



A Three-Fold Cord

Creation, Redemption & Dominion

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1. Introduction

Galatians 3:8-9

8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the [Nations] by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed,” (Gen 18:18, 22:18). 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

As I wrote in the introduction chapter to the book, I saw the whole world as a wheat field. I didn't see varieties of wheat, only one kind, and each stalk had a face. I saw God's harvest, one people, one nation. The current situation is that people groups and the Nations are divided. In Christ, that division is repaired.

Years ago, I did a study on the usage of the word “nation(s)” in the New Testament. The Greek root word is “ethnos,” Strong's G1484, is used 164 times, and is translated gentiles (93x), nation (64x), heathen (5x), and people (2x). We get the word “ethnic” from ethnos. When translated as ‘gentiles’ it is usually in contrast to Jewish people. In Jesus's day the world was divided into Jews and non-Jews, i.e., Gentiles, meaning all the other nations, tribes, languages, and people groups, rolled up under one label. In almost every case the word “nation(s)” would be an appropriate translation and only a few cases, where there is a direct contrast to Jews, would “gentiles” appropriate. I can see no real reason why the nations are obscured, except possibly theological bias or tradition.

Another usage for the word “Gentiles” is for a specific non-Jewish nation. For example, the following:

Mark 10:33

Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; Mat 20:19, Luke 18:32

Luke 21:24

24 And they will fall by the edge of the sword and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

In both these cases, the “Gentiles” refers not the world of Nations in general but to the Romans in specific. It is the context of history that makes this identification.

More recently I expanded the study to the Old Testament. The Hebrew root word is “goy,” Strong’s H1471, is used 558 times, and is also translated nation (374x), heathen (143x), gentiles (30x), and people (11x). The history of the Nations (listed in Gen 10) in the Old Testament clarified God’s attitude and plans for the nations of the world (Is 2:2, 25:7, 56:7, 66:20, Mic 4:2, Jn 3:16, Mt 28:19). Jerusalem in prophecy is a one of the metaphors for the New Testament Church, the New Jerusalem, see ch 8, “Dominion.”

This study has significantly altered my thinking on God’s “mystery of the ages,” the Gospel, and God’s redemptive plan. God has always had the Nations, and the restoration of His human family, on His mind. The idea of completing the Eden Project (Gen 1:28) is intriguing and there is no plan “B”. Hopefully it will expand your thinking as well. It is generally the case that the more you examine Kingdom truth the bigger and more glorious it becomes, and God becomes all the more amazingly brilliant!

The Nations were held captive by the sons of God (now called principalities, Rom 8:38, Eph 6:12, Col 2:15, Ps 82) following the Tower of Babel incident (Gen 11, Deut 32:7-9). When Jesus rose from the dead, He took back the authority over the Nations that had been given to those principalities. He took captivity captive and gave leadership gifts to men (Eph 4:8, 11). This is behind Jesus saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me, therefore you go...” Mt 28:18. The authority to rule the nations of the earth belongs to Jesus alone, (Ps 2:8, Dan 7:13-14, 1Tm 6:15, Rev 1:5). This chapter is an introduction to these ideas. There is much more that could be said.

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Ephesians 4:7-13

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. 8 Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.” 9 (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Psalms 82

1 God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods. 2 How long will you judge unjustly, and show partiality to the wicked? Selah

3 Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4 Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked. 5 They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable. 6 I said, "You are gods, and all of you are children of the Most High. 7 But you shall die like men and fall like one of the princes." 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; For You shall inherit all nations.

Deuteronomy 8:18-20

18 "And you shall remember Yahweh your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

19 Then it shall be, if you by any means forget Yahweh your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. 20 As the nations which Yahweh destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of Yahweh your God.

2. A House Divided – The Family Estranged

In the beginning God created man in His image. One of the things that this means is that man was made "like Him" and fit for God's presence. Man was made fit for sacred space, the place of God's presence. The first sacred space was the Garden of Eden, God's home on earth, to be shared with the crown of His creation. Their job was to extend that sacred space to the four corners of the earth, to fill the earth (Gen 1:28). The Eden Project.

