

## INTRODUCTION

1. Transition from OT to NT - Lk 24:46-47. "Missions" is a new stewardship entrusted to the NCov church. Jesus extends saving grace to the nations - Gentiles.

**1st: The Inclusion of the Gentiles is an Aspect of OT Eschatology**

1. Eschatology - what is promised; age to come - hope of Sabbath shalom. OT believers had an eschatology - hope for eternal Sabbath rest.
2. Recall conclusion of survey of God's purposes for nations revealed in OT.
  - i. Pss - 1] "Israel" enlarged; 2] Nations united under Messiah; 3] Given blessings of salvation & privilege of worship.
  - ii. Prophets - 1] Nations to be blessed; 2] citizens of Jeru; 3] Given Salvation; 4] Given YHWH's name; 5] Given Life Lived w/ YHWH.
3. Sequence: 1st: Israel purged of idolatry; 2nd: rule of Messiah & bestowal of HS; 3rd] nations join Israel as new people of God in glorified creation
  - i. ingathering of Gentiles to happen *in the latter days; last day*: eschat
  - ii. ingathering of Gentiles was smthg YHWH wld do - not OCov Israel
4. Zech 2:9b-11 when YHWH comes to  *dwell* [temple presence - Jn 1:14] & nations will join to the Lord & bec/ His people.
5. OCov theocratic Israel was to attract the nations to YHWH.
6. NCov eschatological Israel is to attract & bring nations to YHWH: Jesus. Going to nations is smthg new - the mission given to NCov Israel. NCov fulfillment of OCov eschatology.

**2nd: Prophecy of Israel's Messiah for the Nations**

1. Jesus engaged Israel & Gentiles - intentionally fulfilling prophecy.
2. Isa 49:1-13 - servant song sung by Jesus - perceive layers of fulfillment
  - i. Paul cites v8 in 2C 6:1
  - ii. Jn cites v10 in Rv 7:16-17
  - iii. v5-6 sequence: restore Israel & ) extend salvation to ends of the earth
3. Isa 9:1-7 the light that shines in *Galilee of the Gentiles* Jesus
4. Mary - Lk 1:53-55 Messiah 1st comes to *Israel*: fulfills AbCov
5. Simeon - Lk 2:29-32 Simeon cites Isa 9:1-2 & Isa 49:6

6. JnB - Lk 3:2b-9 JnB *in the wilderness* => reconstituting of "Israel"
  - i. JnB defines himself - Isa 40:3-5: announces arrival of YHWH & sees reordering of cosmos as salvation goes to *all flesh*
  - ii. Calls the believing remnant to a bap of repentance & to faith in Jesus as Messiah - A 19:4. Remnant defined by faith, not blood - v8
  - iii. Agricultural metaphor of v9 used by Jesus in Mat 21:43.
  - iv. Jn 1:29-33 JnB defines Jesus' mission - sac'al death for sin of world; baptize w/ HS - Pentecost: NCov temple of living stones; sons of Ab

**3rd: Jesus' Early Public Ministry**

1. Jesus' genealogy in Lk 3:23-38 [Ab & David]: *the son of Adam, the son of God*. Lk 4 recalls Gn 3: Satan tempts - Jesus = obedient Son/Israel: 2nd Adamic Man - seen in His humanity.
2. Nazareth [Isa 61:1-2a] confronts unbelief but Gentile faith. Lk 4:25-30.
  - i. Elijah [1Kg 17-18]. Widow of Zaraphath: food & res dead son.
  - ii. Elisha [2Kg 5:1-14] Naaman the leper - Syrian.
- Oiii. Unbelief in Israel - *none of them* [2x in v26 & 27]. Altho Lord sent 2 prophets - Israel unbelieving - as it was when Jesus came. But faith was found among the Gentiles.
3. Samaria - Jn 4 - Woman at well - v40-42 *Savior of the world*.

**Applic #1: Behold Your God**

1. See your Savior & salvation - all of grace - according to God's purpose unfolding thru history of redemption: OT into NT - to you!
2. *Here is your God!* [Isa 40:9]; *If God is for us, who can be against us?* [R 8:31b]. Our great salvation is due to our great Savior.

**Applic #2: Our Salvation is an Eschatological Sign**

1. Isa 41:8-10 - we are God's eschatological Israel foretold in OT; our salvation is what the OT believer longed for - what causes angels to marvel
2. Satan wld have us minimize the grandeur of God's grace - mere moralisms, feel-goodisms; cultural & social movements: all saeculum [of this age].

3. We are an eschatological people given eternal life by the living God! We have our place in the transcendent, immensity of God's sovereign purpose accomplished by Christ & applied by the HS. Isa 41:10