

August 30, 2026

Digging deeper: 1 Corinthians 2:1-9 (God's Mysteries)

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- Genesis 41:15-16, 39-40
- Daniel 2:27-28, 47-49
- Isaiah 7:13-14
- Revelation 1:1-3

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Regarding 1 Corinthians 2:5:

- When have you trusted in human wisdom over God's wisdom regarding decisions in your life?
- Describe the differences in the outcome of man's wisdom vs. God's wisdom.

Slide 3: (8-10 min) Read and discuss the scriptures handed out to your group.

Instructions: Look up the following verses and report your findings on bible prophecy.

Group 1 Pertaining to the nation of Israel

- Isaiah 9:6-7
- Zechariah 9:9-10
- Isaiah 53
- 1 Timothy 3:16

Group 2 Pertaining to Gentiles

- Romans 11:25, 16:25
- Ephesians 1:9-10, 2:11-14
- Colossians 1:26-27

Group 3 Pertaining to our future

- Zechariah 14:1-9
- 1 Corinthians 15:50-57
- Revelation 10:7, 11:15-19 (be detailed with what Christ will achieve)

Observations:

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- Genesis 41:15-16, 39-40 (Joseph – coming famine)
- Daniel 2:27-28, 47-49 (Daniel – coming kingdoms and ultimately the Millennial Kingdom)
- Isaiah 7:13-14 (Isaiah – the coming of Messiah)
- Revelation 1:1-3 (John – the coming of the end)

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Regarding 1 Corinthians 2:5:

- When have you trusted in human wisdom over God’s wisdom regarding decisions in your life?
- Describe the differences in the outcome of man’s wisdom vs. God's wisdom.
(God’s ways are higher than our own. His plans and results are to bring about salvation for this world that adamantly rejects him. When we choose our own plans, they often come from the flesh: not wanting to suffer and wanting plans for our own benefit. God’s plans are broader and often come from what we personally give up, even if our own life.)

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- Isaiah 9:6-7 (ruling and reigning Messiah)
- Zechariah 9:9-10 (conquering King coming to Jerusalem)
- Isaiah 53 (the suffering servant)
- 1 Timothy 3:16 (Christ was the one who achieved suffering and future reign)

Group 2 Pertaining to Gentiles

- Romans 11:25, 16:25 (Israel is currently in “time out” but God is not done with them; His plan was to bring salvation also to us Gentiles, until the fullness of the Gentiles comes in.)
- Ephesians 1:9-10, 2:11-14 (Gentiles were considered as outsiders by the Jews, but God’s plan was/is to bring them into unity and in oneness under Christ Jesus)
- Colossians 1:26-27 (Christ lives in us Gentiles, a plan God had from the beginning)

Group 3 Pertaining to our future

- Zechariah 14:1-9 (Christ will come to reign on earth)
- 1 Corinthians 15:50-57 (new bodies without sin to live in the presence of God on earth)
- Revelation 10:7, 11:15-19 (7th angel blows trumpet to fulfill: time of wrath, judging the dead, rewarding servants and prophets, and Christ’s reign)