



## “God’s Heart for ALL Nations”

### READING THE BIBLE AS ONE BOOK

- Introduction: Genesis 1-11
- Story: Genesis 12 – Revelation 4
- Conclusion: Revelation 5-22

### INTRODUCTION – Genesis 1-11

- Genesis 11:1 – *“Now the whole world had one language and a common speech.”*
- Genesis 11:3-4 – *“<sup>3</sup>They said to each other, ‘Come, let **US** make bricks and bake them thoroughly.’ They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, ‘Come, let **US** build **OURSELVES** a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that **WE** may make a name for **OURSELVES**; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”*
  - Pride

### THE STORY – Genesis 12 – Revelation 4

- Abrahamic Covenant – Genesis 12:2-3:
  - <sup>2</sup>*“I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.*
  - <sup>3</sup>*I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”*
    - Top-line Blessing:
    - Bottom-Line Responsibility:
- US/THEM Mentality

*There are nearly 400 passages which are paraphrased abridgements of the Abrahamic Covenant. They all break down into two basis parts...God’s desire to bless the Israelites and His desire to have the nations be a blessing. Some sample passages: Psalm 67:1-2; Isaiah 49:6; Romans 15:8-9; Galatians 3:14.*

- Repetition – Genesis 26:3-4, 28:13-14

*God repeats the covenant five times – three times to Abraham, once to Isaac and once to Jacob.*

Genesis 22:15-18 -- <sup>15</sup> The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup> and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

- *The Promise Land – Ezekiel 5:5 – <sup>45</sup> This is what the Sovereign Lord says: This is Jerusalem, which I have set in the center of the nations, with countries all around her*
  - *Psalm 46:10 – "Be Still & Know..."*
  - *Psalm 67 – "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us ..."*
  
- *Multiple Bottom-Line Passages:*
  - *1 Chronicles 16:23-24 – "Sing to the Lord all the earth..."*
  - *Psalm 67:3-4,7 – "...may your ways be known on earth, your salvation among all nations..."*
  - *Psalm 72:11, 17 – "...all kings will bow down to Him..."*
  - *2 Kings 19:17-19 – "...so that all kings on earth may know you..."*
  - *Isaiah 25:6-8 – "...for all peoples..."*
  - *Isaiah 61:11 – "...so the Lord will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all nations"*
  - *Jeremiah 3:17 – "...all nations...will honor the Lord..."*
  - *Daniel 7:13-14 – "...men of every language worshipped Him..."*
  - *Haggai 2:7 – "...the desire of all nations will come and fill this house with glory"*
  - *Zechariah 8:23 – "...ten men from all languages..."*
  - *Malachi 1:11 – "...My name will be great among the nations..."*
  
- *New Testament – Luke 24:45 – <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.*
  - *Top-Line:*
  - *Bottom-Line:*

## CONCLUSION – Revelation 5-22

- *Revelation 5:9 – <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from **EVERY** tribe and language and people and nation.'*
  
- *Matthew 24:14 – <sup>14</sup>And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."*

**BIBLE: 1 STORY -- INTRODUCTION - STORY - CONCLUSION**