

***WORLD MISSIONS TO GOD
IS NOT AN IMPORTANT PROGRAM.
FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION
IT IS A WHITE HOT PASSION.
HE CANNOT, WILL NOT REST
CONTENT UNTIL AT LAST HE HAS
REDEEMED TO HIMSELF
PEOPLE FROM EVERY ETHNIC NATION.***

***IF THIS IS A TRUE STATEMENT
THEN THERE WILL BE
ABUNDANT BIBLICAL EVIDENCE
TO PROVE IT.
AND THERE IS.***

BEGINNING AT THE BEGINNING:

The opening chapters of the Bible teach us some of the most foundational truths about God.

Among those truths are those that help us understand that He has a redemptive purpose and yearning that includes people from every ethnic nation on earth.

GENESIS CHAPTER ONE:

**He is a God who seeks huge
glory through a huge display
of His creative genius.**

GENESIS CHAPTERS THREE & SIX:

**He is a God who passionately
seeks intimacy with His
human creation.**

GENESIS CHAPTER ELEVEN:

**He is a God whose redemptive
mercy extends to the vilest of
human rebels.**

GENESIS CHAPTER TWELVE:

**He is a God who is committed
by oath to restore to Himself
what sin and Satan
took from Him.**

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CREATION

Genesis 1:20, 22, 28

“And God said, ‘Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures....’”

“And God blessed them saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters...and let birds multiply on the earth.’”

“And God blessed [His human creation] and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.’”

Genesis chapter one: (NIV)

:11 “...according to their kinds...”

:12a “...according to their kinds...”

:12b “...according to their kinds...”

:21a “...according to their kinds...”

:21b “...according to their kinds...”

:24a “...according to their kinds...”

:24b “...according to its kind...”

:25a “...according to their kinds...”

:25b “...according to their kinds...”

:25c “...according to their kinds...”

GENESIS ONE IN SUMMARY:

God did not want a sparsely populated earth but one that would be filled with every kind of His created life –

so that the whole earth would be
“full of His glory”!

(Isa. 6:3)

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Rev. 7:9: “a great multitude which no one could count....”

Rev. 5:9: “...men from every tribe and language and people and nation.”

THE BIG PICTURE IN SUMMARY:

He wanted earth to be filled with His glory – glory from every kind of His created life. (Genesis 1)

He also wants heaven to be filled with His glory – glory from every kind of His re-created human life. (Rev. 5:9; 7:9)

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GOD SEEKING INTIMACY WITH HIS HUMAN CREATION:

Genesis 3:8

“And they [Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.”

**GOD GRIEVED WHEN ROBBED OF
INTIMACY WITH HIS HUMAN CREATION.**

Genesis 6:5-6

“Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and he was grieved in* His heart.”

**GOD SEEKING RESTORED INTIMACY
WITH HIS HUMAN CREATION:**

Enoch walking with God.

Moses with Miriam and Aaron. (Numbers 11)

The Ark of the Covenant in the wilderness.

Christ grieving over Jerusalem.

The wedding of Christ.

IN SUMMARY

GENESIS CHAPTERS THREE AND SIX

One of the reasons God is a God of great missionary purpose and passion is that He is in the serious business of restoring to Himself the intimacy He once had with His human creation, of which He was robbed when sin and His arch enemy Satan turned all of humankind against Him.

GENESIS CHAPTER ELEVEN:

**He is a God whose redemptive
mercy extends to the vilest of
human rebels.**

GENESIS ELEVEN: HUMAN ARROGANCE

“And they said to one another, ‘Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly.’ And they used brick for stone and they used tar for mortar.

And they said, ‘Come, let us build for ourselves a city and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.’”

GENESIS ELEVEN:

GOD'S MERCY

“And the Lord said, ‘Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. ...Come, let us go down and confuse their language so that they may not understand one another’s speech.’ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city.?”

GENESIS ELEVEN – A SUMMARY:

When human arrogance had reached its zenith so that humankind was too proud to enter the kingdom of God, God in mercy humbled humankind and in this way made them eligible to enter the kingdom of heaven.

GENESIS CHAPTER TWELVE:

**He is a God who is committed
by oath to restore to Himself
what sin and Satan took
from Him.**

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Genesis 12:2-3

“...and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, and so you shall be a blessing. And I will bless those who bless you and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Genesis 18:18

“And the Lord said, ‘Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed?’”

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Genesis 22:16, 17a, 18

“Then the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, ‘By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, indeed I will greatly bless you...and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed because you have obeyed my voice.’”

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Genesis 26:3-4 (to Isaac)

“And I will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham, and I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands, and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.”

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Genesis 28:13-14 (to Jacob)

“I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give it to you and to your descendants. Your descendants shall also be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and in your descendants all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT:

Genesis 22:16

“By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord...”

“When God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself....” (Heb. 6:13)

MAXIMUM OATH

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT:

Genesis 22:18

“...in your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed.”

Gal. 3:16: “Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say ‘and to seeds’ as to many, but rather to one, ‘and to your seed,’ that is, Christ.”

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT:

Genesis 22:16

“...all the nations of the earth....”

Bible use of the word “nations”:
***“A group of people who have their own
language and culture.”***

N.T. Greek: ethne = “nations”

O.T. “...those nations that I cast out before you in Canaan.” i.e. tribal groups

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT:

The location of the Promised Land

(Gen. 15:18; Ex. 23:31; Num. 34:1-5; Deut. 1:7-8)

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Answer:

“I have placed [Jerusalem] at the center of the nations....” (Ezekial 5:5)

SPECIAL FEATURES
OF THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT
STRATEGIC POSITIONING OF
THE PROMISED LAND:

Located in the heart of the near east, where the trade routes converge between Africa, Europe and Asia – for maximum exposure of God's message to all nations.

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

A SUMMARY:

- 1. The repetition (five times)**
- 2. The intensity (maximum oath)**
- 3. The redemptive nature (salvation)**
- 4. The universal intent (all “families / nations”)**
- 5. The strategic positioning of the land**

IN REVIEW:

God seeks glory from every kind of created life on earth. This helps us understand why He also wants glory in heaven from every kind of His re-created human life – every people, language and nation. He wants ethnic diversity in heaven!

IN REVIEW:

God longs for an intimate relationship with His human creation and grieves deeply when that relationship is lost.

IN REVIEW:

When human arrogance threatened to keep humankind from ever returning to an intimate relationship to God, He in mercy humbled the human race, in this way making it possible for us to enter the kingdom of God and spend eternity with Him.

IN REVIEW:

God is passionately committed by solemn oath to restoring to Himself an intimate relationship with people from every part of the human race – every people and race and language – every nook and cranny of Satan's kingdom.

