

## What is God up to in our Day?

I woke up the other day and asked myself, what is God up to today? What is he busy doing?

### What is God up to in this day and age?

He is taking out of the Gentiles a people for his name. Amen to that! After he is done doing that, he goes back to the Jew and restores the kingdom of heaven.

The only reason why you are not dead and in glory tonight is because God is not through with you yet on this earth: he has something for you to do. It is more needful for other people that you are still on this earth than up in glory (Philippians 1:23-24). We are the light of the world; we are supposed to be Jesus Christ to the world. Is that what you are?

Acts 15:1-29

Gentile believers were to abstain from these things: (1) pollutions/defilement of idols and/or food offered to idols, (2) fornication, (3) from things strangled – anything that was killed without shedding their blood, (4) from eating blood

God is gathering out of the Gentiles a people for his name:

Acts 15:13-18, Amos 9:11-12

Romans 11:11-15, 25-29

Matthew 21:33-46

### God's Work in the Past:

God stopped working after the 6 days of creation (Genesis 2:2-3)

God continues to work without ceasing since the fall of man up until eternity (John 5:17).

(1) Bring forth a man-child born of a woman's seed (virgin birth – Isaiah 7:14) to destroy the devil.

(2) Specifically prepare the nation of Israel for the Messiah: By giving the law (Galatians 3:19-29), and by establishing an earthly kingdom from which the Messiah would reign from (1 Chronicles 17:11-15).

(3) God did not deal with the Gentiles AT ALL before the cross (Acts 14:7-17, 17:29-31). He just winked at their ignorance and allowed them to live the way they wanted to live. So much for the cotton-picking pluralist and universalist that says "God was worshipped, or involved in, or started all the other religions of the world, or God Almighty can be found through the other religions of the world." That is a bunch of crap!!! And you can tell any of them that I said it!!!

### *Tracing the promised seed:*

Genesis 3:15, 12:3, 22:18; 1 Chronicles 17:11-15; Micah 5:2; Luke 2:4-11

By the way, the man-child is Jesus Christ and he shows up before the tribulation and after the tribulation according to the Bible, English or Hebrew (Isaiah 66:7-9, Isaiah 26:17-21, Revelation 12:1-6, Micah 5:1-15)

\*The kingdom of heaven (the Davidic Israelite kingdom: see 1 Chronicles 28:5, 29:22-23, Acts 1:6) would NEVER be restored from the time of the Babylonian captivity until the Messiah would show up and rule (Lamentations 5:16, Ezekiel 21:25-27) and the ruler could not come from the seed of Jeconiah, which was the son of David (Jeremiah 22:24-30).

You know what that means? The kingdom of heaven (The kingdom of the LORD) has never been seen since 500/600 BC. That disqualifies every form of government, religion, and whatever else headed up by any man or woman from the four corners of the earth, and disqualifies all claims to have the right to the kingdom of heaven or claims to bringing in the kingdom of heaven. There will be no peace on earth until the Prince of Peace shows up that was virgin born (Luke 2:11-14, Isaiah 9:6-7). YOU NEED TO GET THAT! Don't waste your time in politics! God's hand is in the political realm in our days for only one purpose (Joel 3:1-2, Zechariah 12:2-3, Zephaniah 3:8, Revelation 16:13-14) and its not to bring peace on earth!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Now this presents a problem: in order to have the right to the throne you must be of the lineage of David, but then God says no man of his seed shall sit upon David's throne and rule anymore in Judah. Well God's plan is messed up now. Actually it is not, God will just make the rightful king of the seed of a woman like he said in the beginning (Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 7:14) in the seed of Abraham (Hebrews 2:16) and put him into a family that descends from David and Jeconiah (Matthew 1:1-25)!!!! WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE! HE'S GOT ALL THE BASES COVERED AND HE'S GOT YOUR'S TOO (Romans 8:28)!

\*God spent 2,000 years preparing Israel for the Lord when he showed up

\*God spends 2,000 years preparing the church before the Lord shows up

Now isn't that something? God gives the Jew and Gentile the same amount of time and attention so all are without excuse (Romans 11:30-36).

