



The Game Plan

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

**“When we fail to plan we plan to fail”
God never fails and God has a plan for you.**

Jeremiah 29:11-14 ESV

11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. 13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Is America following God's plan for her?

According to the Hartford Institute of Religion Research, more than 40 percent of Americans “say” they go to church weekly. As it turns out, however, less than 20 percent are actually in church. In other words, more than 80 percent of Americans are finding more fulfilling things to do on weekends. Oct 14, 2013
What is the average size of a church in America?

The Barna group pegs the average Protestant church size in America at 89 adults. 60% of protestant churches have less than 100 adults in attendance. Only 2% have over 1000 adults attending.

No man builds anything without plan.

We have wedding planners, architects, automotive engineers, petroleum engineers. a endless list of planners. They all work in a team setting for success, God works the same way.

Genesis 1:26 God speaks and says let us make man.

God the father God the son and God the Holy. The Trinity Team God.

Forbes magazine June 20, 2014: Great teams execute flawlessly speaking of the San Antonio Spurs NBA basketball superstars. Great team work as a family and as a unit for power and success. They have structure and Great coaching. They follow instructions of the coaching staff. For success we must follow God not do as Israel did concerning God's plan for her. God had a vision for man. God makes Abraham a covenant promise that through him all nations will be blessed. Genesis 22:18 That sound like a plan.

Every person should have a vision and plan for their life. Every marriage should have a vision and plan for that marriage union. Note the vision must be in writing. Not a off-the-cuff thought. But much prayer, meditation and fasting.



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The result when Israel altar's God's Plan

ESV Israel Demands a King

1 When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. 2 The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. 3 Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah 5and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." 6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the LORD. 7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. 8 According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. 9 Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

Samuel's Warning Against Kings

10 So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking for a king from him. 11He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. 12 And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. 13 He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. 14 He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. 15 He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. 16 He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. 17 He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. 18 And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

The LORD Grants Israel's Request

19 But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, "No! But there shall be a king over us, 20 that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles." 21 And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. 22And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey their voice and make them a king." Samuel then said to the men of Israel, "Go every man to his city."

1:After their exit from Egypt and Joshua succeeding Moses Israel remain a nation ruled Judges approximately 410 to 420 years.

2: King Saul reign for 40 years, King David reign 40 years, and King Solomon reign for 40 years totaling 120 years. The downfall be again they Israel had a Bandana God's plan.



3: Civil War and rebellion unfolds. The Nation is divided because every rebellion. Instead of one nation they come two Northern tribes were 10 and the Southern tribes were 2 Judah and Benjamin.

Conclusion

What do we learn from Israel's decisions to change God's plan

- A. Splits, division, doors open. If the opportunity to attack our success and alter our future your revocable.
- B. We may go back into captivity and bondage once again because we left God and His plan.
- C. God will bring us out but we may be there longer than we ever plan to stay and go farther than we ever plan to go.

Jeremiah 29: 11-15

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INVESTING FOR ETERNITY

Jesus said that those who would be His disciples must do three things: "Turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow Me" (Matthew 16:24). Then He raised the bar even higher: "You must hate everyone else by comparison—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26). Considering the hard realities of these requirements, why would anyone want to follow Him?

Thankfully, Jesus gave us the motivation for making such a radical commitment. Putting it in the first person: I turn from my selfish ways, take up my cross, and follow Christ because I am investing for eternity (Matthew 16:24-28).

It's easy to become preoccupied with life on earth. What can Jesus do for me in the here and now? Can He help me get that promotion? Will Jesus heal me of my cancer?

Jesus spoke of two paradoxes: The person living only for himself will lose his life in the end, and losing the pleasure of sin is nothing compared with losing one's soul eternally (Matthew 16:25-28). At His return, He'll judge "all people according to their deeds" (Matthew 16:27). Jesus is asking us not to live for this life, but for the next. He invites us to invest in Him.

The apostle Paul also offers us the same investment opportunity: "Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life" (Colossians 3:1-3).

To live wisely in the here and now, we must keep our focus on eternity. Only a life invested for Him will pay eternal dividends (Matthew 6:19-21).

More: Read more of what Jesus said about investing in heaven in Matthew 6:22-33.