

God's Great Plan to restore mankind and the earth.

1. God's original purpose was for Man to rule forever in God's kingdom on Earth. Genesis 1-2

2. Sin caused man to lose the position and blessing of being in God's kingdom on earth. Satan became the ruler on earth.

- A. **Man's sin caused him to become an idolater** and reject God's rule, choosing to live as if he not God was god. Romans 1:19-25; 2 Timothy 3:1-5
- B. Man's heart became darkened and sinful, **plunging humanity into personal and social misery and violence.** Genesis 6:5-12; Romans 1:20-24; James 4:1-2
- C. The earth came under the controlling deceptive **influence of Satan.** 1 John 5:19; Col. 1:13-14; Matthew 4:8-9; John 16:8; Hebrews 2:14-15

3. God has an amazing plan to restore man and the earth.

God's 'Covenants' promise an amazing man (Messiah) would come to restore man and the earth (Psalm 2:6-12; Isaiah 9:6-7; Daniel 7:13-14).

- A. The Edenic covenant. In the Garden of Eden, after Adam and Eve sinned, promised a deliverer through a **descendant of the woman.** Genesis 3:14-15
- B. The Abrahamic Covenant (1950 B.C.). God promised one of **Abraham's descendants** would deliver and bless those from all nations. This "seed" of Abraham is Christ. (Genesis 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; Gal. 3:16)
- C. The Mosaic Covenant (1450 B.C.). God revealed **through Moses that only those who were righteous would be in His kingdom.** The 10 commandments were God's mirror to **show all people their need of a savior** to make them qualified to be in God's kingdom (Deuteronomy 5:27-33; Gal. 3:19-26; James 1:23-25).
- D. The Davidic Covenant (1000 B.C.). God promised a **descendant of David would be the deliverer** (Rom. 1:3-4). He would be both a human descendant of David and also His Lord (Ps. 110:1-2; Matthew 22:41-46)!
- E. The New Covenant (600 B.C.). **God promised to qualify sinners** for his kingdom by spiritually making them alive and repentant (Jer. 31:31-34; John 3:3-7; Ephesians 2:4-5; Colossians 1:12-15).

4. God's prophets revealed many things about the coming Messiah.

- A. He would be born a human **child yet be eternal God** (Isa. 9:6-7; Micah 5:2).
- B. He would live a sinless life yet be **rejected by Israel** (Isa 53:3,7,9)
- C. He would be tortured and **crucified for our sins** to save us (Isa 52:13-53:12).
- D. He would be **raised from the dead**. Isa. 53:11,12; Psalm 16:10- Acts 2:24-31
- E. He will **return to earth and fight and destroy the world's armies** (Joel 3:1-2; 12-17; Zechariah 14:1-12; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10; Isaiah 63:1-6; Revelation 14:16-20; 19:11-21).
- F. All the **cities and kingdoms of the earth will be destroyed** (Revelations 16: 2 Peter 3:10).
- G. He will **restore God's kingdom on earth forever** (Daniel 7:9-14). Jesus is the promised Messiah (Matthew 26:63-64; 24:24-31; 25:31-42).
- H. The earth and **mankind will live in perfect righteousness and peace** forever (2 Peter 3:13; Isaiah 65:17-25).

5. God reveals the end of all things and restoration of his kingdom to earth to incite us to live for His glory.

- A. God's **kingdom is present and growing on earth through the rule of God in the hearts of people**. As they receive Christ they are transferred out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God. Jesus wants to use us now to bring people into His kingdom spiritually by praying, displaying and declaring Jesus is alive and Lord (Matthew 6:9-10; Acts 1:8; 2:36-40).

When Jesus returns He will establish His kingdom on earth in its full physical, political not just spiritual rule (John 18:36; Matthew 25:31-42).

- B. God wants to **stir us to resist living according to the world but to live for God**. 2 Peter 3:4,10-14; Titus 2:11-13
- C. We are **stirred to prayer** and be sober minded. 1 Peter 4:5-6