





**Welcome to Ωmega 3**


*The church's best-kept secret ...*

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## Key points so far...

- The world is **uncertain** : **PESTLIED**
- Two basic options:
  - **GOD IS NOWHERE** ⇒ *fear*
  - **GOD IS NOW HERE** ⇒ *faith*
- History is **His-Story**
  - God has a plan
  - Beginning, middle ... new beginning
- There are **signs** pointing ahead
  - Where are we now?


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## What happens next?

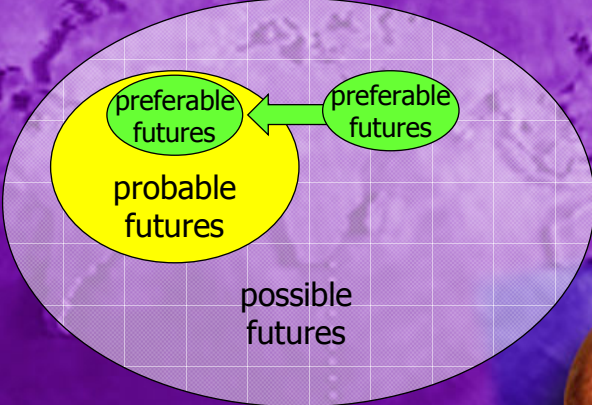
- Curious about the future
- **Futures studies**
  - Scenario planning
  - Visualisation
  - Trend-watching
  - Field Anomaly Relaxation
  - Futures literacy

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# Alternative futures : 3 P's

**Purpose of Futures studies :**  
To enhance probability of preferred future(s)



possible futures

probable futures

preferable futures

preferable futures

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# What might happen?

RANGE OF POSSIBLE OUTCOMES



GOOD

BAD

VERY GOOD

UNKNOWN

EXCELLENT

POOR

UNKNOWABLE

DISASTER

CRISIS

UNKNOWN

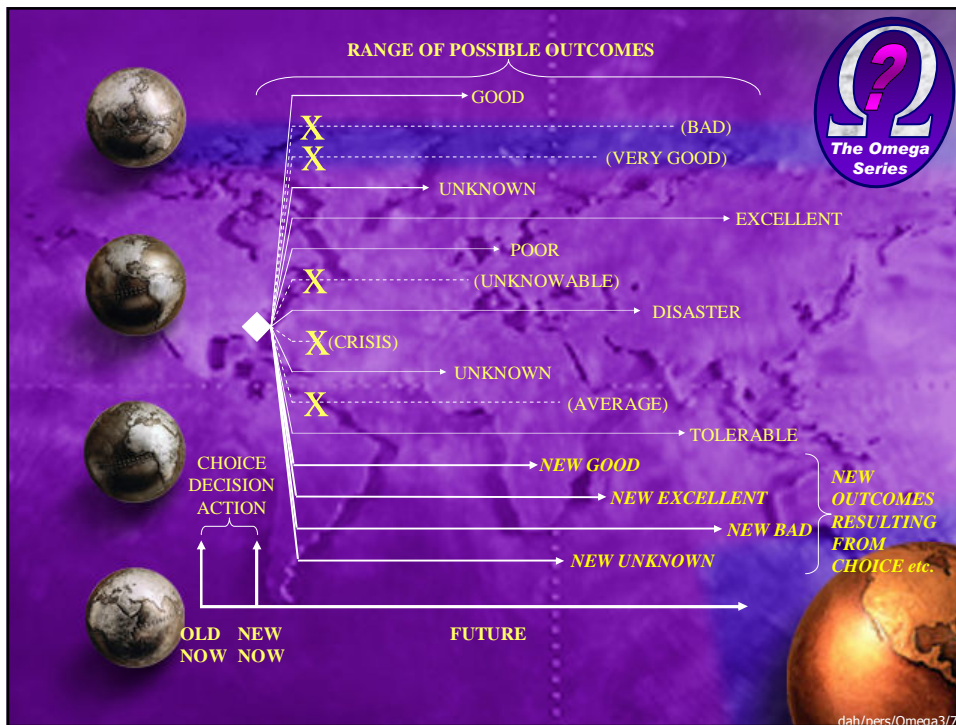
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NOW

