

**Title:** God of the nations  
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## 1. A foretaste of heaven

### revelation 5:8-10

<sup>8</sup> Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the **prayers of the saints**. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; for You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of **every tribe and tongue and people and nation**,  
<sup>10</sup> And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

### revelation 7:9-10

<sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of **all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

### a. Sin scattered the nations

#### genesis 11:8-9

<sup>8</sup> So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the **face of all the earth**, and they ceased building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the **face of all the earth**.

### b. God is gathering the nations

#### genesis 12:2-3, 22:18

<sup>2</sup> I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.  
<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you **all the families of the earth** shall be blessed."  
<sup>18</sup> In your seed **all the nations of the earth** shall be blessed,

### isaiah 49:6

<sup>6</sup> Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the **ends of the earth**.' "

### john 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved **the world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever** believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

### c. We are His agents

#### 1. ASK

#### psalm 2:8

<sup>8</sup> Ask of Me, and I will give You **The nations for Your inheritance**, And **the ends of the earth for Your possession**.

#### mark 11:17

<sup>17</sup> Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a **house of prayer for all nations**'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

## 2. GO

### matthew 28:19-20

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and **make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

### luke 24:46-49

<sup>46</sup> Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and remission of sins should be **preached in His name to all nations**, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> And you are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

### acts 1:8

<sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me **in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**"

### Coincidence?

#### acts 2:5-6

<sup>5</sup> And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from **every nation under heaven.** <sup>6</sup> And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and was confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.