

THE MASTER PLAN

²⁶God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of the earth.27God created human beings; he created them godlike, reflecting God's nature. He created them male and female.

Genesis 1

TREASURE HUNTING

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Isaiah 62

CALLED TO INFLUENCE

12This man Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, has exceptional ability and is filled with divine knowledge and understanding. He can interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means."

Daniel 5:12

Intimacy leads to action/fruit

He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action. (ESV)

Daniel 11:32

The treasure map

Intimacy: whose I am

Identity: who I am

Integrity: what I consistently do

Intercession: a life-style of prayer &

service

Influence: leading those around me

towards God's purposes

BABYLONIAN VALUES

- Obsession with beauty
- Youthfulness
- Intellect
- Self-enrichment
- Complete independence

TREASURES TAKEN CAPTIVE

²And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

Daniel 1

14Then Isaiah the prophet went to King Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did these men say, and from where did they come to you?" So Hezekiah said, "They came from a far country, from Babylon." ¹⁵And he said, "What have they seen in your house?"

2 Kings 20

¹⁵So Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them."

2 Kings 20

The treasure of our hearts

45"The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.

Luke 6:45NIV

The treasure of sexual intimacy

31"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5(NKJV)

The treasure of sexual intimacy

- The ability to become one: intimacy.
- The ability to bring other eternal beings into this world. Think about it; the person who will be born from our sexual union, will live *forever*.

FOREVER.

• The power of agreement: nothing shall be impossible.

Your story is His Story

"God created marriage as a living, breathing portrait laid out before the eyes of the world so that they might see the story of the ages. A love story...it's a story of redemption, a story of healing, it is a story of love. Our love is meant to be a picture of both his love and his fight." Love & War, Eldrigde

A JOYOUS DAY

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