3. God's Plan is Unchangeable.

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- ISAIAH 42:8 -

The plan of God is unchangeable, even though it sometimes appears to change from man's point of view. We refer to this characteristic as "immutability."

James 1:17 (NASB)

17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

Numbers 23:19 (NASB)

19 "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent;

Has He said, and will He not do it?
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

When the Scriptures speak of the Lord repenting, this does not mean that His sovereign decree has been scrapped and that He has to go back to the drawing board and start over again. Rather it is a reflection that there has been a change in His actions as revealed to us. Such a revelational change should not be confused with an actual change in the person or plan of God.

When God gave Isaiah a prophecy concerning the coming destruction of Assyria, He guaranteed its fulfillment by pointing to the unchangeable character of His plan.

Isaiah 14:26-27 (NASB)

26 This is the plan devised against the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out against all the nations. 27 For the Lord of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?"

We can conclude from this that God's plan was both determined before the creation, that it is unchangeable, and that it will continue to stand forever in this unchangeable state.

Matthew 13:35 (NASB)

35 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

"I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden since the foundation of the world."

Luke 11:50(NASB)

50 so that the blood of all the prophets, shed <u>since the</u> foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation,

John 17:24 (NASB)

24 Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

Hebrews 9:26 (NASB)

26 Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

GOD'S PLAN INCLUDES ALL EVENTS IN HISTORY

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Ephesians 1:11 (NASB)

11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

Hebrews 1:10 (NASB)

"You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth,
And the heavens are the works of Your hands;

1 Peter 1:20(NASB)

20 For He was foreknown <u>before</u> the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you

Matthew 13:35 (NASB)

35 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

"I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden since the foundation of the world."

Hebrews 4:3 (NASB)

3 For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said,

"As I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest,"

although His works were finished <u>from</u> the foundation of the world.