

THE BEGINNING AND THE END

A CHART LESSON ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FROM THE BEGINNING

"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure"

~ Isaiah 46:10

We live looking to the future blindly. God has eyes to see and tell the future, thus Bible. Isa 46:10

1. In the beginning... in the end.

- a. Rev 22:13 – In the beginning... God. In the end, God, Alpha/Omega, first and last.
- b. Rev 21:1 - In the beginning God created. Heaven/earth/power/authority/all life is his.
 - i. Rev 20:11 - In the end ... God judges.
- c. Rev 22:1-2 - In the beginning... there was a tree of life ... so in the end.
- d. Rev 22:3 – In the beginning there was no curse... so in the end.
- e. Rev 21:3 – Beginning... he makes a place for man to have dominion. Gen 1:26
 - i. The end – he dwells in that place to have dominion with them.
- f. Rev 21:6 - In the beginning, God limits eating tree. In end, no limits (freely). Rev 22:17
 - i. Rev 21:8 - In beginning... he that sins shall die. In the end... the second death.
- g. Gen 3:15 – Beginning there is a serpent/devil who deceives the whole world.
 - i. Rev 20:1-2,10 - The end... the old serpent/devil is destroyed.
- h. Rev 21:4 - In the beginning sin, death, sorrow, pain enter, in the end it is removed.
- i. Rev 20:3 - In the beginning the devil was free to deceive for ~1000 til Noah/judgment.
 - i. In the end, the devil is bound ~1000 so that he would NOT deceive.
- j. In the beginning, God judges the world with water (rainbow) - Gen 6:17, 9:14-15
 - i. End, God judges with fire – Rev 8:5-7, 9:18, 11:5, 14:18, 16:8, 18:8, 19:12,20
- k. In the beginning, God promises a nation a land and blessing to all the world...
 - i. Rev 21:2,12,14, 24 In the end, God blesses the world through that nation.
- l. Beginning, God promises salvation to his people – deliverance, blessing, world.
 - i. In the end, God brings salvation to his people, world - Rev 19:1, Rom 11:26-27
- m. Beginning, God preserves that nation out of plagues of wrath on the world - Exo 13-14
 - i. In the end, God preserves that nation from His wrath - Rev 7:3-4, 12:17
- n. Beginning, God gave covenants and laws to Israel for righteous government on earth.
 - i. End, a Spirit filled nation will do his commandments - Rev 12:17, 14:12, 22:14

2. The Coming of Christ

- a. Zacharias said that God was performing what was promised - Luke 1:68-75
- b. All the prophets since the world began hath spoken of these things - Acts 3:21,24
- c. Joseph was a brother rejected, raised to power to save Israel (his father).
- d. Moses was the promised deliver that led Israel through the wilderness.
- e. Joshua (lit. Jesus) conquered the enemies of the land and established the nation.
- f. Samuel was a prophet that prayed for the people better than the priests.
- g. David was a king with God's own heart, writing Psalms about kingdom wrath and glory.
- h. Solomon was the wisest king that ever lived – behold, a greater than he - Matt 12:42
- i. Jonah preached such that the whole city of Ninevah repented, Jesus greater than he.
- j. Isaiah (salvation of the Lord) prophesied Christ, judgment, kingdom.

3. A Great Mystery

- a. The secret since before the world began – purposed by God before the beginning.
- b. Salvation would come through Christ's suffering, humility, death, resurrection.
- c. The resurrected Christ would create a new creature, the Body of Christ.
- d. Grace would be dispensed from/through him to all without Isarel, covenants, laws.
- e. While prophets, people, devils, angels waited for the end – God gives salvation freely.
- f. The apostle, pattern, and teacher of this truth is the chief of sinners saved by grace.
- g. How do we live, walk, serve, til he come? If the end is not yet, then what?
- h. The Lord gave the answer in 13 letters to the world – faith, grace, hope in the church.

4. The Creator – The Judge

- a. In the end, God will judge.
- b. Before that, since the beginning he will have...
 - i. ... ruled for 1000 years on earth.
 - ii. ... judged the wickedness in high places, bound the devil.
 - iii. ... provided grace for the longest time of longsuffering in the Bible.
 - iv. ... came to earth himself, taught, preached, bled, and died.
 - v. ... sent prophets for centuries warning, giving proof, evidence of inspiration.
 - vi. ... he setup a nation of laws as a testimony to the world.
 - vii. ... he gave the knowledge of sin, and evidence of His faithfulness to his promise
 - viii. ... he flooded the world to show his power and right to judge (still saving man)
 - ix. ... he gave Adam and Eve (after they sinned) sons and daughters.
- c. Knowing all this, the end from beginning, we can't help but have eyes of faith to see.