## "The New Heaven and the New Earth: God's Purpose for Israel" Deuteronomy 4:1-9

- The Main Purposes of Israel:
  - o Israel will be the means through which God blesses the world, spiritually and physically (**John 4:22**; **Genesis 12:2-3**; Genesis 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; Acts 3:25).
    - God's plan was not to make all Nations like Israel but to bless all Nations through Israel (Psalm 67:7; **Deuteronomy 4:5-8**).
    - The purpose of Israel was to save the world; spiritually and physically (*Psalm 72*; Amos 9:11-15).
  - Israel will be the Nation that the seed line of the Messiah will come through; the Messiah that will save and rule the world (Romans 9:5; Matthew 1:1; Genesis 49:8-12; Numbers 24:17-19; Isaiah 49:1-6; Romans 15:8-9; Luke 1:32; 2:32).
    - <u>Millennial Throne:</u> The throne of David is established in Jerusalem (Jeremiah 17:25). The Messiah will sit on that throne (Psalm 132:11-12). This throne is referenced in *Luke* 1:32-33; *Matthew* 25:31-32a; *Matthew* 19:28; 1 Corinthians 15:24, and is distinct from the Father's throne (*Revelation* 3:21).
  - Israel will be the primary vehicle through which the Scriptures will be given to the world;
     with the exception of Luke (Romans 3:1-2).
  - Israel will be the Geographical Capital of Jesus' Kingdom (Isaiah 2:2-4; 14:1; Amos 9:11-12;
     Zechariah 8:13,20-23; 14:9,16; Luke 19:41-42; 21:24, Romans 11:12,15: Revelation 19:15).
  - Israel will show the Nations of the world that God is a Holy God (Ezekiel 20:41-42; 28:25-26).
- The Different Covenants:
  - *Abrahamic:* (Genesis 12:1-3; 15:18-21; 17:6; Deuteronomy 30:1-10)
    - A Blessing for National Israel.
    - A Blessing for the Nations of the World.
    - A Specific plot of Land given to Israel.
    - A Blessing for the Earth.
    - The Blessing of Salvation.
  - Davidic: (Psalm 72; 2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17:11-14; 2 Chronicles 6:16; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Luke 1:32)
    - The Permanent Restoration of Israel.
    - A Worldwide Kingdom Reign of the Messiah.
    - It ushers in the Fulfillment of the New Covenant.
  - New Covenant (Jeremiah 30-33; Ezekiel 36-37; Romans 11; Psalm 72)
    - All Israel will be saved (Romans 11:25-27; Jeremiah 31:33-34; 32:39-41; 33:8-9).
    - We are saved by the spiritual blessings of Abraham (Galatians 3:27-29).

## **Announcements:**

- ★DONATIONS: Throughout the month of April, we are collecting monetary donations for HeartCry Missionary Society. The goal of their ministry is to facilitate the advancement of indigenous missionaries throughout the world. Their strategy consists of four primary components: financial support, theological training, Scripture and literature distribution, and the supply of any tool necessary to facilitate the completion of the Great Commission. There is a container on the back table for monetary donations, or you can give on Venmo and make a note that it is for HeartCry. *THIS* Sunday is the last day we will be collecting monetary donations for HeartCry.
- ★NEW MEMBERS CLASS: If you are interested in becoming a church member, we will be offering a two week New Members Class on Sunday, May 19th, and Sunday, May 26th, from 9-10am in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in taking the New Members Class. If you have any questions, please see Elder Zach.
- ★<u>LEGACY PRACTICUM:</u> On Monday, May 6th, we will begin a new course in the Practicum "New Testament Synthesis", which is an in depth Survey of the 27 Books of the New Testament. If anyone is interested in taking this course as an Audit please let Elder Richard know so we can prepare a Syllabus for you.