I. GOD'S BATTLE PLAN

- A. The Bible is not a mystery novel—it's a battle map from the Commander Himself. While the world sees chaos, scripture reveals God's end-time strategy every move planned, every prophecy precise, every victory certain. Those who study it are not spectators of history but soldiers being briefed before the final campaign.
 - 1. "For the Lord has declared the end from the beginning."-Isaiah 46:10
 - a) THE PURPOSE OF BIBLE PROPHECY IS NOT PREDICTION BUT PREPARATION

II. THE PRIMARY THEME OF GODS END TIME PLAN

- A. The primary theme of God's end time plan is the revelation of Jesus' leadership to complete God the Father's redemptive plan. We should study this theme in anticipation to discover the beauty of Jesus and the Father's glorious plan to display His Son's majesty, beauty, splendor, glory, and power before all the world.
 - 1. "1 <u>The Revelation of Jesus Christ</u>, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place."-Rev. 1:1

III. FROM REDEMPTION TO RESTORATION

- A. The bible is a beautiful story of redemption that has a glorious, God ordained prophetic end. The End-Time plan of God brings the story of redemption to its intended goal of what the bible calls "the restoration of all things". (Acts 3:21; Matt 17:11)
- B. The Bible begins with a garden (Eden) and ends with a garden with a city (the New Jerusalem) in the middle filled with the glory and manifest presence of God.
- C. From Genesis to Revelation, the entire biblical narrative is God's plan to redeem, cleanse, and restore His creation from sin's corruption and Satan's rebellion. <u>This has been the constant theme of the Old Testament Prophets and thread through the entire biblical narrative.</u>

1. 20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.-Acts 3:20-21

a) The end-time plan of God is the final act in that process when redemption becomes restoration.

IV. JESUS IS THE ARCHITECT OF GOD'S REDEMPTIVE STORY

- A. The Father designed the plan, but the Son carries it out He is the Logos (Word) through whom redemption is revealed and accomplished.
 - 1. "He is called the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."-Revelation 13:8
 - 2. He is "the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End" -Revelation 22:13
- B. Jesus' death on the cross powerfully secured the redemption of all things and His return will fully manifest what redemption produces, the restoration of all things and the glory of God filling the earth.
 - 1. For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14
 - a) The first coming opened the door of salvation; the second coming fulfills the promise of restoration.

V. LAYING A BIBLICAL FOUNDATION TO OUR UNDERSTANDING

- A. It's important to have a biblical foundation in the Old Testament before we begin to understand God's endtime plan. The New Testament writers, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, were under the assumption that their readers had read the Old Testament.
- B. It is of great importance that we see God's end time events through the lens of the whole biblical narrative. In other words, the events and unique dynamics that will take place at the end of the age is part of God fulfilling His overall glorious story of redemption as has been recorded from Genesis to Revelation.

1. The end of the age events is not the "End" of all things, but a necessary means to the beginning of something, the Kingdom age and the coming of the Father to His restored garden.

VI. SUMMARY OF THE BIBLICAL REDEMPTIVE STORY

A. CREATION (Genesis 1-2)

1. God created the heavens and the earth established His Kingdom on the earth and gave man dominion over it.

B. THE FALL OF MAN (Genesis 3)

1. Man rebelled, breaking fellowship with God and bringing curse, death, and corruption into creation. Man gave up dominion and authority to satan, who is now called the "God of this world"

C. GOD BEGINS THE REDEMPTION THROUGH COVENANT PROMISES

1. NOAHIC COVENANT (Genesis 9)

 God promises to preserve the earth until the restoration of all things.

2. ABRAHAMIC COVENANT (UNCONDITIONAL) (Genesis 12)

- a) A Chosen Nation Israel
- b) A Land Promise
- c) A Promise to bless all the nations through Abraham's seed and the nation of Israel

3. THE MOSAIC COVENANT (CONDITIONAL)(Exodus 19-24)

a) The purpose was to reveal God's holiness and to set the nation of Israel apart from all other nations in order to bring the Messiah, Jesus Christ, to secure full redemption (man and creation) and restore all things.

4. DAVIDIC COVENANT (UNCONDITIONAL)(2 Samuel 7)

 a) God promised David an everlasting dynasty — a throne that would be established forever. Fulfilled ultimately in Jesus, the Son of David, who will reign eternally as King on the throne of David from Jerusalem. (1) "Your house and your kingdom shall be

7:16

5. NEW COVENANT (Jeremiah 31)

a) God promises complete forgiveness and the removal of guilt through Jesus' sacrifice, the ability to have a personal relationship with God for eternity on a restored earth.

established forever before Me." — 2 Samuel

D. JESUS' FIRST COMING AND DEATH

1. Jesus' death on the cross secured the plan of redemption by defeating sin, death, the grave, and satan, taking back all that was lost in the garden.

E. THE GOSPEL AND THE GREAT COMMISSION

 The Gospel and the Great Commission forms the bridge between the finished work of the cross and the coming restoration of all things. It is the invitation to the nations into the redemptive story.

