

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Spirit-inspired piety - Psalms. Full spectrum of experiential religion & theological truth & prophecy.
  - i. Some Pss recount revelation of God in redemptive history.
  - ii. Arranged in 5 bks. Development of faith; Messianic focus; 2 seeds; attributes of God - summons to all people to worship YHWH.
2. Lk 24:47 - God's purpose for the nations - AbCov blessings for nations.

**1st: Abraham's Blessing on All the Families of the Earth**

1. Gn 12:1-3 - esp'ly v3 - 22:17-18 - promise in view of Ab's res'd seed.
2. Ps 22:27-28 all the families of the nations to worship YHWH.
  - i. Ab's blessing extends to world b/c of Jesus - v1, v7-8, v14-18= cross; v19-25 seed of Israel [Jacob] = a worshiping assembly
  - ii. v31 *He has performed it = It is finished!*
3. Ps 47:1 all peoples to worship - v9 *people of the God of Ab.*
4. Ps 67 v1 - Aaronic blessing of Num 6:23-27; Ab's blessing: seed & land

**2nd: The Nations Are Blessed in Abraham's Promised Seed: The Messiah**

1. YHWH: God of AB, Jacob, Israel - David's Son: Messiah - Ps 22.
2. Ps 2:8-12 cited in NT re: res'd Jesus' ascension to God's throne: *blessed*.
3. Ps 72:17-20 Ab blessing merges w/ DavCov for whole earth

**3rd: The Nations Are Blessed in Having YHWH as Their God**

1. Ps 86:9 all nations worship YHWH
  - i. Ask for lovingkindness - v1-7
  - ii. Come to YHWH b/c there is no other God - v8-10 [Isa 45:21-24].
2. Population of restored Jerusalem - Ps 87:4-7
  - i. *Rahab*= Egypt - former slave-masters!
  - ii. *Babylon* = former conquerors!
  - iii. *Philistia* = enemies: west; *Tyre*: north; *Ethiopia*: distant peoples

- iv. A new people - new birth: true citizenship
- v. Citizens celebrate their salvation in joyful worship.
3. Ps 96 - proclaim name of YHWH to nations - worship of new creation.
4. Ps 148 - YHWH praised in new creation by all peoples.

**Applic #1: The Inclusion of the Nations Enlarges "Israel"**

1. Children of Ab are enlarged: entire population of new creation.
2. Gentiles w/ YHWH as their God - one people purchased w/ the blood of the Lamb: *every tribe & tongue & people & nation.*

**Applic #2: The Nations are United as One People Under the Rule of Messiah**

1. Ps 1 & 2 = the 2 pillars on wh/ Psalter is built - unifying theme: *blessing*.
  - i. Ps 1:1 & Ps 2:12
  - ii. Seed 2 seeds of Gn 3:15 defined by rlnshp to Word of God.
  - iii. 2 kingdoms: of men, of Messiah. DavCov = interpretive key to Pss.
  - iv. Messiah's rule - YHWH's rule over entire creation.
2. David prophesies Christ's suffering & res glory [Lk 24:46].
3. Inversion: Kingdom thru suffering & the conquered worship: Ps 89
  - i. v1-4 theme - YHHW's covenant faithfulness to David
  - ii. v5-18 supremacy of YHWH above the gods - throne - v13-14
  - Oiii. v19-37 rehearse DavCov; Lord's Anointed Son - enthroned
  - iv. v38-52 marvels at rejection - v38, v46 - *blessed* v52
4. God's purposes for nations [victory over death] accomplished by Messiah.

**Applic #3: The Nations are United in One Salvation w/ Privilege of Worship**

1. Ps 67:1-3 priestly blessing - life of worship
2. What made Israel distinctive? YHWH's grace given in David's Son: Jesus.
3. Lk 24:46-47 let us be obedient to our commission
4. Lk 24:44 We've sampled writings of Moses & now Pss - v48.