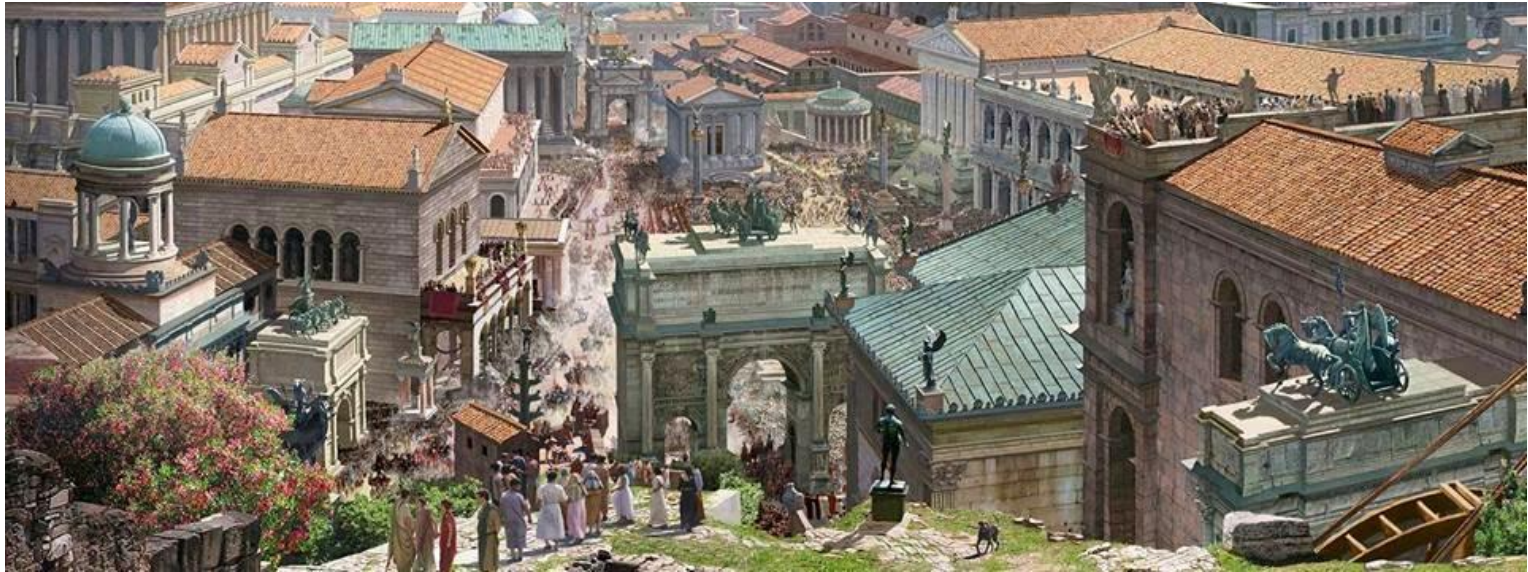
The Roman Forum



“...the customs of this accursed race have gained such influence that they are now received throughout the world. The vanquished have given laws to the victors.”

Seneca





The Emperor Claudius “expelled Jews from Rome because of their constant disturbances at the instigation of Chrestus.”

Suetonius

## A NEW CALCULUS:

Romans 8:18 NIV

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

A NEW CALCULUS:

Suffering < Coming Glory

## WHAT CREATION KNOWS:

Romans 8:19 NIV

For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

## WHAT CREATION KNOWS:

Romans 1:20 NIV



For since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.



