

ALL NATIONS SUNDAY

LUKE 13:29

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God is at work in the world.

Luke 13:29

And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.

God's heart for the nations

- The Garden to the Manger
 - Creation – Genesis 1:31a *And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.*
 - Fall of humanity – Genesis 3
 - God's promises in the midst of catastrophe – Genesis 3:15 *I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.*
 - Promise of blessing to all through Israel – Genesis 12:2-3 *And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*

Genesis 22:18

and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.

- The Promised Land *won* and squandered
 - Fall of Israel (722 B. C.) & Judah (586/587 B. C.).

Isaiah 42:6-7

I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Isaiah 49:6b

I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 52:10

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 60:3a

And nations shall come to your light,

- 400 years of silence
- Birth of the Messiah – Galatians 4:4a *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman,*

John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Matthew 24:7-8

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.⁸ All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

- Spreading the Good News to all nations – Matthew 28:18-20
 - Peter's sermon at Pentecost – Acts 2

Acts 2:5

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

Acts 13:47-48

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”

⁴⁸And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

Acts 26:22-23

To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: ²³that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”

- Spread of the Gospel in the face of opposition

Revelation 7:9-10

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Takeaways

- Know your family history. #Identity
- Go and make disciples. #MainThing