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PAULS FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" - Rev. 2-3
- Paul's Route



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Acts 14:26-27

From there they sailed to Antioch (in Syria), where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.

²⁷ Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with / through them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles (ethné). ²⁸ So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

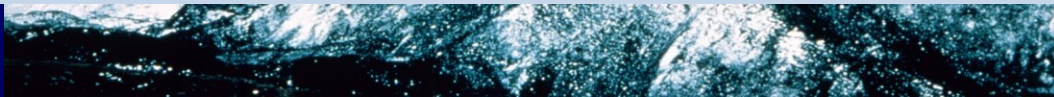


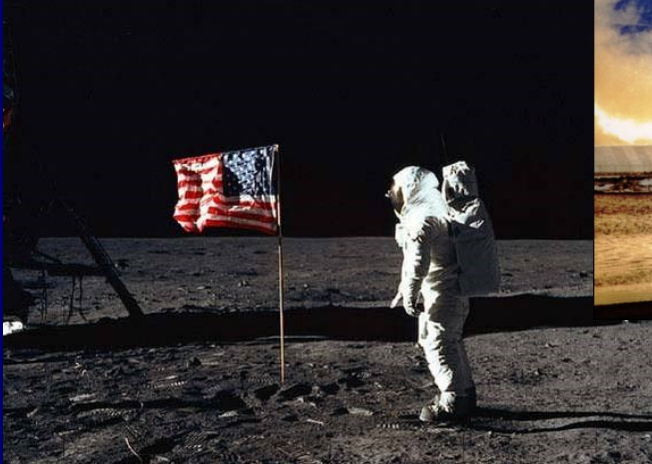
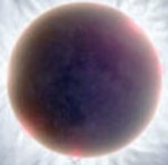


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Mt. Everest



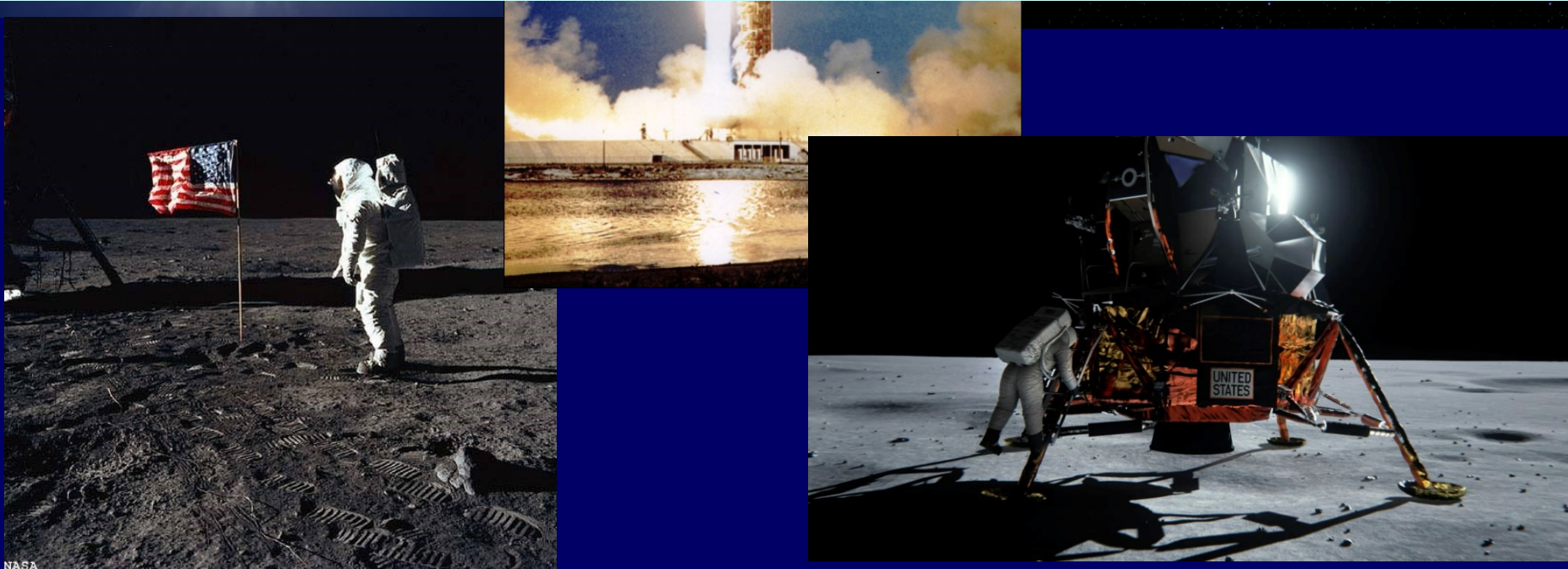


**Shoot for the MOON ... and you might end up
on → The MOON ... END-VISION - REALIZED**

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Genesis thru Revelation → God is on His Mission



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Genesis 3:15 → the PROTO-EVANGELON

[God is pronouncing Judgment upon the “Serpent”]

