

The Divine Decrees

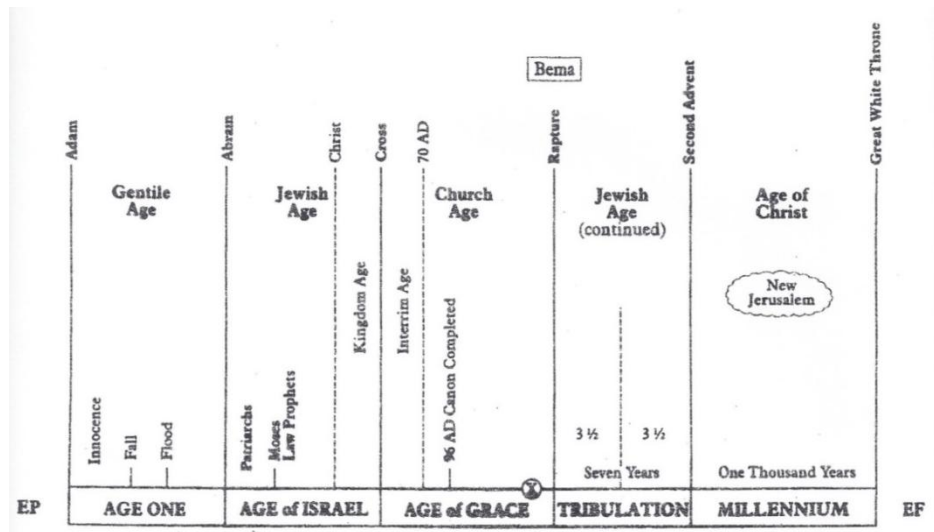
1. The Divine Decrees represent the sum total of God's plan designed in eternity past.
2. The plan centers on the person of Jesus Christ.

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

2.1 God in His Omniscience has seen all of our thoughts, actions, choices, deeds, etc. and then determined a perfect plan for our lives. Because He has seen the time line and choices He has developed a destiny for each believer.



1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Jer 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

1Th 5:18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

3. Entrance into the plan is based on the principle of grace whereby the sovereignty of God and the free will of man meet at the cross.

3.1 The work is accomplished by God, while man gains and enjoys the benefits apart from his own merit or ability.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

4. God's plan was designed in eternity past, so as to include all events and actions related to their causes and conditions as a part of an indivisible system, every link being a part of the integrity of the whole.

4.1 There's a whole plan for the believer's life.

4.2 One failure or one success never changes the plan; God is greater than our failures or successes.

5. Without interfering with human volition in any way, God has designed a plan so perfect that it includes cause and effect, directive, provision, preservation and function for all believers.

5.1 God knew every cause and effect in our lives and made provision in eternity past.

6. Under His plan, God has decreed to do some things directly, and some through agencies such as Israel and the Church, and some through individuals.

7. The divine decrees constitute one great, all comprehensive plan - perfect, eternal, unchangeable and without loss of integrity.

8. The plan of God is consistent with human freedom and God does not limit or coerce human freedom.

8.1 God permits human volition to function; for example He permits man to choose to sin but this does not make Him the Author of sin.

8.2 In His Sovereignty He chose to provide a solution for sin.

9. God has seen the beginning and the end and in His Sovereign will He provided a perfect divine decree for you and for me.

10. Since we are part of His divine decrees we can find comfort in knowing that God after knowing all the facts about us, determined and implemented a perfect plan for time and eternity.

10.1 This is especially comforting when realize it was all done in eternity past.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?