"Then the Gentile Nations Will Know That I Am the Lord" (Part 2) Ezekiel 26:1-21; 27:27

"And I will make of you (Abraham) a great nation (Israel), and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (Genesis 12:2-3)

Three Reflections:

- o "Tell us **what is to come hereafter**, that we may know that you are gods; **do good, or do harm**, that we may be dismayed and terrified....Who **declared it from the beginning**, that we might know, and beforehand, that we might say, **'He is right.'?**" (Isaiah 41:23,26)
- "He changes times and seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding" (Daniel 2:21). "Is a trumpet blown in a city, and the people are not afraid? Does disaster come to a city, unless the LORD has done it?" (Amos 3:6)
- "For although they knew God, they **did not honor Him** as God or **give thanks to Him**, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened" (Romans 1:21). "Through Him then **let us continually** offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name" (Hebrews 13:15).

Getting to Know Tyre (A Rock):

- The city of Tyre was divided into two distinct parts. A port city that was located on the mainland coast and a small rocky island off the coast where most of the population resided. Tyre was famous for their production of purple dye.
- The city of Tyre was considered an ancient city (Isaiah 23:7) that predated the Israelites entering the promised land. Tyre was the most renowned city of the Phoenicians. Tyre was wealthy because of her seagoing economy.
 - The Phoenicians (Sidonians) are from the line of Canaan (Genesis 10:15).
- Due to the Israelites not overthrowing the Phoenicians, they were a thorn in the side of Israel for centuries (Judges 1:31-32). Tyre was a part of the inheritance for the tribe of Asher (Joshua 19:29).
- Israel had peaceful relations with Tyre during the reigns of David and Solomon. Their tradesmen helped in building David's palace (2 Samuel 5:11) and building the Temple (1 Kings 5:1-14).
- During King Ahab's reign, Ahab married Jezebel who was a princess of the Phoenicians (1 Kings 16:29-33).
- During Nehemiah's day the people of Tyre sold goods in the markets of Jerusalem on the Sabbath Day (Nehemiah 13:15-18).
- God prophesied warning and judgment to Tyre through six of His prophets:

•Jeremiah (25:22)

•Amos (1:9-10)

•Isaiah (23:1)

•Zechariah (9:2-4)

•Ezekiel (26-28)

•Joel (3:4)

Announcements:

- ★ DONATIONS: Throughout the month of April we are collecting monetary donations for HeartCry Missionary Society. The goal of their ministry is to glorify God and to bring the greatest possible good to humanity through the preaching of the gospel and the establishment of biblical churches throughout the world by means of equipping and mobilizing indigenous churches and missionaries. For more information about HeartCry, please see the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. You can give your monetary donations on Venmo, please make sure to mark that it is for HeartCry. You can also put your monetary donations into the container on the back table.
- ★<u>NEW MEMBERS CLASS:</u> If you are interested in becoming a Church Member or have any questions about Church Membership, this announcement is for you! We will be having a New Members Class starting THIS Sunday, April 6th. This is a 2 week class that starts at 9am and is held in the Pre-K Room. There is a sign-up list on the wall in the entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating in the New Members Class. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Zach.
- ★ <u>COMMUNION</u>: We will be participating in and celebrating Communion together as a church body THIS Sunday, April 6th.
- ★<u>FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:</u> We are having a Fellowship Lunch THIS Sunday, April 6th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!
- ★BAPTISMS: Our next Baptism Service will be on Sunday, April 13th. If you have any questions about baptism or if you are interested in being baptized, please see Pastor Jeremey, Pastor Zach, Elder Richard, or Elder Jake.
- ★EASTER SERVICES: Easter is a great time to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and loved ones to join you for church to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!
 - Good Friday Service: Friday, April 18th, at 6:30pm. There will be no service on Thursday, April 17th.
 - Easter Sunday at 10:30am. There will be NO Children's Ministry available for the Easter Sunday Service.
- **★VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have a couple opportunities for you all to serve:
 - The Children's Ministry is looking to add volunteers to their ministry. If you are a church member and are interested in serving in this ministry, or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Kalen or Courtney Dees.
 - The Greeting Ministry is also looking to add volunteers to their team, specifically male volunteers. If you are a church member and are interested in serving in this ministry, or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Shawn Bailey.
- ★"IN HONOR/IN MEMORY OF" EASTER LILIES: The Servant's Heart Ministry is sponsoring an Easter Lily Sale. Please consider purchasing an Easter Lily and dedicate your Lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The Easter Lilies will adorn the sanctuary for both the Good Friday and Easter Sunday services. Your purchased Lilies can be retrieved following the Easter Sunday service. Cost is \$11 for a 6 inch potted Lily. **The last day to order a Lily is THIS Sunday, April 6th!** Order forms are on the table in the entryway. Please make checks payable to Legacy Community Church and make sure to note that it is for Easter Lilies. If you have any questions, please see or contact Kathleen Riley 740-497-7990.
- ★CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER: Our monthly Church Night of Prayer is on Sunday, April 13th, from 5:30-7pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full hour and a half of prayer.