“And I [i.e.: God] will put ENMITY between you (i.e. the “Serpent”) and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He (i.e.: “her Seed”) shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

Observations:

- 1. Women don't have seed – men do (fact).**
- 2. “her Seed” is the prophesied Messiah/Savior.**
- 3. The “Serpent” is Satan, himself (see Rev. 12:9; 20:1-3)**

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Origin of Nations, Peoples, Tongues (languages), and Tribes

After the Global Flood of Noah's day – in Genesis 10 we read about “The Table of Nations” – 70 to be exact

- 1. Divisions of Humanity by Languages and Genetic kinship**
- 2. Nimrod – the first human king mentioned – he led open rebellion against God – Emperor of Cities**
- 3. Genesis 11:1-9 explains “the Table of nations” in Gen. 10 The Tower of Babel incident explains why we have the 70 various nations, peoples, tongues and tribes listed in Genesis 10. All of humanity descends from these 70**

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DIVIDE and CONQUER ... God's Strategy

By Languages and Kinship divisions – humans were dispersed and segregated – BY GOD HIMSELF. He did this.

Out of those 70 People Groups mentioned in Genesis 10 ... Genesis 11:10-32 – explains how GOD chose a certain man, Abram, who is a descendant of SHEM ... (one of the 3 sons of Noah – “blessed by the LORD God of Shem”)



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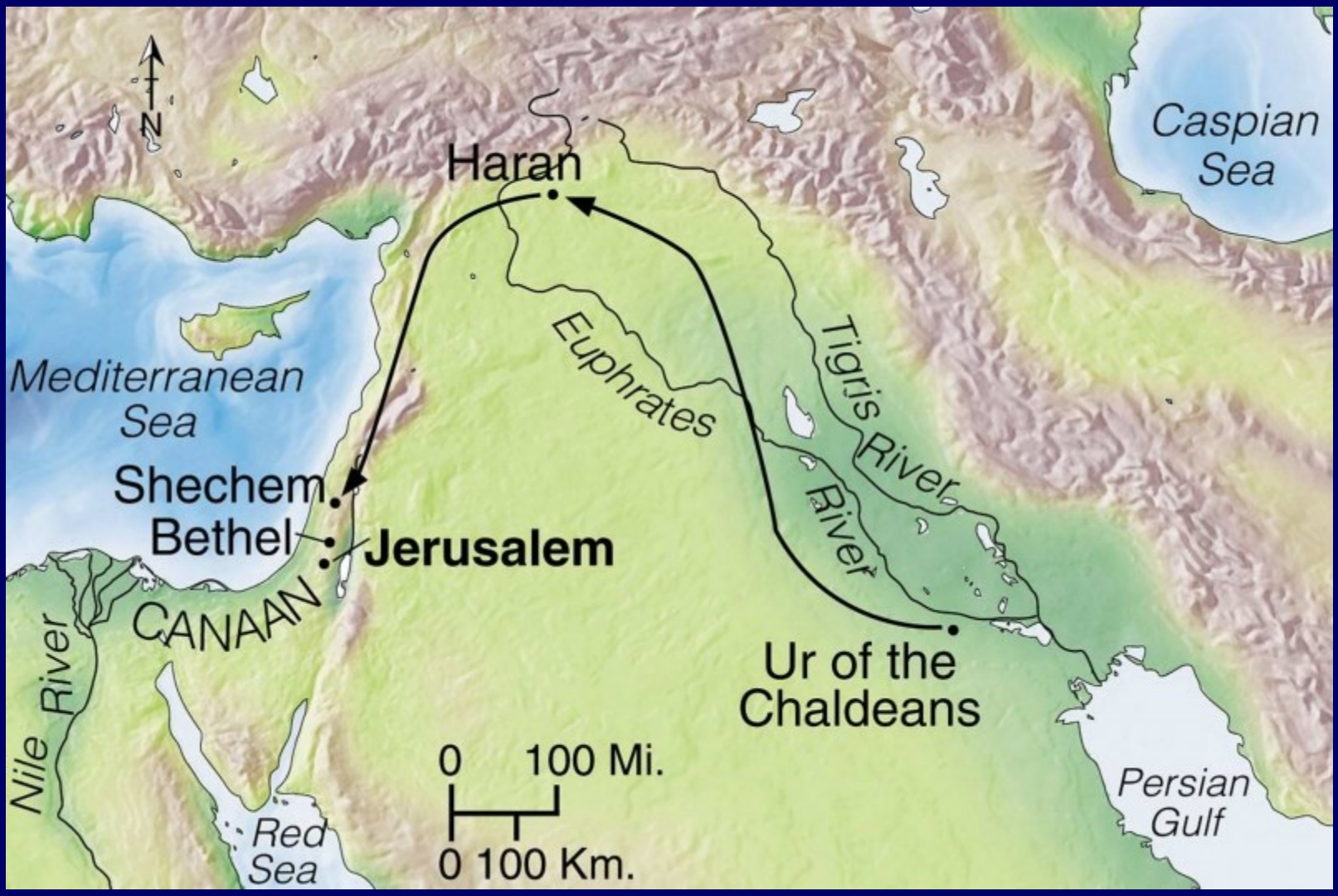
Genesis 12:1-3: Now the LORD had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, [and go] to a land that I will show you.

