James #75

Rejection of your true relationship with Christ brings misery for a Believer.

We will open in the OT – open in Isaiah chapter 14 today RF.

We are currently embarking upon a deep study of the Divine Decree in relation to fully understanding the plan of GOD.

/The plan of God and the Divine decree did not oppose or manipulate human freedom, but once a choice is made from your free will by faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, that means that the function of the decree does slightly limit your free will after salvation. You agreed to participate in the plan of God. So limited choices as well as self-induced misery, or even discipline are part of the yoke you agreed to.\

It does not matter if it is an Unbel or a Bel, a loser Bel, or winner Bel - each day we make decisions for or against the plan of God.

The big lie of the cosmic system is that you can live happily independent from the plan and purpose of God with no consequences.

This is the Divine Creator of the universe, the ONE who created the stars of the sky, the roaring oceans…the very oxygen you breath came from HIS grand design.

So, the fact is - we all operate within HIS guidelines and HIS framework of plans and functions.

The hard truth is, we all operate within a framework of limitations within our own freedom and choices.

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To claim GOD is then interfering with your free will because there may be a consequence or limitation is arrogance and childish.

/Isa 44:24 **This is what the LORD says,** *He who is* your Redeemer, and the One who formed you from the womb: “**I, the LORD, am the Maker of all things**, Stretching out the heavens by Myself And spreading out the earth alone,\

GOD did not have to create anything or anyone!

So, when studying HIS plan like this and accepting the fact that free will does have a framework, or limitations and consequences, remember these types of verses;

/Isa 64:8 But now, LORD, You are our Father; **We are the clay**, and You our potter, And **all of us are the work of Your hand**.

Rom 9:20 On the contrary, **who are you, you *foolish* person, who answers back to God?** The thing molded will not say to the molder, **“Why did you make me like this,” will it?**

 (Isa 29:16, Isa 45:9, Jer 18:4-6) \

The principle is that everyone is under some form of guidelines, limitations and consequences…we all have a yoke or burden of this world.

/Mat 11:30 “For My yoke is comfortable, and My burden is light.”

The Bel has now agreed to participate in God’s plan which means certain avenues should be chosen, or certain limitations and consequences may fall upon them.\

For the Unbel they have a yoke under Satan’s cosmic system. A system where they fool themselves into thinking they are completely free from consequences and limitations.

For The Christian there is a limitation and yoke upon you, but it is no longer the one in Satan’s system. By the same token Christians are given 40 grace gifts, spiritual power and eternal security. They are in union with Christ forever.

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The Unbel has an everlasting torment they are headed into. They now live in a system, which will deceive them and confuse them right into the bitter end of physical life as they know it.

/The Christian will have true inner happiness, yet they must choose to function under the Grace Apparatus of Perception (GAP/ 2 power options). Rejection of the true relationship with Christ (GAP) means misery for that Bel. Once you believe in Christ the divine decree does have a limitation on you. That limit is found in Bible doctrine and filling power of the HS. Refusing that limitation begins a journey into misery and confusion.\

Rebellious children get discipline.

The sooner you reach levels of spiritual maturity the sooner God is free to benefit you to the maximum, releasing blessings and rewards already reserved in your name.

Upon the point of reaching the super-grace life, then God is legally free to give you maximum blessing.

/Jer 29:11 For **I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans for prosperity and not for disaster**, to give you a future and a hope. 12 ‘Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, **and I will listen to you**.\

The Unbel in this temporal world does not have this luxury, they do not have any access to divine power.

But again, notice the stipulation or limitation;

/[Jer 29:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jer/29/13/s_774013) ‘And **you will seek Me and find *Me*** when **you search for Me with all your heart**.

Your free will most adhere to God’s plan and purpose as a relationship. You have the option to reject, yet that will have a consequence at some point.\

Free will does not exclude anyone from consequences or natural laws and the natural order of this world.

Just as free will has spiritual limitations and spiritual consequences.

Now as many of you know Isaiah began his ministry before the Assyrians began their assault on Israel. Which means Isaiah was around well over 100 years before the Babylonian military marched into Israeli territory.

Much of his prophecy, certainly in this chapter, speaks to a near future set of events.

Followed by a prophecy thousands of years away from that historic point. Because there are layers in many OT prophecies, often layers, that point us ahead into the Tribulation and then the Millennial reign of Christ on earth.

It is very similar to the statement we often use today – *history repeats itself*.

Except, when we look at the end times, that history repeating itself is on a grand scale of a world-wide event, not a regional territory in the middle east.

This is all prophetic about the enemies of Israel, it is a highlight also about how GOD uses wicked leaders and enemy nations to discipline HIS people as well as reveal HIS perfect plan.

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/Isa 14:24 **The LORD of armies** (*Yᵊhōvâ ṣāḇā')* has sworn, saying, “Certainly, just as **I have intended**, so it has happened, and just **as I have planned**, so it will stand,

The LORD of hosts (military might), the true GOD of warfare and military victory. Has already intended (planned and decreed) to follow through with HIS plan of eternity past.\

YAH-HOVAH SA-BAH, this term is used over 200x in the OT. Telling us part of God’s plan and decree points to heated warfare. It means the leader of an organized army.

