

9b I am God, and there is none like me.

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

If we desire to know what is ahead for the world, we must investigate to see whether the Creator of all things has revealed any part of His knowledge of what is ahead. There is only one place where we can look for dependable knowledge of God's plan.

Through the ages Christians have believed that God has given us in the Bible an inerrant and infallible Book which contains those revelations that He desires us to have, and which gives us knowledge that we could never acquire otherwise.

Our position is similar to that of a man dropped in the night into the midst of a great forest. In one direction a walk of a few miles would bring him out to a fertile valley with springs and food; In another direction he would eventually find himself in a deep gorge, with steep walls ahead of him; still another direction would lead to an area of bogs and quicksand. There is no way that he can see in what direction to turn. Even if he climbs to the top of the highest tree his view would reach only a short distance in any direction. Using his best abilities of observation and deduction, there is no basis upon which he can decide which way to go. His only certainty of escape would be if he were to find a map made by someone who had looked down upon the whole region from the air. With such a map he could know in what direction to walk. He would be able to avoid the areas of danger, and eventually get to a place of safety where food and water could be secured. We too can find such a map by studying the revelation that God has given us in the Bible. It is a message from God to humanity.