

*Christ and His Church:
God's Eternal Design*
Ephesians 3:1–11

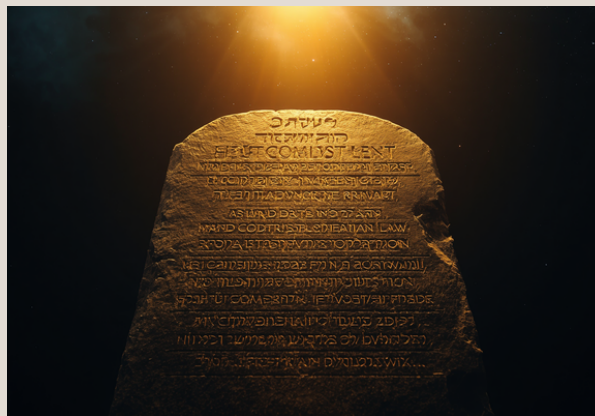
The Church Was Planned Before Creation

Ephesians 3:11 — "For this was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord."

God's redemptive plan for the Church was established before the foundation of the world. This eternal purpose reveals the profound depth of God's love and wisdom in His design for salvation.



The Church Was Promised Throughout the Old Testament



Genesis 3:15

God promised that His offspring would crush evil and establish an eternal kingdom. The seed of the woman was the first promise of Christ.



Abraham

God called Abraham to be a father of many nations, promising that through his offspring all peoples would be blessed. This pointed to Christ.

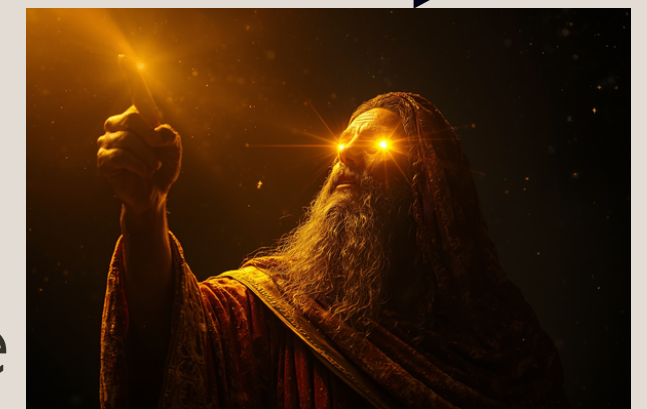
Moses

The prophets foretold a coming day when God's people would be gathered from all nations into one spiritual family.



David

Through Joshua's conquest, Moses' law, and David's kingdom, God prepared the way for the ultimate fulfillment of His promises.



God's Wisdom Revealed Through the Church

Diverse Believers

God's manifold wisdom is displayed to the spiritual rulers and authorities through the church.

Ephesians 3:10

All authorities in heaven and on earth are now made manifest through the church's unity and witness.

United as One Body

The diversity of believers united as one body reveals the fullness of Christ's wisdom.



Christ Fulfilled God's Eternal Plan

Sacrifice Complete

The cross—sacrifice complete. Jesus bore our sins and died for our redemption.

Spirit Poured Out

Pentecost—Spirit poured out. The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles at the temple.

Victory Assured

The empty tomb—victory assured. Death could not hold Him; resurrection power released.

Church Established

The Church established—God's design fulfilled through the diverse body of believers.

Respond to the Gospel

Hear the Word

Listen to God's message of salvation through His Son. The Gospel is power for salvation to all who believe.

Believe in Christ

Place your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. He is the way, the truth, and the life.

Repent & Confess

Turn from sin, trust in Christ's grace, and publicly declare your faith. He will declare you before His Father.

Be Baptized for the forgiveness of sins