



What is God Doing on the Earth Today?
Sunday December 29, 2024

God has a plan for the ages which He is unfolding in the earth today.

Let us consider briefly what God's plan is and what He is doing on the earth in relation to:

- A, the Church
- B, Israel
- C, the world

WHAT IS GOD DOING WITH THE CHURCH?

CEV = Contemporary English Version

Ephesians 5:26-27 (CEV)

26 He made the church holy by the power of his word, and he made it pure by washing it with water.

27 Christ did this, so that he would have a glorious and holy church, without faults or spots or wrinkles or any other flaws.

God is at work in the Church by His Word and His Spirit. He is making us a holy church and a glorious church (a church full of His glory) manifesting and demonstrating His glory.

The glory of God is an expression of who God is, and what He does. The church will be in a place expressing the glory of God.

WHAT IS GOD DOING WITH ISRAEL?

Romans 11:15,25-26 (CEV)

15 When Israel rejected God, the rest of the people in the world were able to turn to him. So when God makes friends with Israel, it will be like bringing the dead back to life.

25 My friends, I don't want you Gentiles to be too proud of yourselves. So I will explain the mystery of what has happened to the people of Israel. Some of them have become stubborn, and they will stay like that until the complete number of you Gentiles has come in.



26 In this way all of Israel will be saved, as the Scriptures say, "From Zion someone will come to rescue us. Then Jacob's descendants will stop being evil.

God has not given up on Israel as the apostle Paul explains in Romans 11. At this present time, Israel is in a spiritual place where, as a people they have rejected God and in a place of stubborn rejection of the Messiah. During this time, God is gathering in the rest of the world (the Gentiles). When the time of the Gentiles comes to an end, God will turn His attention to Israel. He will "make friends with Israel" and move upon them once again for their salvation. Israel will see God's mighty work for their salvation, through Jesus Christ. This will take place during the seven years of tribulation and climax with God's great deliverance for Israel and a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Israel as a nation (Zechariah 12:1-10; Ezekiel 39:29).

WHAT IS GOD DOING WITH PEOPLE IN THE WORLD?

2 Peter 3:1-9 (CEV)

1 My dear friends, this is the second letter I have written to encourage you to do some honest thinking. I don't want you to forget

2 what God's prophets said would happen. You must never forget what the holy prophets taught in the past. And you must remember what the apostles told you our Lord and Savior has commanded us to do.

3 But first you must realize that in the last days some people won't think about anything except their own selfish desires. They will make fun of you

4 and say, "Didn't your Lord promise to come back? Yet the first leaders have already died, and the world hasn't changed a bit."

5 They will say this because they want to forget that long ago the heavens and the earth were made at God's command. The earth came out of water and was made from water.

6 Later it was destroyed by the waters of a mighty flood.

7 But God has commanded the present heavens and earth to remain until the day of judgment. Then they will be set on fire, and ungodly people will be destroyed.

8 Dear friends, don't forget that for the Lord one day is the same as a thousand years, and a thousand years is the same as one day.

9 The Lord isn't slow about keeping his promises, as some people think he is. In fact, God is patient, because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost.

God is patient and is giving plenty of time for people to turn to Him.

This is the hour of God's salvation for the nations.

We are co-laborers with God and we are here to take the Gospel to all the nations.

God wants everyone to turn to Him and none to be lost.



TIME FOR THE LATTER RAIN!

James 5:7-8

7 My friends, be patient until the Lord returns. Think of farmers who wait patiently for the spring and summer rains to make their valuable crops grow.

8 Be patient like those farmers and don't give up. The Lord will soon be here!

Early rains in Israel came around September/October during seed time.

Latter rains in Israel came around March/April around harvest time.

The early spiritual rain fell at the founding of the church and the latter rain will be poured out at the end of this age when the complete harvest of people in this age will be gathered.

We are in the time of the Latter Rain. The rain that falls just before the great harvest is gathered in. We must stay patient. Don't give up. Do our work.

The Lord will soon be here!

SUMMARY

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. **Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group.** All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *Ephesians 5:26-27; Romans 11:15,25-26; 2 Peter 3:1-9*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

#1, Based on Ephesians 5:26-27, discuss what God is doing with the Church today? What can we expect to see happen in the Church in the near future and how should we prepare and position ourselves for this?



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#2, Based on Romans 11:15,25-26, discuss what God is doing with the nation of Israel, and what He is about to do for them in the near future?

#3, Based on 2 Peter 3:1-9, discuss what God is doing with people in the world today? What is our role in this?

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.*

Close by thanking God together.



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USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

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WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

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SERMON OUTLINE

Through the ages, God has been unfolding His plan and purpose for the human race. This was held as a mystery in times past but has been made clear in the New Testament. In this sermon we consider what God is doing with the Church, with Israel as a nation and with the people in the world. We consider what our role is as we anticipate God's end time latter rain, an outpouring of His Spirit before the harvest.

KEYWORDS

God's purpose, church, Israel, world, latter rain, end time harvest, sermons, sermon notes, sermon outline, free sermon notes, free sermon outlines, Bible study resources

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