

INTRODUCTION

1. Experiencing ancient history - reading OT illuminated by the light of Jesus' resurrection - gospel for all the nations [Lk 24:47].
2. Gospel rooted in ancient promises of God: creation, Flood, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob - OCov Israel.
 - i. Deliverance from Egypt for the glory of His name: YHWH.
 - ii. Promises focused on the coming King from Judah..
 - iii. Acknowledge Christopher Wright, *The Mission of God*, 2006.

1st: The Idolatrous Culpable Nations

1. Israel's conquest of Canaan = purging of paganism 1] legitimate judgment on nations; 2] protect Israel from idolatry.
2. YHWH is righteous in His judgment of the nations.
 - i. Rom 1:18-23 more than Roman paganism - idolatry *since the creation of the world*. Canaanites intentionally rejected revelation of God & served idols of their own making; believing lies.
 - ii. Gn 15:16 Lord tells Abraham of 400 yr enslavement - allotted time for completion of *iniquity of the Amorite* [cf. Mt 23:32; 1Th 2:16]. God's allotted time coincided w/ Exodus.
 - iii. Lev 18:2-3 Israel not to do thgs listed in v6-23 sexual promiscuity & perversion: incest, adultery, child sac, homosex, bestiality
 - iv. Lev 18:24-30. Canaanites were expelled from land b/c of idolatry = *abominations*. If Israel does those thgs, they will be expelled too by military conquest [Assyria & Babylon]
 - v. Israel removed from land by Assyria b/c of idolatry - 2Kgs 17:7-23
 - vi. Deut 18:9-14. v12 - Canaanites conquered to purge land of idolatry & accompanying sins so as to protect Israel from cov curses. But Israel did not purge the land - see Josh 1 & 2.
 - vii. Canaanites' allotted time was over. God's patience is limited.

2nd: Joshua's Conquest of Canaan and the Nations

1. OT teaches us how to interp our NCov salvation in Christ. Patriarchs convey *blessing*; OCov theocracy show the nations the YHWH is God.
2. Josh 4:23-24 Jordan [Red Sea] - *all peoples of earth* to learn of YHWH
3. 1Sam 17:46-47 David's defeat of Goliath = theol'al education for 1] *all the earth & 2] all this assembly* [qahal: army of Israel -> ekklesia in NT]

3rd: David's Monarchy in Israel and the Nations

1. 2Sam 7 - DavCov - a son who wld also be God's Son; King [v9]
 - i. v12-16 Son of David - kingdom of God
 - ii. David thanks the Lord [v18ff]: extols YHWH [v22] & Israel as His nation - above *nations & their gods* [v23]. v25-29 repeated *bless* [3x v29] recalls Gn 12:2b-3 & Gn 1:28 & points to life of age to come.
2. Solomon builds temple - 1Kg 8 = prayer of dedication: v41-43 inclusion of *foreigner* - blessed so that *all people of the earth may know Your name*.
 - i. Solomon's *blessing* on Israel - v54-61 to attract nations to YHWH.
3. 2Kg 19 Hezekiah: give Israel victory so nations know YHWH - v15-19

Applic #1: See Unconverted Men as They Are Defined Biblically: Idolaters

1. We cannot allow men to self-diagnose. They are idolaters - Rom 1:25.
2. Conversion is obedience to the 1st commandment.

Applic #2: Unconverted Men Learn About Jesus From Us: the Church.

1. In NCov church is sent out to the nations, whereas in OCov, the nations were welcomed into Theocracy. But NCov church shld attract idolaters.
2. A 5:12-14 people not associate but respected church nonetheless; 1Cor 14:25 unconverted acknowledge that God is among us. We shld instigate curiosity among unconverted people.

Applic #3: Let Us Encourage Unconverted Men to be Blessed by Jesus Christ

1. The history of Israel shows the Lord's determination to bless undeserving sinners. That blessing is given to David's greater son: Jesus - how blessed are all who take refuge in Him!