

INTRODUCTION

1. 40 day module course on interpreting the OT - Lk 24:46-47. God's purpose for nations: Creation thru Noah to Abraham - Gn 12:3
 - i. *Blessing* [Gn 1:28]: this age; used re: age to come: bless *the nations*
2. We have considered Isaac & Jacob. This AM - the tribal nation of Israel.

1st: Joseph Brings Blessing to All the Families of the Earth

1. Joseph [type of Christ?] - Gn 41:56-57. Dead? - alive, reigns - banquet
2. Jacob & Joseph: bones to Ab's land = expression of faith - Heb 11:22.

2nd: Jacob's Ancient Prophecy for Judah

1. God's method: salvation of world thru individuals & particular people
2. Recall Patriarchs conveying *blessing* = "life": of this age & age to come
3. Joseph - gov't of Egypt: provision in famine; Jacob's blessing & prophecy of Judah's ascendancy. Gen 49:8-12 - Judah - lion.
 - i. parallelism of v10; *Shiloh* is obscure term - see footnote in Bible
 - ii. speaks of a coming King who will reign over all peoples: peace
 - iii. Ancient reference to Jesus, our reigning Lord.
4. Jacob did not have the light that we do, but he saw more than we might be inclined to acknowledge. Heb 11:21. Gn 48-49 blesses his sons *by faith* reiterating promises to Ab, Isaac [48:16], points us to Christ.

3rd: Moses and the Fame of YHWH's Name

1. Formation of OCov theocracy; national Israel. Represents mankind & privileged to make known the name of YHWH.
 - i. Lord regulates His worship; blessed - life lived w/ God.
 - ii. Theocratic Law reveals sin [1st use of law] & provides cultus wh/ reveals grace - atonement = categories by wh/ to identify the Messiah, coupled w/ the Davidic Covenant - rooted in Gn 3:15.
 - iii. YHWH dwells w/ men in temple & rule as King - codifies morality of creation: love to God & neighbor. Nations to know His name.
2. Exo 9:13-16 Moses to Pharaoh - Exodus thru plagues reveal YHWH as only true God & make His name known & proclaimed thru all the earth.
 - i. Each plague assaults an Egyptian deity; Pharaoh cursed - Gn 12:3

- ii. *The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD* - Ex 7:5 [8:10; 8:22; 9:14; 9:29; 10:2]. Israel is rescued & Egyptians learn of YHWH who is not localized deity but the transcendent Creator & Judge come to fulfill promises to Ab & display His glory among nations - Rom 9:17

3. Exo 19:5-6 Israel as YHWH's possession among *all the peoples*. Chpt 20-40 estab OCov [Law, worship, temple]
 - i. Israel privileged w/ YHWH's presence - a sanctified nation, mediating blessing as priests among the nations.
 - ii. Peter applies to NCov church [1Pt 2:9] *proclaim excellencies of Him*. Cites Hosea - people previously not Lord's people now His people.
 - iii. Purpose for nation of priests? Proclaim name of YHWH to nations as the one true God in whom alone is mercy - repent & be saved!
4. Gn 12:3 blessed or cursed in rln to Ab's promised seed [Jesus]. Balaam learned that he could not bring a curse on Israel - Num 24:17 prophecy re: King of Israel - star & scepter - Rv 22:16. The light of Day of Eternity is signaled by *morning* star - resurrected King Jesus; day will dawn in full brightness at His 2nd coming. Balaam saw that star = blessing on Israel.
 - i. Israel brought curse on itself [Num 25]: idolatry. Num 31:16 - Balaam's role in seducing Israel into Baal worship.
5. Deut = 2nd giving of Law to 2nd generation - enter land: Joshua. Moses rehearses history of YHWH's faithfulness & Israel's unbelief. The concern? IIIrd c - YHWH's name among nations.
 - i. Deut 4:3-8 idolatry will discredit YHWH's name.
 - ii. Deut 26:18-19 [Ex 19:5-6] display blessed life & attract nations
 - iii. Deut 28:9-10 Israel's prosperity occasions honor to YHWH by nations

Applic #1: The People of God Are Responsible for the Lord's Reputation

1. Israel is defined by worship of YHWH as God - 1st table of Law.
2. Deut 5:11 - IIIrd c. Dt 28:10 *the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD* [YHWH]. Israel is delivered for the same of His name - to be known among the nations: idolaters.
3. Israel told to welcome Gentile proselytes. "Israel" is defined the people who are in covenant w/ YHWH evidenced by their worship born of faith.
4. Tit 2:1-10 *adorn the doctrine of God our Savior* - pagans see moral beauty & are attracted to King Jesus. Church demonstrates *blessed* life.

Applic #2: Let Us Not Be Reticent to Identify with the Name of Jesus

1. Words of ancient prophecy to us re: Jesus! The Lord of Shiloh!