

# GOD has ABSOLUTE CONTROL



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Then Job replied to the Lord: **"I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted"** (Job 42:1-2).

**"Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases"** (Psalm 115:3).

"Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, **'My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure'**" (Isaiah 46:10).

"And all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, but **He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth; and no one can ward off His hand or say to Him, 'What hast Thou done?'**" (Daniel 4:35)

"There is **no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the LORD**" (Proverbs 21:30).

"For the LORD Almighty has purposed, and **who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?**" (Isaiah 14:27)

"Devise your strategy, **but it will be thwarted**; propose your plan, **but it will not stand**... The LORD Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, He is the one you are to fear, He is the one you are to dread" (Isaiah 8:10,13).

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**God has a plan—for mankind.** Nothing mankind can do will thwart His plan. All the misconceptions, misinformation and disinformation about God will not alter or impact His plan. People who do not believe in His existence will experience a rude awakening in due time, but their disbelief does not change God’s plan. The self-determination, self-reliance, self-glorification of the arrogant and lofty minded cannot come close to touching God’s plan.

God’s purpose for mankind is simple. He is working to teach all people His way of love. Those who refuse to live in peace and love will not enter into His kingdom but will die.

In this evil age, the bad guys are not winning. Rather, an elect is being trained in these harsh conditions to test and perfect their love for God and Christ. In addition, God’s chosen people who comprise of two houses: Judah and Israel have been and continue to be corrected, as their obedience to God (the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) is often superficial and their understanding of the way of God is tainted with pagan falsehood and traditions of men. All peoples from all nations are included in God’s plan and they will continue to be corrected, until they all come to know God.

#### **GOD’S PEOPLE WILL BE THE FIRST TO BE CORRECTED.**

**O HOUSE OF ISRAEL:** “Since the days of Gibeah, you have sinned, O Israel, and there you have remained. Did not war overtake the evildoers in Gibeah? **When I please, I will punish you; nations** [note: more than just one nation] will be gathered against you to put you in bonds for your **double sin**” (Hosea 10:9-10).

The house of Israel was taken into captivity in 721 B.C. by the Assyrians for their sins against God. 21<sup>st</sup> century Israel will be taken into captivity by nations [plural] for their sins against God. They have forgotten their God. Their leaders have become drenched in corruption, lies and deceit, theft, and military abuse at every level. “You have planted wickedness, you have reaped evil, you have eaten the fruit of deception. Because you have depended on your own strength and on your many warriors, the roar of battle will rise against your people, so that all your fortresses will be devastated” (Hosea 10:13-14).

#### **O HOUSE OF JUDAH:**

**“I am raising up the Babylonians,** that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling places not their own” (Habakkuk 1:6).

“Cut down the trees and build siege ramps against Jerusalem. **This city must be punished; it is filled with oppression...** Take warning, O Jerusalem, or I will turn away from you and make your land desolate so no one can live in it” (Jeremiah 6:6,8).

“To whom can I speak and give warning? Who will listen to me? Their ears are closed so they cannot hear. **The word of the LORD is offensive to them; they find no pleasure in it...** Their houses will be turned over to others... From the least to the greatest, **all are greedy for gain;** prophets and priests alike, **all practice deceit.** They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. ‘Peace,

peace' they say, when there is no peace... They will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when **I punish them**" (Jeremiah 6:10, 13-14, 15).

**Punishment is coming to both houses of 21<sup>st</sup> century Israel: Israel and Judah for their sins against God.** God's way is one of love, but today people have fallen deep into corruption, lies, deceit, and wickedness of all sorts.

The house of Judah was at one time a faithful people, but today they too, have fallen away from God. "I gave faithless Israel her certificate of divorce and sent her away because of all her adulteries. Yet I saw that her **unfaithful sister Judah** had no fear; she also went out and committed adultery... In spite of all this, **her unfaithful sister Judah did not return to me with all her heart, but only in pretense,**' declares the LORD... Faithless Israel is more righteous than unfaithful Judah" (Jeremiah 7-11).

#### **GOD WILL PUNISH THE REBEL NATIONS OF THE WORLD.**

**O BABYLON:** "See, **I will stir up the spirit of a destroyer against Babylon** and the people of Leb Kamai. I will send foreigners to Babylon to winnow her and to devastate her land; they will oppose her on every side in the day of her disaster" (Jeremiah 51:1-2).

**O KING OF ASSYRIA:** "**Nothing can heal your wound; your injury is fatal.** Everyone who hears the news about you claps his hands at your fall, for who has not felt your endless cruelty?" (Nahum 3:19).

**O NATIONS:** "**I have cut off nations;** their strongholds are demolished. **I have left their streets** deserted, with on one passing through. Their cities are destroyed; no one will be left—no one at all. I said to the city, 'Surely you will fear me and accept correction!'... But they were still eager to act corruptly in all they did. 'Therefore, wait for me, for the day I will stand up and testify. **I have decided to assemble the nations,** to gather the kingdoms and to pour out my wrath on them—all my fierce anger. The whole world will be consumed by the fire of my jealous anger. Then will I purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD and serve him should to shoulder" (Zephaniah 3:6-9).

"**The LORD is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it;** he will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants—it will be the same for priest as for people, for master as for servant, for mistress as for maid, for seller as for buyer, for borrower as for lender, for debtor as for creditor. The earth will be completely laid waste and totally plundered. **The LORD has spoken this word**" (Isaiah 24:1-3).

**To the people of the world,** there is only one God, our creator; He is the Almighty God. **Respect and fear Him.** "You believe that there is one God. Good! **Even the demons believe that—and shudder**" (James 2:9).

Who is mortal man that they do not believe in their Creator, ignoring the marvels of design and baffling science woven into the wonder of creation? Man's ignorance is nothing but his hostile, carnal spirit in rebellion against God. It is the plan of our enemies to totally destroy us. They are fiercely jealous and will not stop their malicious attack until every man, woman, and child is

destroyed. “For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but **against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places**” (Ephesians 6:12).

**GOD, OUR CREATOR IS ALMIGHTY.** Our enemies are no match! “I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, **who foils the signs of false prophets and makes fools of diviners, who overthrows the learning of the wise and turns it into nonsense**” (Isaiah 44:24-25).

It is time. Humble yourself today, this day and turn to the Almighty God in reverence and awe. There is none like Him. He is perfect righteousness and He waits for our return patiently, suffering long. His arms are out-stretched. His government is transparent. “Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants” (Amos 3:7-8).

He created us to be part of His royal ruling family. It is this great honor that boils the blood of our enemies. “But to all who did receive Him, to those **who believed in His name**, He gave **the right to become children of God**” (John 1:2) and “Now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. **You are all sons of God** through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ” (Galatians 3:25-27).

**“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!** And that is what we are!” (1 John 3:1)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. **Trust in God; trust also in me.** In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you” (John 14:1-2).

**To mortal man, waste no more time.** “When he came to his senses, he said... **‘I will set out and go back to my father’**” (Luke 15:17).

Our Creator loves us; **His will is absolute!** Awaken from the spell cast by our enemies who stir up anger among us, who keep us distracted from our calling, who honor pride and arrogance. Humble yourselves for **it is our Creator’s greatest desire to give us eternal life with Him.** “So, don’t be afraid, little flock. For it gives your **Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom**” (Luke 12:32).

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