

Our future in God's plan

„For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.“ Jeremiah 29,11;

These days, at the turn of the year, many people are taking stock of the past year and thinking about what's next. They consider their future, their goals and plans. It is their light on the next journey through life. In doing so, they often rely on their own abilities and strengths. And those who realize that their path to achieving their goals and plans may be affected by unforeseen events and circumstances invoke luck. Health and happiness are probably among the most common values that people in an originally Christian civilization wish for in the New Year.

The wise King Solomon and the prophet Jeremiah agree that man does not have his way entirely in his own power (Prov. 16:9; Jer. 10:23). For some, this may be an unacceptable statement. We grow up and live in an environment that nurtures a sense of independence and a belief that we are gods in ourselves. What a shame! I'm sure many people don't even know that a sense of godliness and independence from one's Creator is a manifestation of pride, which is known to precede the fall. It is a widespread delusion, as are many other lies and false ideas.

So what should we wish for our loved ones and friends? Just health, happiness, contentment ... or should we add a wish for them to know that our future depends more on God the Creator and His Son Jesus Christ / Yeshua the Messiah and in addition wish them God's blessings?

Some people are convinced that there are cosmic principles whose observance returns to them in the form of a favourable destiny. Job, too, was trying to do something similar, trying to be a man of integrity and uprightness, God-fearing and turning away from evil. Job knew, however, that without God this was not enough. Yes, the one who shuns evil, tries to be upright and blameless is usually happier in life. For the whole universe is created by God according to one most basic principle. It is not a secret. The Creator, when He declared that "all that He made, and behold, it was very good." he expressed his satisfaction that his entire creation supports life. This is a basic creation, if you will, cosmic principle. Good is that which supports life. If we entrust our future to God, our Creator, whose intentions for us are peace and hope, as the prophet Jeremiah

writes, we can trust him, because when Jesus says that only God is good (Matt. 19:16-17), it means that everything God does supports life.

Why would God wish us a bad future or lose interest in us? He would be denying himself. His goal is that man should not have to die. He sent his son to redeem for all of us the hope of eternal life. Why would he send his son to willingly undergo death to give a ransom for us if he didn't care about our lives. A future based on a relationship with God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ is a future without end, without time limit. Our impermanence is only until death is obliterated as God's last enemy (1 Cor. 15:26). And whoever truly believes in Christ, though he die, he shall live (Jn 11:25).

It may sound like science fiction to some, but the whole Bible reveals to the thoughtful and attentive reader remarkable ideas and plans of God that would surely excite many people if they knew about them. More specific images are found in the Bible, for example, in Isaiah 2:4; 11:7; 65:25;

The process of tearing down the old world order has been going on before our eyes for seven years now, so that the beast that will lead most people to rebel against God can come out of the abyss. Instead of hope for a better life, the sons of the Evil One offer only fear. Fear of war, fear of loss of standard of living, fear of incurable diseases, fear of violence, and fear of loss of life's certainties, and on top of that they create confusion and chaos in the minds of young people and attack the natural order of God in order to uproot people mentally from the roots from which Christian civilization grew.

There are undoubtedly difficult times ahead, which will be hard to cope with (2 Tim. 3:1). People are looking for leaders who will deliver them from the fear that is upon them and will be upon them more and more. God's Word exhorts us not to succumb to that fear and rely on human leaders in whom there is no salvation (Ps 146:3; Isa 2:22; Ps 118:9; Jer 17:5). Jesus encourages us to rely on our heavenly Father in all things (Matt. 6:25-33; 10:28-31).

When the time is right, God will warn His people of His wrath and the wrath of the Lamb, for He will do nothing without telling His servants first (Am 3:7). We are children of the light and that means we are to show people the way to that light and help them. No matter what happens. Let people see that we don't see our future as a mere grasping for a better standard of living and the certainty of security, redeemed by submission to the forces of evil. Our future is based on

trusting God that his intentions for us are only good and lead us to eternal life.
That is the future I wish for all of us.