## CREATION'S EXODUS:

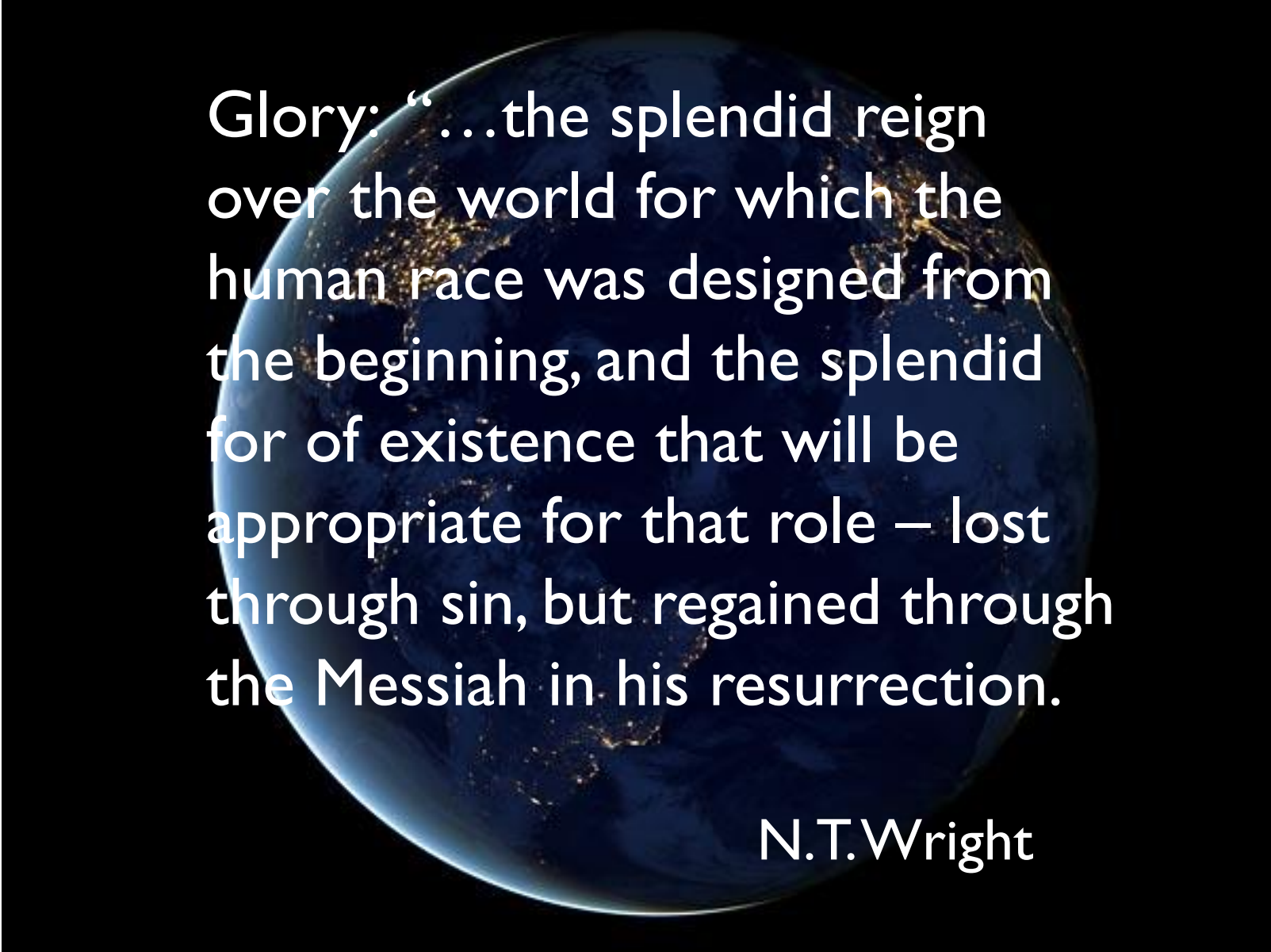

Romans 8:20-21 NIV

For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.



The whole creation – sun, moon, sea, sky, birds, animals, plants – is longing for the time when God's people will be revealed as God's glorious human agents, set in authority over the world.

N.T.Wright



Glory: “...the splendid reign over the world for which the human race was designed from the beginning, and the splendid for of existence that will be appropriate for that role – lost through sin, but regained through the Messiah in his resurrection.

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## LIGHT OF THE WORLD:

Matthew 5:14-16 NIV

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

## LIGHT OF THE WORLD:

Ephesians 5:8-10 NIV

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.