F. THE CHURCH

- 1. God's primary vehicles and means to carry His redemptive message and victory to its global fulfillment.
- 2. This is the primary message of the story of redemption that invites the nations into the story.
 - a) 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.-Mt. 24:14

G. THE END TIME PLAN OF GOD

- 1. As part of the redemptive story, God will allow both evil and light to come into its fullness to accomplish His glorious story.
- 2. God will allow sin to come to its fullness along with the rise of the Harlot Babylon, and Antichrist and his empire to take power over the earth in order to set the earth up for God's righteous

judgements and to bring final justice and completion of the redemptive story.

- a) For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.-Is. 60:2
- b) "For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled."— Revelation 17:17
- c) 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn." -Mt. 13:30

VII. GOD'S ENDTIME EVENTS ARE A MEANS TO PREPARE FOR RESTORATION

- A. God's end time judgments will be redemptive, purifying, and preparatory, removing everything that hinders love so that creation can be made new.
- B. Before God can restore creation, He must confront everything that destroys it including sin, pride, rebellion, and evil systems that corrupt humanity.

C. THE GREAT TRIBULATION WILL CONSIST OF FOUR FORMS OF JUDGMENT

- a) God's wrath against the rebellious (Rev. 6:16-17; 19:5)
- **b)** Satan's rage as he persecuted the saints through the Antichrist's reign and terror (Rev 12:12)
- c) Man's sins toward one another(Rev 9:21) Murder, sorcery, sexual immorality, theft
- **d)** Creation's increasing groans through earthquakes, pestilences, storms, and violent weather patterns. (Luke 21:25-28)

VIII. GOD'S SEVENFOLD PURPOSE AT THE END OF THE AGE

A. REVEAL JESUS' BEAUTY AS BRIDEGROOM, KING, AND JUDGE

- 1. God the Father has a beautiful plan to put His Son's beauty and glory on a global stage.
 - a) "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."-Ps 2:6

b) 7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the

earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.-Rev. 1:7

c) On that day the Branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious;-Is. 4:2

B. PURIFY HIS CHURCH

- 1. God the Father will use the pressures, and darkness of the end of the age to purify, cleanse, prepare, and put a longing in His church for the return of Jesus.
 - a) "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver;-Malachi 3:2-3
 - b) <u>"Many shall be purified, made white, and refined,</u> but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand."-Dan 12:10
 - c) 7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and <u>His wife has made herself ready."</u>-Rev. 19:7

C. BRING IN THE LAST GLOBAL HARVEST

- 1. The great global harvest at the end of the age is one of the most glorious climaxes of God's redemptive plan. Scripture shows that this end-time harvest will be caused by a divine convergence of several powerful movements of God including the fulfilling of the great commission by His church, along with the 144, 000 jewish evangelists that will be proclaiming the gospel during the last 3.5 years of this current age. (Matt 28:16-20) (Rev. 7:4 & Rev. 14:4)
 - a) blindness in part has happened to Israel <u>until the fullness of</u> the Gentiles has come in.-Rom. 11:25

- 2. 9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb,-Rev. 7:9
- 3. "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." 16 So He who sat on the cloud thrust His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.-Rev. 14:15-16

D. RESTORE AND SAVE NATIONAL ISRAEL

- 1. Paul explains in Romans 11 that Israel's rejection of Jesus was not final but part of God's redemptive strategy to bring salvation to the Gentiles.
 - a) "A partial hardening has come upon Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. <u>And so all Israel</u> will be saved." Romans 11:25–26
 - b) "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."-Rom 11:26-27
 - c) "In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.-Zech 13:1

E. JUDGE EVIL AND REMOVE REBELLION

- 1. God must, and will bring final justice to the earth in order to make every wrong thing right, and to remove every thing that is contrary to His love.
 - a) "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."-Jude 14 (Revelation 19:11-21)

F. REPLACE THE KINGDOMS OF THE EARTH WITH HIS ETERNAL KINGDOM

- Jesus will replace them because they are built on rebellion and cannot be reformed — only redeemed and replaced by His perfect leadership.
 - a) "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"-Rev 11:15

G. **RESTORE ALL THINGS**

- "The restoration of all things", describes the final phase of God's redemptive plan — the moment when everything lost through sin is healed, renewed, and brought back under God's perfect order through Jesus Christ.
 - a) 20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive <u>until the times of</u> <u>restoration of all things</u>, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. -Acts 3:20-21

H. WELCOME THE FATHER BACK TO HIS GARDEN

- God's redemptive story culminates with the Father Himself dwelling on the earth with redeemed humanity, in perfect union and love forever.
- 2. From the very beginning, God's heart was to live among His people not to remain distant in heaven. Eden was not just a garden, it was a dwelling place, a sanctuary where God and man walked together.
 - a) 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.-1 Corinthians 15:24-28

b) "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.-Revelation 21:3