FUTURE

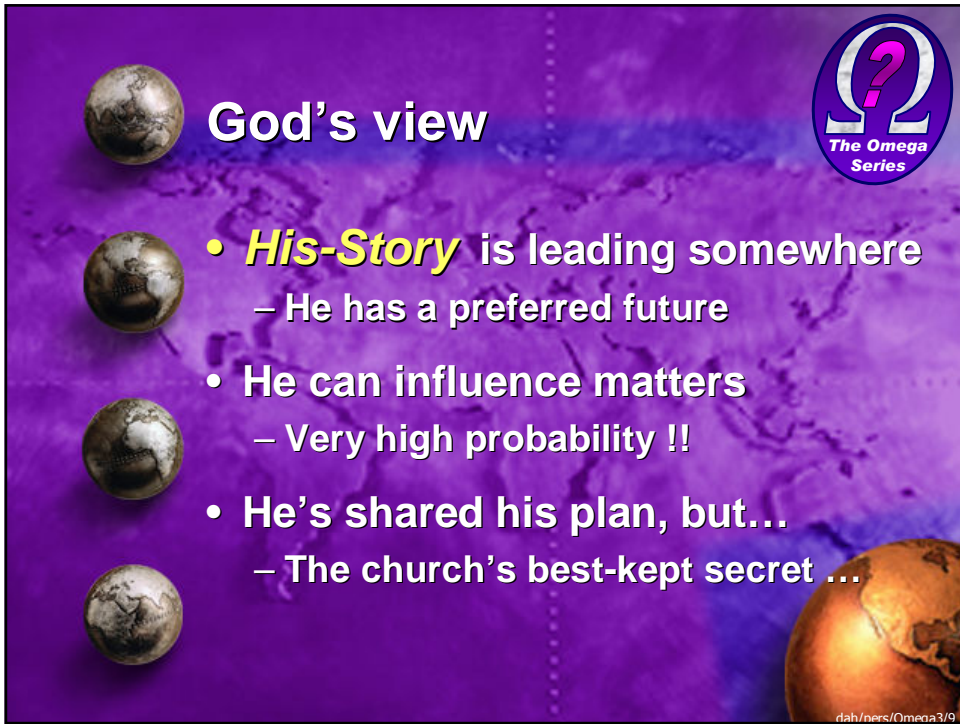
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## Influences on futures

- Standard factors :
  - Choice
  - Chance
  - Context
- Where is God?
  - **GODISNOWHERE !!**

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## God's view

- **His-Story** is leading somewhere
  - He has a preferred future
- He can influence matters
  - Very high probability !!
- He's shared his plan, but...
  - The church's best-kept secret ...

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## Jesus is coming back!

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## Who says so?

- **Jesus** – John 14:1-3, 18; Matthew 16:27; Matthew 26:63-64; Revelation 22:20
- **Angels** – Acts 1:9-11
- **Paul** – 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
- **John** – Revelation 1:7
- **OT prophets** – e.g. Zechariah 14:1-5
- **(me!)**

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## “Second coming” : who & how ?

Four basic alternatives :

1. **Substitutionary**
  - Holy Spirit came to Church at first Pentecost
2. **Spiritually**
  - Jesus comes by faith to each Christian at salvation
3. **Individually**
  - Jesus comes to each Christian at death
4. **Literally**
  - Jesus will physically return to earth

**Which option fits best?**

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## Does it matter?



- The return of Jesus is
  - the **context** for our actions
  - the **consummation** of His-Story
  - the **catalyst** for the new



- Whichever alternative ...
  - it's all about **Jesus**



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## Personal implications



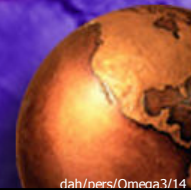
- You will meet him
- Matthew 25:31- 46
  - Sheep and goats



- You can get to know him now!



- Philippians 2:10-11
  - Beat the rush! Do it today!



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## Any questions ???



- *That's all folks !!!*



- **Coming next time ...**
  - How will it all end?



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