

Revealing God's Plan

Ephesians 1:8b-10 - Message

Through Christ, the Father revealed the mystery of His plan to unite all things under one Head, which is the Messiah.

Lessons from Ephesians 1:8b-10

1. We have the framework to see where God is taking history.
2. There is so much more in store for us!

Progress of God's Plan Through The Ages

Temple
Destroyed
by Babylon



Temple
Destroyed
by Rome



WWI WWII



Covid-19



God's Plan In History



Outline of Ephesians

Discover the vastness of God's love in calling you (1-3)

Greetings (1:1-2)

Paul praised God for the riches of His glory (1:3-14)

Work of the Father (3-6)

Work of the Son (4-12)

Redemption (7-8a)

Revelation (8b-10)

Praise God the Son because...

- I. In wisdom God revealed His plan to NT saints (8b-9b).
- II. God resolved to carry out this plan through Christ (9c-10a).
- III. God's plan is to unite all things under the Messiah (10b).

Paraphrase

Using all necessary wisdom and skill, God revealed to the saints His plan which had been a mystery up till now. It pleased God to let us know through Christ what He is resolved to accomplish in history as He carries out His plan to unite everything under one Head, the Messiah.

“Mystery”



Truth that God had not revealed in times past but now has been revealed through Jesus and the apostles and NT prophets.

(Eph 1:9; 3:4-5)

Mysteries in the New Testament

- Jew and Gentile brought together in one body (Eph 1:9; 3:3-5, 10; 6:19; Rom 16:25-26)
- Christ indwells members of this new body (Col 1:26-27)
- Members will be made righteous in Christ (1 Tim 3:16)
- Israel will experience a partial spiritual hardening that will be temporary (Rom 11:25)
- The rapture (1 Cor 15:51)

“Sum Up”



- To unite under one head
- To gather up under one head
- Thus, a unified whole with one purpose and character

“God will bring together all things and restore the whole creation under one head” (Harold Hoehner, Ephesians, p. 221)