God's work in our day:

(1) Call out of the Gentiles a people for his name (Acts 15:13-18). Establishing a church

(2) Preparing Christians for the judgment seat of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16, 1

Corinthians 3:8-15, Romans 14:10, 2 Corinthians 5:10-11)

(3) Testifying to the world about JESUS!!!! (Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:6-8, 5:42, 8:4-5, 8:12, 8:35, 9:20, 10:39-43, 11:20, 13:38-41, 14:7, 15:35, 16:10, 17:2-3, 28:31, ETC!)

(4) Unite the world together for the purpose of destroying a bunch of them at once (Joel 3:1-2, Zechariah 12:2-3, Zephaniah 3:8, Revelation 16:13-14)

God starts to turn away from Israel and turns to the Gentiles in the Book of Acts (This is apparent when you read the book of Acts: God moves from Israel to the Church, from the kingdom of heaven to the kingdom of God, from Jew to Gentile, from Peter to Paul).

God is saving Gentiles to provoke his own people to jealousy (Romans 11:11-14, Romans 10:16-21, Deuteronomy 32:15-21). When a man turns to the LORD and believes on and trusts Christ they are saved (Romans 10:9-13) and the Holy Ghost indwells them (1 Corinthians 3:16), they are sealed (Ephesians 1:13-14), and are born again (John 1:12-13) – and MANY other such things!!! Too much to type! If you want to read about some of the blessings we all have as Christians, read Ephesians 1.

### God is establishing his church

He establishes local assemblies of Christians through out the world for several purposes.

The first thing the church for is for Jesus! (Colossians 1:12-23, Ephesians 5:22-33, Revelation 4:11).

**WORSHIP:** It is to worship and praise the LORD (John 4:23, Philippians 3:3, Romans 15:7-12, Ephesians 1:6, 12, Philippians 1:11, 1 Peter 2:9)

**WALK:** It is to have a RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR SAVIOUR!!!! (1 Corinthians 1:9, Philippians 2:1, 1 John 1:3-7)

**WORK:** It is to labor in the things of God (Ephesians 4:11-16) which is not in vain!

What the church is to do after the worship and walk with the Lord is right:

- Perfect one another
- Work for and in the ministry
- Edify (build up) the body of Christ

It is to help each other grow in grace in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through the diverse gifts and ministries of the church. It is to enable us to bear witness of Jesus (Acts 1:6-8). We are to be a witness of Jesus Christ. We are here to help edify the body of Christ, to build it up both spiritually and literally. We ought to seek after building up one another in the faith and try to win souls to Jesus. That's what the work of the church is primarily for. Hell is hot! Jesus is real! Preach the WORD that they might be saved!

Everyday God is working on people's hearts, drawing men to Christ, saving souls (adding to the church), teaching Christians and causing them to grow up into Jesus Christ (conforming them to the image of Jesus Christ – Romans 8:29-31), blessing preachers and teachers that minister is word: that is what he is up to in our day.

### Now notice what is missing:

God never called the church to be a social club.

God never called the church to be a circus and a place for the world to come for fun.

God never called the church to get involved in social causes.

God never called the church to fight for the rights of anybody.

God never called the church to rebel against any government (Romans 13)

He never called the church to bring in the kingdom of heaven or bring peace on earth.

He never called the church to have anything to do with politics because as we have seen, it is vanity and leads nowhere. It doesn't solve anything – things get worse not better.

God never called the church to give out freebies to lazy people (Ephesians 4:28, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12).

God never called the church to tolerate sin and continue living in their old vain conversation.

God never called the church to look like, talk like, and resemble this world (Romans 12:1-2).

God never called the church to compromise its doctrines and beliefs for the sake of unity and peace.

If any man gets tangled up in or does the list above, he is wasting his time in vanity. Those things above amount to nothing. BUT THANK GOD he has called the church to do certain things that are ETERNAL and are not in vain! Hallelujah!!!!

**So we have seen what God is doing in our day from the Bible. Do you want to get in on it? Are you going to get in on it? I am!**