God’s Three End Time Purposes
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Proclamation: Psalm 118:13–18

I. God’s Goal For The Present Age
   Your kingdom come, your will be done in heaven as on earth (Matt. 6:10)
   A. A preview
      1. He who does the will of God abides forever (1 John 2:17)
      2. Am I aligned with God’s will?
   B. The kingdom that will never be destroyed (Dan. 2:44)
   C. No true peace without righteousness (Ps. 72:1–4; 8–14)
      God’s intense concern for the needy and downtrodden
      1. Sins of Sodom (Ezek. 16:49):
         a. Pride
         b. Fullness of bread
         c. Abundance of idleness
         d. Did not strengthen the hands of poor and needy
      2. The God of this world is mammon; the rich do not care for the poor
      3. Kingdom of God: justice for the poor
   D. Elimination of the wicked (Ps. 92:5–7)

II. Three Purposes To Be Fulfilled
   A. Gospel proclaimed to all nations
      1. But first, birth pangs
         a. Rev. 1—Jesus the Judge—recorded in three Gospels
         b. Nation (ethnos) against nation—ethnic conflict
         c. Kingdom against kingdom—world wars
         d. “Then” nine times—a series of events
         e. Only God’s mercy can keep us from deception
         f. He who “has endured” to the end will be saved
      2. The decisive sign—Matt. 24:14
         a. This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness
            to all the nations and then the end shall come.
         b. To every nation, tribe, people, tongue (compare Rev. 7:9–10)
      3. Sons who sleep in harvest bring shame (Prov. 10:5)
   B. Restoration of Israel
      • to their land • to their God
      1. Final focus is on Jerusalem and Israel (Matt. 24:15–16)
         a. Mystery: hardening in part until the Gentiles come in and then all Israel
            will be saved (entire nation that is left) (Rom. 11:25–26)
         b. The remnant shall be saved—chosen and foreknown by God (Rom. 9:27)
      2. Basis of God’s judgment of the nations (Joel 3:1–2)
         a. Partitioning God’s (Israel’s) land
         b. Despising and persecuting the Jews
      3. The decisive separation (Matt. 25:40, 45–46 [see Joel 3:1–2])
         a. Sheep—enter into kingdom
b. Goats—depart into everlasting fire

C. Preparation of church to become bride

1. When marriage supper comes the bride is already ready (Rev. 19:6–8)
   Brides make great preparations for their wedding

2. Main requirements for being ready:
   a. Total loyalty to Jesus
      (1) Betrothal is binding like marriage (2 Cor. 11:2–3)
         a. Fornicators, idolaters, revilers, etc . . . such were some of you, but
            now betrothed as a chaste virgin (1 Cor. 6:9ff)
         b. But we are washed, sanctified, justified (1 Cor. 6:11)
      (2) Contrast the harlot (Rev. 7:1–6)
   b. Heartfelt yearning, eagerly waiting (Heb. 9:28)
   c. Righteous acts = proper clothing (Rev. 19:8)
      (1) Fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints
      (2) Rev. 2 & 3—I know your works (not doctrinal statement, belief)

3. A son who sleeps in harvest . . . (Prov. 10:5)

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