



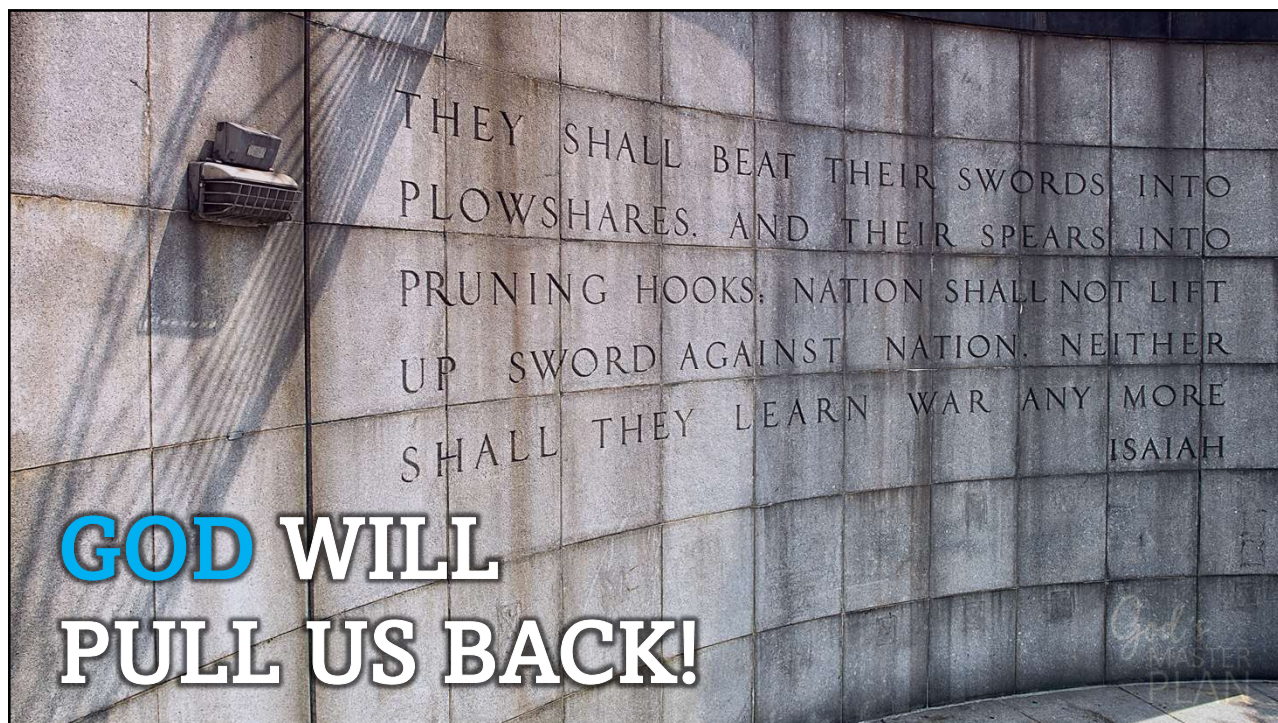
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What we will cover in 4 Weeks

<p>Class 1: What is God's Master Plan? <i>The worlds problems can be fixed!</i></p>	<p>Class 3: What is the Key to Gods plan? <i>God's promises and His character!</i></p>
<p>Class 2: Why do we need God's plan? <i>We need salvation from ourselves!</i></p>	<p>Class 4: How can we Participate? <i>We need to believe and change!</i></p>

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Introduction

- Section 1 - What is God's Master Plan?
 - Does God Have a Master Plan?
 - What is God's Master Plan?
 - Why did God create the earth?
 - How do we fit in?
 - How is it progressing?

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Does God have a Master Plan?

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Does God have a Master Plan?

- Gods Master Plan in the Bible
 - It is a Book about the earth
 - It is a Book about the people that live on it
 - It is a Book about how we should live in it
- Gods Plan is the future of mankind on earth

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What is the Gospel Message?