But things went terribly wrong. It happened in three stages. Nothing that happened was a surprise to God. Remember the Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world, (Rev 13:84), there was a plan from beginning to end (Isa 46:10).

Genesis 1:27-28

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God, He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 2:15

Then Yahweh God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

Genesis 2:21-22

21 And Yahweh God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which Yahweh God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

Genesis 3:23-24

23 therefore Yahweh God sent [Adam] out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

The first separation was done. Man is now separated from Yahweh, life itself, and the sacred space for which he was made. It is only a matter of time until Death came calling to exert its newly acquired authority (Rom 5:14).

Genesis 6:5-8

5 Then Yahweh saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that **every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually**. 6 And Yahweh was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7 So Yahweh said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of Yahweh.

The second separation was done. Man is now separated from all semblance of righteousness. He had become so completely, totally depraved that Yahweh must cleanse the earth of them.

Genesis 10:25, 32

25 To Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg, for in his days **the earth was divided**; and his brother's name was Joktan.

32 These were the **families of the sons of Noah**, according to their generations, **in their nations**; and from these **the nations were divided** on the earth after the flood.

Genesis 11:1, 9

1 Now the whole earth had **one language and one speech**.

9 Therefore its name is called Babel, because there Yahweh **confused the language** of all the earth; and from there Yahweh **scattered them abroad** over the face of all the earth.

Deuteronomy 26:19

and that **He will set you high above all nations** which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to Yahweh your God, just as He has spoken.

Deuteronomy 29:25-26

25 Then people would say: 'Because they have forsaken the covenant of Yahweh God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt; 26 for they went and **served other gods** and worshiped them, gods that they did not know and that **He had not given to them**.

Deuteronomy 32:7-9

7 Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you: 8 **When the Most High divided** their inheritance to the nations, when **He separated the sons of Adam**, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of **the sons of God**. 9 For the Yahweh's portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance.

Because the people of the Tower of Babel didn't want to obey Yahweh. The purpose of the tower was to meet with other gods, not Yahweh. So, He divided the families of Gen 10, and scattered them. Each family got their own language, their own land, and their own son of God or Principality (Prince of Persia, Greece, the world) to oversee them. The Nations were scattered around the world to repopulate as Yahweh originally commanded them. That also means there were people groups in North and South America about 4000 years ago. But Yahweh reserved a family (God's chosen people.) and a territory (The promised land.) for Himself.

But the sons of God corrupted themselves, again and the people, again (Ps 82)! This is the root of the idolatry, paganism, and world religions that we see in the world today. The world became divided, tribal, and hostile. It has been said that Shamanism was the first world-religion. Its root is with the ancient fallen spirits that taught man, again, supernatural and destructive

technologies. It still goes on today. The Nazis are reported to have employed psychics to contact aliens for the purpose of acquiring technology. This was the third fall. The general lifespan was cut in half, again.

A. The Nations

Psalms 24:1

The earth is Yahweh's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.

Malachi 1:11

“For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, **My name shall be great among the Nations**; In every place incense shall be offered to My name, and a pure offering; For **My name shall be great among the Nations**,” says Yahweh of hosts.

2 Chronicles 20:5-6

5 Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of Yahweh, before the new court, 6 and said: O Yahweh, God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not **rule over all the kingdoms of the nations**, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so **that no one is able to withstand You**?

Romans 15:8-13

8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, 9 and that the [Nations] might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: “For this reason, I will confess to You among the [Nations] and sing to Your name.” (2 Sam. 22:50; Ps. 18:49)

10 And again he says: “Rejoice, O [Nations], with His people!” (Dt 32:43)

11 And again: “Praise Yahweh, all you [Nations]! Laud Him, all you peoples!” (Ps 117:1)

12 And again, Isaiah says: “There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the [Nations], in Him the [Nations] shall hope.” (Is 11:1, 10)

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

B. My People Israel

Deuteronomy 32:9

For the Yahweh's portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance.

Joel 3:2

I will also gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of **My people, My heritage Israel**, whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

1 Samuel 9:16

Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him commander over **My people Israel**, that he may save My people from the hand of the Philistines; for I have looked upon My people, because their cry has come to Me.