Or *Adonia SEV-OTT*, either version is found hundreds of times in the OT.

Not only warfare in the natural but also spiritual warfare.

LORD or GOD of angelic armies.

/Throughout the Bible, the concept of the “*Lord of Armies*” serves to remind Believers of God’s supremacy over all forces, both seen and unseen. It reassures them of His protection, provision, and ultimate triumph over evil. As the Lord of Armies, God commands angelic hosts and earthly powers, ensuring that His divine plan and purposes are fulfilled.\

This was all calculated into the Divine Decree.

This may be difficult to digest for liberal Christians, but GOD has approved of, and even participates in combat and killing through warfare or law enforcement entities.

There is a difference between murder and killing in self-defense, or killing within law enforcement and combat.

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The nation of Israel had often trusted foreign leaders to help them instead of YAHWEH.

In this case, the southern tribe of Judah is highlighted here as being under the thumb of Assyrian dominance.

Both tribes often fell under the yoke or burden of a wicked enemy. As I already taught you all people are under a burden or yoke of one system or another.

/[Isa 14:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/14/25/s_693025) to break Assyria in My land, and I will trample him on My mountains. **Then his yoke will be removed from them, and his burden removed from their shoulders**.

Within God’s plan the avenues or choices of our free will have limitations. There is a definitive line in the sand, one is God’s plan and HIS purpose, the other is a satanic system.\

God allows, through HIS permissive will, for enemies to be used to wake up HIS people, to discipline them and even to assist in the fulfillment of the Divine Decree.

In a time of warfare you use all available sources to accomplish the victory.

/God fulfilled this portion of the prophecy in a powerfully fashion, when the Assyrians invaded Judah. [2 Kings 19:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/2ki/19/35/s_332035) describes how God simply sent the angel of the LORD and killed 185,000 Assyrians in one night. When the people woke up, there were 185,000 dead Assyrian soldiers. A crippling blow physically and mentally to this mighty army.\

God’s plan does not depend on how human feelings and human viewpoint will react or even lash out.

HE is the sovereign Creator of the whole universe. You are free to disagree and even curse GOD, but I can tell you, it will in no way stop HIS purpose and HIS plan from coming to fruition.

The Bible is woven deeply with military analogies, military examples and even the angels themselves are referenced in military style terminologies and typologies.

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GOD is very pro-military, HIS is a God of law and order.

/[Isa 14:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/14/26/s_693026) “**This is the plan devised against the entire earth**; and this is the hand that is stretched out **against all the nations.**

This will be repeated on a grand scale at the 2nd Advent of Christ (Zec 14:1-4, Mic 1:3-4, Nah 1:5, Hab 3:6, Rev 19:14-15).\

It is very interesting that in the plan of God, whenever there is a judgment coming, there is always a set calculation and time period for the nation or a singular individual to turn back toward GOD using their free will.

God has offered and calculated in HIS plan an escape route or an alternate decision when judgment is about to strike.

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/God operates from a place of long suffering and allowance for many failures and opportunities. Yet there is always a definitive beginning, a middle and an end to this temporal system we live in. Because HE is justice and righteousness HE can never allow an open-ended conflict, or an unresolved legal process. There has to be a fair and just end and finality to HIS purpose and plan.\

This is never dependent upon human or angelic viewpoint or effort.

It is dependent upon HIS omnipotence, HIS justice, HIS omniscience and HIS righteousness.

/[Isa 14:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/14/27/s_693027) “**For the LORD of armies has planned, and who can frustrate *it*** *(pārar)?* And as for **His stretched-out hand,** who can turn it back?”

Even within the worse war scenario we may witness, GOD has allowed (permissive) or ordained (perfect) it to happen for the fulfillment of the plan.\

PAR-RAY-ETH, means you can never stop or legally dissolve or break something.

We will close this today in Psalms 32, which is where we open up next message.

The term today for this Hebrew word PAR-RAY-ETH, would be –

*there is no turning back once it was legally decreed.* It will not be stopped, nor will it be changed even within the slightest margin.

The gavel of the judge has been dropped, the legal sentence has already decreed.

The outstretched HAND of God speaks to the past tense - this has been completed and set into a legal decree in eternity past.

In closing, let me just read Psalms 32 to prepare us for the next part of this series.

Psalms 32 opens with a call for rebound.

We will look into this next message but let us look at this key section of the chapter in closing;

/Psa 32:8 **I will instruct you** and teach you in the way which you should go; **I will advise you with My eye upon you.**

The Christian is either walking in the plan or walking within a cosmic system counterfeit. Your guidance (instruction) is only found within the two power options.\

[Psa 32:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/32/9/s_510009) Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding,Whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check,*Otherwise* they will not come near to you.

There comes a point in our spiritual walk where GOD expects us to peel away from the immaturity and stubbornness of our OSN.

[Psa 32:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/32/10/s_510010) The sorrows of the wicked are many,But the one who trusts in the LORD, goodness will surround him.

The Christian who rejects growing into a serious relationship with Christ will find misery and confusion.

[Psa 32:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/32/11/s_510011) Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous ones;And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.