

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Lk 24:46-47 - *to all the nations*. God's purpose in creation & redemption.  
Key term: *bless* - AbCov - Gn 12:1-3 to *all families of the earth*.
2. We surveyed patriarchs, OCov Israel - Psalms. Today Prophets.
  - i. Called nation to cov fidelity & threatened cov curses: invasion
  - ii. Lord is faithful to AbCov - DavCov & 2nd Exodus from Exile.
  - iii. Prophets also addressed nations - cf. Jonah: Assyria [4:2, 11]

**1st: The Nations Are to be Blessed**

1. AbCov could be translated - *bless themselves* w/ Ab's blessing. Ps 47:8-9b
2. Jer 4:1-2 Israel repent of idols & *nations will bless themselves in YHWH*
3. Zech 8:13 *that you may be a blessing among the nations*.

**2nd: The Nations Become Citizens in God's City**

1. Nations as citizens of Jerusalem - Ps 87:3-6
  - i. former enemies & people from far off lands: born as native citizens!
  - ii. A prophecy of new birth - NCov Jer 31:33] see Ezek 36

**3rd: The Nations Are Given YHWH's Salvation**

1. Isa 2:2-4 nations admitted into the house of YHWH: peace
2. Isa 45:20-25 YHWH calls idolaters to trust in Him - only God & Savior

3. Universal glory of YHWH - Isa 66:18-24. Africa, Asia, Greece; priestly people in new creation of Sabbath rest - sober sight of hell.
4. Isa 19 prophecy against Egypt [v1-16] morphs into eschatology - v18-22
  - i. Egyptians [enemy] sent *a Savior* & enter cov rlnshp w/ YHWH
  - ii. Assyria [enemy] - v23-25 *Bless* - 3x - *blessed by Egypt My people!*
5. Isa 56:1-8 YHWH's temple admits eunuchs & foreigners.

**4th: The Nations Are Given YHWH's Name**

1. YHWH's *name* - IIIrd: identified w/ His people. Dt 28:9-10; Isa 52:6
2. Amos 9:11-12 DavCov - *nations called by My name*. Acts 15:16-18

**5th: The Nations Are Given Life Lived With YHWH**

1. Zech 2 - Jerusalem w/o walls [v4]; v5 recalls wilderness; v6-7 release from exile; v8-9 judgment on those who touch the apple of YHWH's eye
2. v10-11 When nations join, then YHWH will come to dwell in Jerusalem
3. v12-13 - YHWH w/ His people in His land - before *all flesh*.

**Applic #1: Perceive the Perspective of the Prophets**

1. Israel's privileged to encourage all idolaters to worship & serve YHWH.

**Applic #2: Perceive the Fulfillment of the Prophesied Promises**

1. Rom 5:10; Eph 3:6; 2:12-13, 18.
2. Zech 2:10-11 - Jn 1:14 Heb *dwelt in your midst* = incarnate Son of God come to *dwelt among us* = tabernacled, Jesus the temple of the living God. Let us join ourselves to Him & be His people! AMEN