

God's heart for the nations, conclusion

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Week seventeen

Conclusion to this study ...

Earlier in this study I opened with the concept of studying the Bible as one book and searching for the major themes and tracking the development of those themes throughout Scripture. During the past weeks I have tried to guide you through the development of the theme that reveals God's global purpose and how it is connected with the theme of God blessing His people. Believe it or not this journey has been brief; I can hear the masses saying, "no more."

In Revelation (the conclusion of the book), the culmination of the theme of God's purpose is unveiled in passages like Revelation 7:9-10, "After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb'" (NASB).

This passage indicates that God's promise to Abram is fulfilled. The question of the ages is not whether God's promise to Abram will be fulfilled or whether the making of disciples from all the nations will occur. The above passage reveals that God's global purpose is completed. The question is, what generation of the church will be obedient to the mandate of Jesus Christ and participate in completing the task? Or to personalize it, will I obey His mandate and be strategically involved in His global purpose as I daily walk with Him? The option of not connecting is not given in Scripture. He presumes obedience. The only unknowns are the details of our future involvement.

As you have moved through the study, list some of the things that you have learned and how you will apply what you have learned in your walk with Jesus. You may need to refer to previous studies as you pray through this exercise. In one sitting list as many items you've learned as possible. Then meditate on this question throughout the week and add other items to the list each day.

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