
NATIONAL DISTINCTIONS PART III

Part I on "National Distinctions," we showed **Abraham's promise** and **fulfillment** beginning with the **miracle birth of Isaac**, passing to the 2nd born twin, **Jacob**; then, to the nation of **Israel**, who gave birth to **Jesus, the Christ**, who is the **Messiah**.

Part II of "National Distinctions" dealt with the premise that all men are born from **Noah's** three sons; **Shem, Ham, or Japheth** - that all races are genetically linked to Noah's sons, who had the necessary genes of pro-creating the **Caucasoid, Negroid and Mongoloid** races; which makes up all of mankind on today's earth.

Part II also looked a little further at the **promise** made to **Abraham**, the father of faith (Rom. 4:1, 16). Its **fulfillment** came when the **Seed of Abraham... which is Christ**," was born, Gal 3:16. It was then, "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the **Gentiles through Jesus**; ...that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith," Galatians 3:14.

PART II concluded with how one receives the promise; which comes by faith (Eph 2:8-9). "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God," Romans 2:28a, 29.

Thus, God's promise is given when one exercises faith in Jesus Christ, the **Seed of Abraham**. However, faith does not end at the cross. After one has trusted Jesus as Savior, the new life must be walked upon and within; which is what the meaning of baptism and faith's allegiance to Christ.

The **PROMISE** never stops "**looking for that city**" (Heb 11) whose builder is God. When one has buried the old man, he raises up to walk in the new life that Christ has purchased for him. Romans Six is all about the walk in the new life.

NATIONAL DISTINCTIONS ARE REVEALED, EVEN AFTER THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

As odd as it may seem to the religious world, nations will continue to populate the earth; at least, until the millennium ends. Take a look at Isaiah 65:20.

"There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die a HUNDRED YEARS OLD; but the sinner being a HUNDRED YEARS OLD shall be accursed."

While, Old Testament prophecy always has its primary meaning wrapped up within the nation of Israel, there are other nations that are clearly on the earth after the 2nd Coming. Another O. T. prophecy is Zechariah 14:16.

"Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the **Feast of Booths**."

Then, "And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them," 14:17. Zechariah mentions Egypt by name in verse 18a.

There are all kinds of helps when we come to the New Covenant. One is Vines' Expository Dictionary. He defines **NATIONS** from the Greek, stating:

"ETHNOS denotes (a) a nation or people; the Jewish people; Israel in its restored condition; and, (b) the nations as distinct from Israel. See GENTILES."

Looking at the Bible alone, just open any concordance and you will see clearly, that nations will be on the earth; as we have said, at least until the end of the Millennium reign.

At that time, after "The last enemy that will be abolished is death," (1st Cor. 15:26), Jesus steps off the throne and takes His position with His Bride Brethren, turning the kingdom over the Eternal Father (See 1st Corinthians 15:25-28).

Thus, there is a major difference in Scripture from the saved of the nations and those composing the Bride of Christ.

REVELATION 2:26: "And he who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON..."

REVELATION 12:5: "And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne."

SATAN DECEIVES THE NATIONS AT THE END OF THE MILLENNIUM -

Revelation 20:7-8: "And when the thousand years (Millennia) are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations..."

AFTER THE CITY COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN - "...the nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it, Revelation 21:24.

NATIONS AND THE TREE OF LIFE "And on either side of the river was the TREE OF LIFE, bearing twelve kinds of fruit...and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations," Revelation 22:2.

It is amazing that Christians are quick to send everyone to hell unless they show - and maintain - fruit unto salvation. The Bible is not so judgmental, however.

While, **NOT every saved person** will inherit the earth and reign with Jesus in His Kingdom (See Gal 5:21), the Merciful God of the Bible remembers those who believed - the "believer - eds." Their trust in the blood of God's Son keeps them eternally secure from condemnation of an everlasting hell. That's the meaning of grace; not us but, God, alone.

But, people have been wrong before. The Jews believed that they had a kingdom coming to them because they were in the lineage of Abraham. Jesus made it clear to them that it was not so (Also, see Romans 11).

Everyone needs to realize; especially, those who go to a church, that it is time to get off that cloud of "**eternal happiness**," ever secure - no matter how one serves.

The Bible presents a special dwelling for all the inhabitants of the earth. The dwellings are not all the same. The saved (including the innocent; such as, babies) receive a blessing that is quite different from those who serve the LORD in Spirit and in Truth.

Clearly, there is a **NATIONAL DISTINCTION** that began in Genesis 12, continuing through the Old and New Covenant and through the Millennium; even, after the city comes down on the earth.

You may not know about the **Bride class** dwelling in the **light of the city** or the **Lord's true church** that began in Jerusalem, continuing up until the present; but, if you read the **Bible**, you cannot miss the fact that there are nations on the earth; including **Israel, the Head nation** - even, after the **2nd Coming**.

When we see **NATIONAL DISTINCTIONS**, the Bride of Christ begins to open up to our hearts. By the same truth of faith, we become tied to Him and His Church. It is a tie that binds us to the same promise made to Abraham.

The consistency in the motif and theme of the Abrahamic Promise, carries with it rewards for those who receive it. It is the promise in which, co-inheritors shall share with Jesus now, during the millennium and forever. (See Matthew 25; Romans 8:14-17).