2 Samuel 3:18

Now then, do it! For Yahweh has spoken of David, saying, ‘By the hand of My servant David, I will save **My people Israel** from the hand of the Philistines and the hand of all their enemies.’

2 Samuel 7:10

Moreover, I will appoint a place for **My people Israel**, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously,

1 Kings 8:16

Since the day that I brought **My people Israel** out of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel in which to build a house, that My name might be there; but I chose David to be over **My people Israel**.

2 Chronicles 6:6

Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there, and I have chosen David to be over **My people Israel**.

Amos 8:2

And He said, “Amos, what do you see?” So, I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then Yahweh said to me: “The end has come upon **My people Israel**; I will not pass by them anymore.

Amos 9:14

I will bring back the captives of **My people Israel**; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them.

Matthew 2:6

But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd **My people Israel**. Mic 5:2, Gen 49:10

Deuteronomy 12:5

But you shall seek the place where Yahweh your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His home; and there you shall go.

Psalms 26:8

Yahweh, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells.

Exodus 15:13

You in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength To Your holy habitation.

Ezekiel 37:25

25 Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children’s children, forever; and My servant **David shall be their prince forever**, 2Sam 7:12-17.

C. The Promised Land

Remember that because the families disobeyed Yahweh, He scattered them across the world. God gave every family their own promised land (Gen 10:5, 20, 31), but He kept one family for Himself, Peleg at the time of the tower. A promised land wasn’t unique to Yahweh, but His was the focus of His redemptive plan. He owns it all anyway (Ps 24:1).

Genesis 12:5-7

5 Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So, they **came to the land of Canaan**. 6 Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land. 7 Then Yahweh appeared to Abram and said, "**To your descendants I will give this land**." And there he built an altar to Yahweh, who had appeared to him.

Genesis 15:16-21

16 But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." 17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. 18 On the same day Yahweh made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates— 19 the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, 20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

Exodus 13:5

And it shall be, when Yahweh brings you into the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month.

D. Tribal, Regional, National, Ideological Gods

Yahweh is the God of gods, (Dt 10:17, Josh 22:22, Ps 82, 136:2, Dan 2:47, 11:36).

But what about other gods named in the Bible and around the world? Here is a short but growing list. As I ask about regional or a people's gods, I am primarily interested in the top or creator gods. It is true that man has invented a myriad of lesser gods, and idols of stone and wood and metals. But behind some were real demons, (Deut 32:17, 1Cor 10:19-20).

Allah (moon god), Ashtaroth (fertility), Baal-Zebub, Brahma, Chiun, Coetzacotl, Dagon, Diana, Marduk, Moloch, Odin (god of war), Ogun (god of iron), Prince of Persia, Prince of Greece, Ra, Remphan, Rimmon, Sango (god of fire), Satan (former god of this world), Thor (trouble-making son of Odin), Zeus.

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3. Prophecies Concerning the Nations Coming Home

A. Old Testament

Genesis 18:18

18 since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

Genesis 22:18

18 In your seed **all the nations of the earth shall be blessed**, because you have obeyed My voice.

Psalms 22:27-28

27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to Yahweh, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. 28 For the kingdom is Yahweh's, and He rules over the nations.

Isaiah 2:1-4

1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of Yahweh's house shall be established on the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. 3 Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations and rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. Mic 4:1-3,

Isaiah 25:6-8

6 And in this mountain, Yahweh of hosts will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of well-refined wines on the lees. 7 And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the **covering cast over all people**, and **the veil that is spread over all nations**. 8 He will **swallow up death forever**, and Yahweh GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; the rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; for Yahweh has spoken.

Isaiah 56:7

Even them I will bring to My holy mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.

Question: Who is the house of prayer for all nation today?

Isaiah 66:18

For I know their works and their thoughts. It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory.

Jeremiah 16:19-21

19 Oh Yahweh, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in the day of affliction, the Nations shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, "Surely **our fathers have inherited lies**, worthlessness and unprofitable things." 20 Will a man make gods for himself, which are not gods? 21 "Therefore behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know My hand and My might; **And they shall know that My name is Yahweh**."

Micah 4:1-2

1 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of Yahweh's house shall be established on the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills; And peoples shall flow to it. 2 Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.

