

12-22-2019 Weekly Messages (Christmas Messages)

Meditation of the week: Psalms 150:1-5

Testimony: Isaiah 9:6-7

Word title: **God's plan for heaven and earth, beginning with the birth of Jesus**

God proclaimed the gospel about the earth to fulfill his plan for it when sin, death, and curse came upon the earth obstructed by the old serpent, Satan.

" And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

(Genesis 3:15).

God intended to send Christ to the world as a woman's seed in human form. He planned to send God, the Creator, who had been with Him since the beginning.

To accomplish this, he called Abram, who was in the land of Babylon in Mesopotamia two thousand years later, and chose his grandson Jacob. He called his name as Israel and chose his people as his spiritual woman. He also chose Judah among his sons, and Joseph among his seed. When the time came, Joseph was engaged with Mary. And the Spirit of God conceived Jesus in Mary's womb before they married. An angel of God appeared to Mary and testified of Jesus being born of her:

" And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God."

31And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS."

32He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

"(Luke 1: 30-33)

As God declared to the serpent six thousand years ago, the woman's seed was finally born into the world in the name of Jesus. He also spoke through his angel that he would be the king over the house of Jacob forever. But in order to be king, he had to resurrect and

remove the sins, death, and all the curses that the serpent brought to the world by bruising the heel of Jesus on the cross by the serpent. Also, through his death and resurrection, he was going to judge the old serpent, Satan, who had been a fake king in the world for four thousand years before he came, and finally He would break the head of the serpent.

The wise men in the east who were spiritually awake at that time, waiting for Jesus to be born as the king, came to see Jesus, born two years later, as the King of the Jews:

" Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. " (Matthew 2: 1-2)

But Herod, the seed of the serpent, and the Jewish rulers with him not only killed all children under two years old to kill Jesus, but also crucified Christ Jesus, who came as the seed of the woman. When he bruised the heel of Jesus on the cross, the Romans put the name of the king of the Jews on the cross to show all the earth that He was the Christ who appeared as the seed of the woman.

God judged the old serpent that has the power of sin and death, by raising Jesus on the third day to fulfill the word he proclaimed to the serpent. But today, two thousand years later, God had delayed the execution of the serpent by bruising the head of the old serpent, the devil. God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ over the past two thousand years so that whosoever believes and receive him may be saved without discrimination whether they are Jews or Gentiles to enter into the kingdom of God. In other word, those who are saved to come out of the sinful world separating them from the world belonging to the spiritual kingdom of God. But God has been showing his grace in the dispensation of the times.

Just as God gave the first man free will in the Garden of Eden to test him whether he would obey the

word of God or follow the temptation of the serpent. Over the past two thousand years God has sent Jesus Christ for the world to believe in his death and resurrection, giving everyone the opportunity to choose whether to enter the kingdom of God or to follow the devil that is still reigning in the world.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God made clear prophecy about Jesus who is to be born into the world in the future:

" For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." Isa 9: 6-7)

Apostle Paul testified of the dispensation of God of the fullness of times, and testified that before the time is too late, all men of the world must make a decision:

" 9Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:" (Ephesians 1: 9-10)

God will move his children into heaven and then judge the world terribly through the Great Tribulation. And at the end of the Great tribulation, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ will imprison the old serpent, the Devil into the bottomless pit for a thousand years. He will then let repentant Jews and Gentiles enter the Millennium Kingdom Christ.

After releasing Satan for a while at the end of the Millennium Kingdom, God will also give free will to the Kingdom people to test whether they will follow

Him or Satan's temptations. After he divides them who will enter the eternal new heavens and the new earth, God will finally accomplish his plan by bruising the head of the old serpent, Satan, as proclaimed in the Garden of Eden:

" And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.

9And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

"(Revelation 20: 7-10).

God will gather the souls of the people who had been born and died in the world before the Great White Throne of God to judge them according to their works before the gospel of Christ's grace was preached. At this time, by casting both death and hell into the lake of fire, Then, finally all the seven thousand years of God's plan will be fulfilled as He said.

Finally, there will be an everlasting new heaven and new earth without Satan, sin, death, and curses. And the eternal dwelling place of the children of God who are the brides of Christ shall come down from heaven:

" And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

"(Revelation 21: 1-2).

Amen! Hallelujah!