

The Mystery of God: Fulfillment of God's Eternal Plan of Salvation

**** Creation #3: Ephesians 2:10 ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath ***before ordained*** that we should walk in them. ****

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Ephesians 3:1-10

¹ For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, ² If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: ³ How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, ⁴ Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) ⁵ Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; ⁶ That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: ⁷ Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. ⁸ Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; ⁹ And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: ¹⁰ To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, ¹¹ **According to the ****eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord****:**

Isaiah 42:1-6

Isaiah 49:1-6

Isaiah 62:1-2

Isaiah 42:1-6

¹ **Behold my servant**, whom I uphold; **mine elect**, in whom my soul delights; **I have put my spirit upon him: He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.** ² He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. ³ A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. ⁴ **He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles [*Islands/Gentiles*] shall wait for His law.** ⁵ Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: ⁶ **I the Lord have called you in righteousness**, and will hold your hand, and will keep you, and **give you for a covenant of the people [Israel], for a light of the Gentiles.**

- The Messiah/Savior and the Gentiles [**Prophet Isaiah**]
 - 42:1 – 1) God’s elect 2) God puts His Spirit Upon Him
 - 3) **He/Messiah shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles**
 - 42:4 - ***The Isles[*Islands/Gentiles*] shall wait for His Law/Law of the Messiah/Anointed One/Christ**
 - 42:6 – God will call in righteousness [vs. covenant of The Law]
 - Covenant of the people [**Israel**]
 - Provide a “***Light of/for the Gentiles***”

Isaiah 49:1-6

¹ Listen, **O isles [*Islands/Gentiles*]**, unto Me; and hearken, **you people, from far [*People From Far/Gentiles*]**; The Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name. ² And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me; ³ And said unto me, **You are my servant, O Israel**, in whom I will be glorified. ⁴ Then I said, I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God. ⁵ And now, says the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring **Jacob** again to Him, Though **Israel** be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be my strength. ⁶ And he said, It is a light thing that thou should be my servant to **raise up the tribes of Jacob**, and to **restore the preserved of Israel**: **I will also give you for a *light to the Gentiles***, **that you may be my salvation unto the *end of the earth***.

- The Messiah/Savior and the Gentiles [**Prophet Isaiah**]
 - 49:1 – 1) Listen **Isles [*Islands/Gentiles*]** 2) **People From Far [*Gentiles*]**
 - 49:6 – God will 1) **raise up the tribes of Jacob** 2) **restore the preserved of Israel**
 - *** 3) **Provide a *light to/for the Gentiles***, **that you may be my SALVATION unto the *end of the earth* [*End of the Earth/Gentiles*]**.

Isaiah 62:1-2

¹ For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

² And the Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name.

The Eternal Plan of God → “The Gospel”

- **1st Mention: Seed of the Woman – bruises the head of the seed**
 - **Genesis 3:15 – After Mankind (Adam & Eve lost Eternal Life)**
- **2nd Mention: Bless, Save and Redeem “All Families” of the earth**
 - **Genesis 12:3 – Promise to Abram/Abraham and his Promised Seed**
- **God preached “The Gospel” to Abraham**
 - **Galatians 3:8 – The Scripture (Genesis 12:3)**
 - **Foresaw and Foretold the God would**
 - **1) Justify the Heathen**
 - **2) Preached before [Foreordination] “The Gospel to Abraham”**
 - **3) All Nations will be Blessed/Saved/Redeemed**
 - **Through the former Heathen → Abraham**
 - **Joshua 24:2; 24:15 →**
 - **The fathers of the Hebrew Nation/Israel in “old time” served “other gods” on the other side of the River**
 - **Terah – the father of Abraham and Nahor**

“The Mystery of God” - Ephesian 3:6 (3:1-6)

- **Revealed to Paul, the NT Apostles and Prophets by the Holy Spirit – “As not made known to the sons of men in other ages/times/dispensations” [3:-6]**
 - **God’s plan to “Save/Redeem” Gentiles was made known to the prophets**
 - **Isaiah 42:1-6**
 - **Isaiah 49:1-6**
 - **Isaiah 62:1-2**
 - **Fulfilled Acts 11:26 → “God’s people called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord would name”**
 - **Other OT passages referencing saving/redeeming/adding Gentiles to the Kingdom of God**
 - **New Testament Prophets**
 - **Acts 13:1-2**
 - **Luke 11:49; 1 Corinthians 12:28-29; Ephesians 4:11**

The Gospel: What Is The Gospel?

- **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**
 - **Death, Burial and Resurrection of Christ [Only?]**
- **Gen. 12:3; Gal. 3:8**
 - **+ God's Plan to Save All Families/Nations [Heathens]**
 - **All Families of the Earth (Gen. 12:3)**
 - **All Nations (Gal. 3:8)**

The Gospel: *To save all Heathen Nations through Faith (In Christ Jesus)*

- **Galatians 3:8 ⁸ And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In you shall all nations be blessed.**
 - **The Scripture: Genesis 12:3**
 - **Foresaw, Foretold**
 - **God would Justify/Save/Redeem "The Heathen"**
 - **In Abraham "All Nations" shall be blessed/Saved**
 - **Preached "before" the gospel unto Abraham**
 - **The Plan to Save All Nations/Heathens/Families of the Earth**
 - **Was "Revealed to Abraham" in the Patriarchal/First Creation Covenantal Time Perio**
- ***Synopsis/Summary: The Gospel Message Includes***
 - **1) Death, Burial, Resurrection**
 - **2) *Saving all Heathen Nations – through Faith**
 - **Beginning with Heathen Abraham**
- **The Law vs. Faith in Christ: Galatians 3**

Galatians 3:7-14

⁷ Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

⁸ And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In you shall all nations be blessed.

⁹ So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continues not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

¹¹ But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

¹² And the law is not of faith: but, The man that does them shall live in them.

¹³ Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree:

¹⁴ That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

- 3:11 No Man Is Justified by “The Law” in the sight of God
 - The Just shall live by “Faith”
- 3:12 “The Law” is Not of Faith
 - 3:14 “The Blessing of Abraham” and “Promise of the Spirit”
 - Come on the Gentiles; Through Jesus Christ; Through Faith