

The Church In Prophecy

The main thing to gather is that the church is planned, and thus also organized, guided and provisioned by the mind of God.

Eph. 3:4-12 “And by referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,
5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;
6 *to be specific*, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,
7 of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God’s grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.
8 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ,
9 and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things;
10 in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*.”

God has an eternal plan that was set up before the foundation of the world, this plan included that work of his Son, the establishment of the church, the inclusion of the gentiles, etc.

It is not a stop-gap measure as some Premillennialists claim, and it is not an unimportant addendum to, or addition to a to a relationship with Christ as some claim.

I. The Promised Messiah

Promise made to Abraham — all nations would be blessed through his seed.

Gen. 12:1-3 “Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you;
2 And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;
3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Christ being preached by the apostles was a part of the promise of God.

Acts 13:32,33 “And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers,
33 that God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, ‘THOU ART MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE.’”

Paul says that Christ was the seed that would bless all mankind, all people, not just the Jews, could take part in the promise God made to Abraham.

Rom. 4:13-17 “For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.
14 For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified;
15 for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there violation.
16 For this reason it is by faith, that it might be in accordance with grace, in order that the promise may be certain to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,
17 (as it is written, “A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU”) in the sight of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.”

II. The Church In Prophecy

A. The Throne (Kingdom) Of David Established Forever

2 Sam. 7:12-16 “When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.
13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.
14 I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,

15 but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

16 And your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.”

Ps. 89:3,4 “I have made a covenant with My chosen; I have sworn to David My servant,

4 I will establish your seed forever, And build up your throne to all generations.”

You only have a throne where a kingdom is, so to set on the throne is to have authority over a kingdom. Jesus to received the throne.

Luke 1:30-33 “And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.

31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.

32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end.”

Jesus arose to set on David's throne.

Acts 2:30,31 “And so, because he was a prophet, and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS UPON HIS THRONE,

31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.”

B. A New Covenant With Israel

Jer. 31:31-34 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them, “declares the LORD.

33 But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

34 And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

One of longest quotes in the New Testament. **Heb. 8:8-12)**

vs. **32 1.)** Covenant will not be like the former one.

vs. **33 2.)** Covenant will be on peoples hearts

vs. **34 3.)** All people shall know the Lord who are a part of the covenant, you must know Him to get in, so we will not have to teach Christians about who God is.

4.) Their sins will be forgiven

C. All Is Right With The World Prophecies

Isa. 2:2-4 “Now it will come about that In the last days, The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it.

3 And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways, And that we may walk in His paths.” For the law will go forth from Zion, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.

5 Come, house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Micah 4:1-7 “And it will come about in the last days That the mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, And the peoples will stream to it.

2 And many nations will come and say, “Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD And to the house of the God of Jacob, That He may teach us about His ways And that we may walk in His paths.” For from Zion will go forth the law, Even the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

3 And He will judge between many peoples And render decisions for mighty, distant nations. Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they train for war.

4 And each of them will sit under his vine And under his fig tree, With no one to make them afraid, For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

5 Though all the peoples walk Each in the name of his god, As for us, we will walk In the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.
 6 “In that day,” declares the LORD, “I will assemble the lame, And gather the outcasts, Even those whom I have afflicted.
 7 I will make the lame a remnant, And the outcasts a strong nation, And the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on and forever.”

There are many, many more. The 4 part statue of Dan. 2, defeated by the stone without hands.

III. Late Prophetic Outburst: “The Kingdom Is NEAR!”

John the Baptist came as the prophecies say to prepare the way for Lord. (**Mal. 4:5,6**)

Matt. 3:2-5 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

3 For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet, saying, “THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!’”

The twelve preached “kingdom at hand” **Matt. 10:7**

The seventy preached “kingdom has come near to you” **Luke 10:9**

Jesus said “Kingdom is at hand” **Matt. 4:17**

Some in the crowd would see the “kingdom come with power” in their lifetime. **Mk. 9:1**
 AND THEY DID AT PENTECOST, 30. A.D.

IV. The Apostles Claim The Church Fulfills The Prophecies

Rom. 1:1-3 “Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,

3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh”

Paul said he the gospel he preached was promised ahead of time by Moses and the prophets.

Acts 26:22,23 “And so, having obtained help from God, I stand to this day testifying both to small and great, stating nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said was going to take place;

23 that the Christ was to suffer, and that by reason of His resurrection from the dead He should be the first to proclaim light both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.””

The gentiles believed and were also brought in, according to prophecy.

Acts 10:40-43 “God raised Him up on the third day, and granted that He should become visible,

41 not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, that is, to us, who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

42 And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

43 Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.””