

God's Passion For The Nations



The Feast of Weeks

- Today is Pentecost!
- 50 (pente) days from Passover. 7 weeks plus 1 day
- According to Jewish tradition, Moses received the Law from God at Mount Sinai during Pentecost.
- Jewish tradition also suggests that King David both was born and died on Pentecost.
- Followers of Jesus remember the giving of the Holy Spirit: God's grace revealed through the indwelling Spirit.
- The Empowering of the church to reach the nations with the Good News of Jesus!
- Where did the nations come from?

The Spiritual Down Hill Run

- What are the 4 significant turning point rebellions the Bible records?
- God had given Noah and his family the exact same command as he gave Adam and Eve. God's desire in starting over, was still to share his rule with people all over the earth and make the earth like the garden of Eden.
- Gen.10 tell us the deterioration of humans began again.
- Gen.11- People started to spread out, then decided to create a new "high place" where they could meet their other god
- Pyramids are always a part of the temple area Gen.11:1-4



God Comes Down

- Gen.11:5-9 The Lord comes down, confuses their language and the people were dispersed all over the world
 - Deut.32:7-9
1. This was a historical event -7
 2. It happened when God divided mankind -8 Tower of Babel
 3. They were divided according to the number of the sons of God. Gen 10 lists the nations. 10:5, 20, 31, 32 Note vs25
 4. It is not the sons of Israel. Dead sea scrolls and Septuagint use Sons of God
 5. Yahweh reserved the descendants of Jacob to Himself as his allotted heritage. 9



The Allotment Of The Nations

- God was saying, If you don't want to follow me, then I will give you your hearts desire. I will remove my restraining grace and you will fully experience the consequences of your desires.
- God decided to let the members of his divine council govern the other nations. Ps.82:2
- Ps.82:2-4 tells us they were not benevolent gods.
- Rom.1:18-32 "God gives them up to"
- Deut.4:15f,19-20 "things Yahweh has allotted to the nations"

It Is The Foundation of The World Chaos

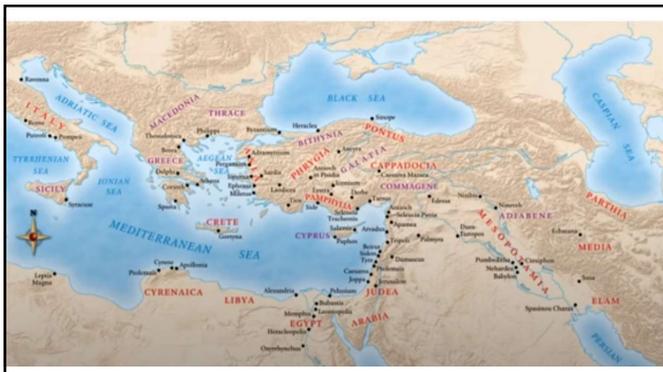
- Why are some nations righteous and some not? Why are some nations extremely primitive?
- This is where the "Prince of Persia" and "Prince of Greece" come from. Dan.10:5-6,10-14,20-21,11:1
- Eph.6:12 – For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

The Foundation of The Old Testament

- This incident is the formation of the rest of the Old Testament.
- Gen.12 is God starting over, again.
- The rest of the OT is the story of Yahweh and His people in conflict with the gods of the other nations and the people who live in those nations.
- Gen.12:3 says that all the families of the earth shall be blessed. The promised Saviour of Gen.3 is coming
- Israel as a nation was to be a lighthouse to the nations to help them find their way back to Jehovah
- Acts.17:24-27 – God's desire is that nations would come back

The Good News For All The Nations

- Luke 10:1,17 – sending out and return of the 70/72
- Acts 2:1-12 Pentecost symbols of the presence of God
- Elijah -1 Kings 19:11f mighty rushing wind/spirit; Fire;
- Divided tongues, Acts 2:3 – Deut.32:8; Yahweh "divided" the nations – Gen.10:25
- Act 2:6 bewildered – Gen.11:7 let us go down and "confuse" their language – same Gk word
- Acts.2:5 -10 – Jews from all over the known world were there



The Good News For All The Nations

- Col.1:13,16,19-20; 2:13-15 – Now they live by the lie
- Christ's death and resurrection disarmed the rulers and began the process of bringing the nations back to Himself
- Today, Jews use Pentecost to celebrate the giving of the law on Mt Sianai. That God came down and spoke to all the people, not just the Priests.
- Today, followers of Jesus celebrate Pentecost as the day God came as the Holy Spirit to indwell, teach, convict and empower us to live and walk and dwell continually in the presence of the Lord Almighty.
- That is open to each person who makes that decision to surrender their lives to Jesus.