

The Ultimate Purpose and Primary Goals of God for the Redeemed at the End of the Age

A. Introduction

1. It is important for the people of God to see and understand the big picture of the Biblical narrative of God's End-Time purposes. Knowing, understanding, and proclaiming the correct and Biblical narrative of God is the most important issue, as it will determine an aligned and right response. This will bring forth the "great good" and lasting fruit that God desires.
2. An understanding of God's Biblical narrative is essential to rightly understanding His leadership in both the glorious and painful parts of His End-Time plans – the increasing of His glory as well as the escalating pressures and crises.
3. God will use both positive and negative pressures to draw our attention, direct our focus, and as the means of transforming people. Pressure often positions and aligns us to God and His purposes (Rom 8:28; Acts 14:22; Jas 1:2–4).
4. A correct understanding with the right conversations will align and position us within the big picture of God, producing "great good" and lasting fruit. Pain without understanding brings despair, but pain with understanding brings great hope.

It was C.S. Lewis who said, *"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to us in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world."*

5. Much End-Time teaching is not focused on the big picture of the Biblical narrative of God. The result is that we begin to focus on secondary prophetic events, breakthroughs and promises, and the destiny of nations. While none of these are unimportant, they can distract us from the ultimate purpose of God for the redeemed.

B. The Big Picture of the Biblical Narrative of God for the End Times

1. What are the End Times (i.e. eschatology)?
 - a. The End Times are a vital part of the salvation plan and redemptive storyline of God, which He initiated in Genesis 3:15. It is a process of RESTORATION in which God is restoring the original intent He has for mankind and the earth as set out in Genesis 1 to 3:
 - i. Intimacy with God (Gen 3:8);
 - ii. Being the image of God (Gen 1:26);
 - iii. Dominion over the earth and all creation (Gen 1:27–28);
 - iv. The establishing of the Kingdom of God (Gen 1:28).

- b. The End Times are also the ESCHATOLOGICAL REVOLUTION, in which God is bringing about a total change and transformation for mankind and the earth, ushering in a new and ultimately eternal era. The process includes:
 - i. The removal of every sin, evil, wickedness and darkness on the earth (Rev 21:4–5, 8)
 - ii. The establishing of the Kingdom of God on earth eternally (Rev 11:15–18)
 - iii. The coming of the New Heaven and New Earth, eternally established on the earth (Isa 65:17–19)
 - c. This restoration and eschatological revolution together constitute the entirety and fullness of the salvation plan and redemptive storyline of God.
2. *The Ultimate Purpose of God in His End-Time plans and purposes*
To establish a Family of Affection from every tongue, tribe and nation with the Trinitarian God (Jn 17:23), who will partner forever with Jesus as His mature Bride, who is equally yoked to Him in love, obedience, and humility (Eph 5:25–33), to establish, rule, and reign with Him in the Kingdom of God forever (Matt 6:10; Rev 5:9–10).
3. *Three Primary Goals of God in His End-Time Plan that will lead to the Ultimate Purpose of God*
- a. The transformation of the people of God:
 - i. A glorious and mature people of God as the mature sons of God and glorious Bride (Rom 8:14,19; Eph 5:27; Rev 19:1–10), who will partner with Jesus at the place of prayer (Isa 56:7; Matt 16:18–19), walking in the fear of God, deeply loving God with our all, in a spirit of obedience and holiness (Matt 22:37; Jn 14:21; 2 Cor 7:1)
 - ii. In this Revelation 3:20 moment, Jesus is awakening the global body of Christ from a “spirit of Laodicea” and compromise by:
 - The pouring out of the Holy Spirit in an unprecedented measure worldwide (Joel 2:28–32);
 - The giving of the seal of fire to ignite our passion for Jesus (Songs 8:6);
 - The revealing of the beauty of God to anchor and stabilise His people (Isa 33:6,17; 2 Cor 2:9–10);
 - The empowerment of His people with unprecedented anointing and authority to do the greater works of the Kingdom of God (Dan 11:32; Jn 14:12).
 - b. The unprecedented global harvest of souls at the End of the Age (Matt 24:14; Rev 14:14–16)
 - i. It will be more than evangelism, but will involve discipling and the imparting of Kingdom truths and values by a glorious and transformed Church (Matt 28:19–20).

- ii. It will be accomplished not by human effort, wisdom, and strategy, but by the working of the Holy Spirit through the pouring out of the Spirit of conviction (Jn 16:8).
- c. The salvation of Israel and the fullness of Israel (Rom 11:11–15,26–29)
 - i. Israel will face unprecedented persecution and another holocaust at the End of the Age (Zech 14:1–3).
 - ii. Israel will be provoked to jealousy unto salvation by mature, empowered Gentile believers who stand with Israel as antisemitism escalates (Matt 25:31–46; Isa 62:6–7).
 - iii. All the unsaved remnant of Israel who survive the Great Tribulation will turn to Jesus at its end; they will be righteous and will make up the inaugural government of the Millennial Kingdom, ruling with Jesus in Jerusalem (Zech 13:9; Rom 11:11; Isa 60:21).
 - iv. God will heal the family of Abraham (i.e. Jews, Arabs, Egyptians) in the sight of nations resulting in oneness among the sons of Abraham (Isa 19:23–25; Ezek 36:23).
 - v. Israel will walk in gratitude, love, and humility, be restored to the covenantal promises of God for her, and will make up the inaugural government of the Millennial Kingdom, ruling with Jesus in Jerusalem (Isa 60).
- 4. **Psalm 2, Micah 7 and Revelation 12** are three of the most relevant chapters in the Bible regarding the End Times for the next 20 years. They are chapters that tell us what the Spirit of God is saying now, where we are heading in this time and season for the world, and provide the clearest exhortation on how we should respond.
 - a. **Psalm 2** foretells and forewarns of a coming global crisis in the context of an unholy global alliance of nations against God the Father, against Jesus Christ, and against His truths (v1–3); the response of the Father against global rebellion (v4–6); the response and desire of Jesus Christ (v7–9); and an exhortation by David on how we should prepare in the light of the coming Psalm 2 crisis (v10–12).
 - b. The prophet Micah built upon what David foretold in Psalm 2 in **Micah 7**. The context of Micah 7 is the coming global crisis within families, within the body of Christ, and in society, taking the form of betrayal. Micah 7:1–6 forewarns of this crisis of betrayal, before laying out a sevenfold preparation for the people of God in Micah 7:7–20.
 - c. In **Revelation 12**, John saw the coming war in the heavenlies that will be waged by Satan against Israel and the Gentile Church at the End of the Age. It is one of the most remarkable prophetic visions concerning the mature End-Time prayer movement operating in great power and authority in spiritual warfare, that will cast Satan down from the position of his greatest influence.
 - i. John intentionally referenced Daniel 10, as it is the most informative Biblical passage giving us insight into how prayer is connected to Michael's restraining of demonic hindrance.

- ii. John surely intended for us to see the parallel with the only place in the Bible where Michael fights demonic principalities in response to the prayers of God's people. In doing so, he was giving us insight into the future spiritual warfare that will be waged by the mature End-Time prayer movement on behalf of Israel and the Church (Isa 42:10–13; 62:6–7).
5. ***Isaiah 42:23***, ***Isaiah 43:18–19*** and ***Isaiah 60:1–3*** are three passages of Scripture that are the *rhema* word of God for the now.