God's Grand Plan

Ephesians 2:11-22

- **2:11** Therefore remember that formerly you, Gentiles in the flesh, the ones called "uncircumcision" by the ones called "circumcision" in the flesh, hand-done—
- **2:12** [remember] that you were at that time **without Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel**, and **strangers** to the covenants of **promise**, having **no hope**, and **godless** in the world.
- **2:13** But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far have been brought near <u>by the blood of Christ</u>.
- **2:14** For He Himself is our peace, who made both ONE and who destroyed the middle wall of partition—the enmity—in His flesh,
- **2:15** by nullifying the law of commandments in decrees, so that He, <u>in Himself</u>, might create the two into ONE new person, making peace,
- **2:16** and that He might reconcile both in ONE body to God through the cross, killing the enmity in Himself.
- **2:17** And he came and proclaimed peace to you, those far, and peace to those near;
- **2:18** for through Him [Christ] we both have **access** in ONE Spirit to the Father.
- **2:19** So then you are **no longer strangers** and aliens [paroikoi], but you are **co-citizens** with the saints, and **members of God's household** [oikeioi],
- **2:20** having been built upon [*epoikodomeō*] the foundation of the **apostles and prophets**, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone,
- **2:21** in whom the whole building [oikodo $m\bar{e}$], co-fitted, is growing into a holy temple **in the Lord**,
- **2:22** in whom [Christ] you also are being co-built [synoik odomeo] into a dwelling [katoik eterion] of God in the Spirit.

1. Past

2. Present

3. Future

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