B. New Testament

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth**. 19 **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 **teaching them to**

observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

John 3:16

For **God so loved the world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Galatians 3:26-29

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. Hos. 1:9-10; 2:23; Rom. 9:25-26; 10:19

4. The Israel of God

Galatians 6:15-16

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but **a new creation**. 16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon **the Israel of God**.

Ephesians 3:14-15

14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole **family in heaven and earth** is named,

Ephesians 1:9-10

9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth—in Him.

Jesus is Lord, and Creator of the host of heaven, and earth!

1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, **a holy nation, His own special people**, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are **now the people of God**, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Mark 11:17

17 Then He taught, saying to them, “Is it not written, My house shall be called a house of prayer for **all nations**? But you have made it a den of thieves.”

A. Replacement or Fulfillment Theology

There is a major criticism concerning Kingdom (non-dispensational) teaching that distorts the argument by saying we believe that the Church has “replaced” Israel as God’s chosen people. This is only

natural since their presupposition is that God has **two** chosen peoples: the natural Jew and the Church. So, how could the church possibly replace Israel? It must be a heresy!

The problem is that Scripture does not support this presupposition. When we strip away the dispensational eisegetical overlay we see, especially in the New Testament, that God has only ever had one faithful remnant among the larger crowd (Rom 11). The condition for staying in favor with God has always been covenantal faithfulness, as seen above. The old has gone, the new has come. Refusing to come into the New Covenant is to be unfaithful.

Romans 9:6, 27

9 But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they **are not all Israel who are of Israel,**

27 Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, **the remnant will be saved.**”

The Body of Christ, the Church, the New Jerusalem, is the fulfillment of God’s purposes, from the very beginning. A common phrase in Matthew’s Gospel is “that it may be fulfilled.” This will be unfolded further in the Redemption section.

Mark 1:14-15

14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,** 15 and saying, “**The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand.** Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Question: What time has been fulfilled?

Luke 21:22

For **these are the days of vengeance,** that **all things which are written may be fulfilled.**

Question: At the time Luke wrote this, what had been written?

Joshua 21:43-45

43 So Yahweh gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it. 44 Yahweh gave them rest all around, according to **all that He had sworn to their fathers.** And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; Yahweh delivered all their enemies into their hand. 45 **Not a word failed of any good thing** which Yahweh had spoken to the house of Israel. **All came to pass.**

1 Kings 8:54-56

54 And so it was, when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to Yahweh, that he arose from before the altar of Yahweh, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. 55 Then he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying: 56

“Blessed be Yahweh, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised.

There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses.

Question: How many of God’s promises remain unfulfilled?

5. Christianizing the Nations – The Great Commission

Eph 2, 3, Rev 5:9, 7:9, 21:20

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “**All authority has been given to Me** in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and **make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Revelation 1:5

5 and from **Jesus Christ**, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and **the ruler over the kings of the earth...**

Revelation 5:8-10

8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

Revelation 7:9-10

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Revelation 22:1-2

1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

A. The Seed Blooms

Genesis 3:14-15

Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.

Genesis 12:1-3

1 Now Yahweh had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Galatians 3:16-18

16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ. 17 And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. 18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

Romans 4:13

13 For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Galatians 3:28-29

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Matthew 25:32-33

32 **All the nations** will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

B. One King, One Nation

Ezekiel 37:21-28

21 Then say to them, 'Thus says Yahweh, GOD: "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; 22 and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. 23 They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God. 24 David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. 25 Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever. 26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. 27 My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 28 The nations also will know that I, Yahweh, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.'"

Matthew 21:42-43

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was Yahweh's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes"? 43 Therefore I say to you, **the Kingdom of God** will be **taken from you** and **given to a nation bearing the fruits** of it."

C. The Gospel of the Kingdom

Mark 1:14-15

14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God**, 15 and saying, "**The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand**. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Question: What time has been fulfilled?

Acts 1:3

... to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during **forty days** and **speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.**

Note that from the beginning of Jesus' ministry to the end, Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God.

1 Timothy 3:16

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, **preached among the Nations**, believed on in the world, received up in glory. Mt 24:14

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