- The teaching of the coming Kingdom
 - And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24v14)
- The teaching about Jesus Christ
 - "But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized both men and women." (Acts 8v12)

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The Most Famous Verse?

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16-18

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The Summary of Gods Plan

“For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God, and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.”

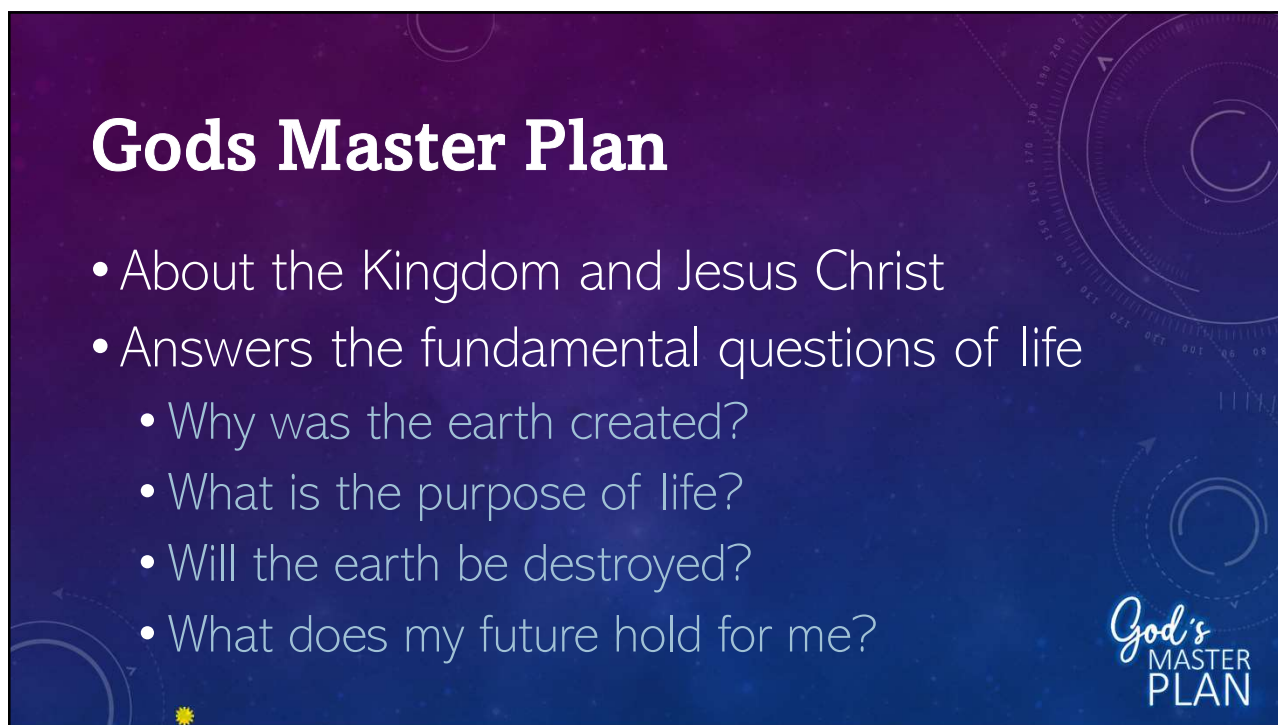
The Book of Titus 2:11-14

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Why did God create the earth?

- God created everything we see...
 - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1
- God created the earth for a reason...
 - "For this is what the LORD says - He who created the heavens, He is God, He who fashioned and made the earth; he founded it; He did not create it to be empty but formed it to be inhabited."
Isaiah 45v18

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Why did God create the earth?

- God expresses His intention for the earth.
 - "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2v14

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Why did God create us?

- God expresses His intention for us.
 - 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. (Jeremiah 29v11)

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What is God's Plan?

- The Gospel Message...answers the questions
 - Plan for the Earth to bring peace and beauty
 - Plan for Mankind to resolve death and sin
 - Earth Filled with the Glory of God
 - The Kingdom of God and Jesus Christ

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God wants the best for us!

