

God's Eternal Purpose and Plan: Lesson 9

Recap: From the birth of sin and death, which elicited God's promise of a monumental struggle leading redemption - to the murder of Abel by his brother Cain - to the mingling of the godly seed line with the earthly seed line leading to the destruction of the world – to the covenant with Abraham and his seed through Isaac – to the rescue, by Joseph, from famine in the wilderness – to the redemption from slavery in Egypt and the covenant mediated by Moses – to the land of promise – to the beginning of the Kingdom in Jerusalem with God's promise to David's seed line – to the repeated narrow escape of that seed line, especially with the Hezekiah / Manasseh generation.

DISCUSSION:

1. The irony of God accepting the earthly kingdom scenario.
2. What happened to that kingdom?

Moving on: The Kingdom Disappears.

What happened to the Davidic Seed line?

The diaspora did not end it. (Matthew 1)

The prophetic word kept the promise alive: Isaiah 9:6–7; Jeremiah 23:5–6; Micah 5:2.

Daniel's prophecies gave that hope a historical framework: Daniel 2:31–45

Israel began to recognize that they needed a messiah / king. (Luke 2:25-38)

Satan still sought victory:

When Haman sought to annihilate the Jewish population Esther became an instrument of God's providence – Esther 4:14

When Herod slaughtered infants to eliminate the one born as king of the Jews God sent an angel to warn Joseph- Matthew 2:13-18

When Satan launched a withering attack on Jesus personally, God's Word defeated him – Matthew 4:1-11

Satan's grand finale was the execution of Jesus, demanded by his own people but deliberately planned by His Father. (Acts 2:23; 3:14,15; 13:16-31) as was His resurrection. HE IS ALIVE! “ I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades”. (Revelation 1:18)

Next Week: What happened to the church and what are the implications for us today?