

Theme: History is overseen by God, Who is bringing all things to pass according to His eternal Sovereign will and plan.

## I. Intro – Does History Have A Point?

- A. Where is history moving? Is it moving?
- B. The cyclic view of history; Allen quote
- C. Is there a plan? Is God at work?

## II. The Supremacy of God (v9)

- A. God is the only God (v9a)
- B. God is unique in the universe (v9b)
- C. This was what we saw last week

## III. God's Eternal Plan (v10-11)

- A. God makes the future known (v10a,b)
  - 1. He makes known the end from beginning
  - 2. He makes known past and future
  - 3. This is part of omniscience
- B. God has a purpose in history (v10c)
  - 1. This is more than just knowing future
  - 2. God has a purpose – a plan
  - 3. Psalm 33:11; Is 14:24, 26

## C. God's plan is eternal - not reactive (v10d)

- 1. v10d (please); Eph 3:10-11; 2 Tim 1:9
- 2. An eternal plan – not one reacting to present

## D. God's plan is realized in actual historical events (v11)

- 1. v11; Isa 14:24-26 – real major events
- 2. Is 22:11; Psa 139:15-16 – small; individual

## E. God's plan is effective – it will happen (v10-11)

- 1. v10-11; Isa 14:24, 27; Prov 19:21; 21:1,30
- 2. God **will** accomplish His plan

## F. God's plan – His glory, through Christ, His people

- 1. Isa 48:9,11; Eph 1:9-10,11-12; 3:10-11; v13
- 2. Purpose statement

## IV. Application – Responding to God's Plan

### A. Don't become fatalistic (Deut 29:29)

- 1. We don't know particulars – secret things (Dt 29:29)
- 2. This is beyond us – but not God!
- 3. We are responsible to seek God & act

### B. Have faith – God is in control!

1. God is working out His purpose
  2. Sometimes we can't see – but God does
  3. The story of Joseph – Gen 50:20
- C. Renew our covenant to follow God
1. We do know some things – Deut 29:29
  2. We must line up with God's revealed will
  3. Are we living for God's glory through Christ & His people?
  4. Ask God to strengthen you to follow

### God's Eternal Plan

Isaiah 46:8-13  
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Hebrews 13:20-21

[The universe is] *haphazard, morally neutral and unimaginably violent.* –  
From September, by Woody Allen

11 But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. Psalm 33:11

The LORD Almighty has sworn, "Surely, **as I have planned**, so it will be, and **as I have purposed**, so it will stand. 26 This is **the plan determined for the whole world**; this is the hand stretched out over all nations. Is 14:24, 26

10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11 according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. Ephesians 3:10-11

9 who has saved us and called us to a holy life-- not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 2 Timothy 1:9

The LORD Almighty has sworn, "Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand. 25 **I will crush the Assyrian in my land; on my mountains I will trample him down. His yoke will be taken from my people, and his burden removed from their shoulders.**" 26 **This is the plan determined for the whole world; this is the hand stretched out over all nations.** Isaiah 14:24-26

11 You built a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the Old Pool, but you did not look to the One who made it, **or have regard for the One who planned it long ago.** Isaiah 22:11

15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, 16 your eyes saw my unformed body. **All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.** Psalm 139:15-16

24 The LORD Almighty has sworn, "Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand... 27 For the LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back? Isaiah 14:24, 27

21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21

1 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases.... 30 There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the LORD. Proverbs 21:1, 30

9 **For my own name's sake** I delay my wrath; **for the sake of my praise** I hold it back from you, so as not to cut you off... 11 **For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this.** How can I let myself be defamed? **I will not yield my glory to another.** Isaiah 48:9, 11

9 And he made known to us the mystery of **his will** according to **his good pleasure**, which **he purposed in Christ**, 10 to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment-- **to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.** Ephesians 1:9-10

11 **In him** we were also chosen, having been predestined **according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will**, 12 in order that we, who were the first to hope **in Christ**, might be for **the praise of his glory.** Ephesians 1:11-12

10 **His intent** was that now, **through the church**, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11 **according to his eternal purpose** which he accomplished in **Christ Jesus our Lord.** Ephesians 3:10-11

The eternal purpose of God is to bring glory to Himself through the Person and work of Christ, as He creates and redeems a people for Himself.

29 The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law. Deuteronomy 29:29

20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. Genesis 50:20

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