- God only wants what is best for us – unlike society around us
 - "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness." Exodus 34v6

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Hope in a Hopeless World

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Look! God's dwelling place is now among the
people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his
people, and God himself will be with them and be
their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death' or mourning or crying
or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Book of Revelation 21:3-4

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Progress so Far....

- Mans Plan has proven unable to resolve the worlds problems
- However God has a Master Plan for the Earth
- Plan is to fill the earth with His glory
- God intends to save the earth and those that believe
- God's glory is revealed in His character
- This Master Plan will bring hope to a hopeless world!

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Overview - Section 2

- A Plan that is guaranteed
- The Bible makes Promises – what are they?
- Jesus, the Kingdom, and the Master Plan
- What will the Kingdom be like?
- Where and when will the Kingdom be?

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Does God have a Solution?

- God is in Control
- “Most High rules in the kingdoms of men”
 - Daniel 2:28
- Solution bound up in promises

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What Promises Do we have in life?

- Putting the jigsaw pieces together.....

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What Promises does the Bible offer?

- Putting the jigsaw pieces together.....



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What are the Promises?

- Agreements between God and mankind concerning the future
- Two main sets of Promises
 - To a man named Abraham
 - To David

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Promises to Abraham

- Genesis 12: 1-3: Promise of becoming a **great nation** with many descendants
- Genesis 13: 14-17: Promise of inheritance of **a land** forever, and a special seed
- Genesis 17: 1-9: Promise of the everlasting possession of a land and father of many nations, and **a king** shall come forth

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Promises to Abraham

- Everlasting Possession of the land of Israel
- From Abraham a great people
- A Future and Special Descendant

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Promises to David

- 2 Samuel 7:12-17 - Promises a seed who would rule on David's throne as king forever.
- Descendant of Israel's King David
- Righteous King to Rule
- David's Throne
 - Set up in Jerusalem 1 Kings 2: 11

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What do the Promises Mean?

- The promise of a seed (descendant) of Abraham (and David) who will be King forever on earth and through whom blessing will come.
- The promise of possession of a special land forever.
- The promise of many people inheriting this land forever.

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Christ and the Kingdom

Only one to reveal God's glory

- “We beheld ... the glory of the one and only, full of grace and truth” John 1v14

He is coming back to set up the kingdom

- “This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” Acts 1v11

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Christ and the Kingdom

- The Promises will be fulfilled when Jesus Christ Returns

- “These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.”
Heb 11v39

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Christ and the Kingdom

Kingdom will grow until it fills the whole earth

- "... and the stone which smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth" Daniel 2v35

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The Master Plan - a Reality

Through Jesus Christ and the Kingdom:

- All people will worship God
- All will reveal his glory
- The earth will be filled with God's Glory
- "For all the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea." (Habakkuk 2v14)

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What will the Kingdom be like?

- No more sadness – joy and happiness
- No more war – peace and belonging
- No more corruption – righteous government
- No more worries – we will have freedom
- No more crime – everyone will want stability
- 2 Peter 3v13, Isaiah 35, Matthew 6v33

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Where will the Kingdom be?

- Kingdom will be on Earth!
 - Numbers 14v21
 - Matthew 6v10
- Capital will be in Jerusalem
 - Micah 4v1

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When will the Kingdom come?

- No one knows exactly
 - Matthew 24v36
- Signs of its coming
 - Return of Jewish peoples to their land (Ezekiel 37)
 - Signs like Wars, Famine, Earthquakes
 - Matthew 24, Luke 21, Mark 13

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Conclusion

- The promises represent God's offer to us of being part of a better future
- The promises center around Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God
- Jesus Christ is the only man to perfectly reveal God's glory - he is the key to the solution

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Conclusion

- The Kingdom will be on earth and ruled over by Jesus Christ in Jerusalem
- The Kingdom is the means by which the Master Plan will be realized
- The coming Kingdom of God will completely revitalize the conditions in our earth.

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