

GOD AMONG THE NATIONS #1

JBO 12:23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them [again].

God has relationship with nations in the same way he does individuals.

I. He desires to bless them.

DEU 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe [and] to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

Israel has been God's instrument of blessing to the world. I will bless them that bless you and curse them that curse you.

God promised in chapter 28, verses 3-7 to bless fields, give children and animals, harvest, and the promise to smite our enemies.

II. God will curse the nation that does not acknowledge him as the Lord.

DEU 28:15 ¶ But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

DEU 28:22 The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, an with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

DEU 28:33 The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed always:

III. God uses the nations for his purpose.

To carry out his judgment.

HAB 1:6 For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, [that] bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces [that are] not theirs.

JER 27:6 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him.

He used Babylon to scatter Israel for her sin of idolatry.

He used Israel to judge Canaan. *GEN 15:16* But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites [is] not yet full.

He used Egypt to protect the Christ child till Pharaoh died.

America was birthed on religious freedom and has sent the world the message of Jesus Christ.

AMO 6:14 But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hemath unto the river of the wilderness.

This is a time where America is on the edge. Will we turn to God or will be continue in our sinfulness?

IV. He will judge the nations.

MAT 25:32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth [his] sheep from the goats:

MAT 25:33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

MAT 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: nations that have favored Israel are blessed, those who not are cursed.

V. He will rule over the nations.

REV 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become [the kingdoms] of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

REV 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful.

REV 19:16 And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

REV 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.