

God's Three End Time Purposes 4379

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