² I will make you a great nation; I will BLESS you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

³ 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.” [*Families of the Earth* → nations/peoples/tribes]

Abram/Abraham was God’s FIRST Missionary in History



GOD chose a certain man, Abram, who is a descendant of SHEM ... and then through the descendants of Abraham → Isaac (*Yitzhak*) and Jacob – God would continue His Covenant Promises through them and TIE His Own Name to them ... He would be FOREVER known as:

**The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob
The God of Israel**

Exodus 3:14-15:

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Exodus 3:14-15: ¹⁴ And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘YAHWEH God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My Name Forever, and this is My Memorial NAME to all generations.’

BLESSED to be God’s BLESSING to the NATIONS

The Nation of Israel was to be God's Missionary Nation to the Gentiles (GOYIM – Nations / Gentiles / the Peoples)

Exodus 19:3-6: And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: ⁴ ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. ⁵ Now therefore, IF you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, THEN you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. ⁶ And you shall be to Me a KINGDOM of PRIESTS and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

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A Priest intercedes for (stands before God on behalf of) other humans – praying for God to bless, protect, save, rescue, help other people ...

they are SET-APART or Made Holy to do this ...

And so it is for all of the nation (all individuals) of Israel – they were chosen by God to intercede on behalf of the "lost" nations on earth → Blessed to be His Blessing

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Isaiah 49:6(b) “... I will also make you (*i.e.: Israel*) a LIGHT to the nations, so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth” (NASB)

This is a DUAL Prophecy – it has Implications of the Messiah of Israel - AND – of Israel as well.

The Messiah is Symbolic of all the Nation of Israel ... in that He fulfills all of the Promises and the Duties of Israel in being the LIGHT and Salvation for the lost nations. But, there is also implications that ISRAEL is to be that LIGHT to the Nations, as well – Jesus and the Apostles → Israelis

The Messiah of Israel is to be God's SALVATION of all the Nations / Gentiles / Peoples ...

Isaiah 11:1,2(a),10 “Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him” (i.e. the Messiah)

¹⁰ Then in that day the Nations will resort to (i.e. TRUST in) the root of Jesse, who will stand as a signal for the Peoples; And His resting place will be glorious (NASB)

There will be a DAY in which there will be a representative amount of humans – from every People, Nation, Tongue and Tribe that will TRUST IN Israel's Messiah – the root of Jesse – “a descendant of David”

The Jewish Apostle Paul (Rabbi Shaul) quotes the O.T.

Romans 15:8-12 - For I say that Christ (*i.e.: the Messiah*) has become a servant to the circumcision (*i.e. Israel*) on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises given to the fathers, ⁹ and for the Gentiles (*i.e. ethné*) to glorify God for His mercy; as it is written, “**THEREFORE I WILL GIVE PRAISE TO YOU AMONG THE GENTILES, AND I WILL SING OF YOUR NAME.**” [2 Samuel 22:50] ¹⁰ Again he says, “**REJOICE, O GENTILES, WITH HIS PEOPLE.**” [Deut. 32:43 – Israel & Gentiles] ¹¹ And again, “**PRAISE THE LORD ALL YOU GENTILES, AND LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE HIM.**” ¹² Again Isaiah [11] says, “**THERE SHALL COME THE ROOT OF JESSE, AND HE WHO ARISES TO RULE OVER THE GENTILES, IN HIM SHALL THE GENTILES HOPE.**”

The O.T. is filled with God's END-Vision for the Nations

The Messiah of Israel, Jesus / Yeshua, said ...

Matthew 24:14 – “This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations (*i.e. ethné*), and then the end will come.”

The Messiah's - END-Vision - for the Nations →

The Church – during the Church-AGE will reach ALL the Nations (*i.e. ethné*) - with the Gospel – some will be saved from every people, nation, tongue and tribe – BEFORE the END PERIOD of TIME “comes” – or STARTS ...

Matthew 24:15 (and following) Jesus talks about the Great Tribulation (or the END period of time – 7 year period of time)

The Messiah of Israel, Jesus / Yeshua →

Matthew 28:18-20 – And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of ALL the NATIONS, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to obey all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

The Messiah's CONSISTENT - END-Vision - for the Nations →

The Church – during the Church-AGE will reach ALL the Nations (*i.e. ethné*) - with the Gospel – some will be saved from every people, nation, tongue and tribe – Jesus does not mean that every human being will be saved – but some human beings out of every “ethné” will be – some day ...

The Messiah of Israel, Jesus / Yeshua → HARVEST

Matthew 9:37-38 – Then Jesus said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the WORKERS are few. ³⁸ Therefore beseech (pray to, plead with, BEG) THE LORD OF THE HARVEST to send out WORKERS into His harvest.” (Spectator or Worker?)

The Church’s Call to Harvest – God the Father is the LORD of the HARVEST ... we are COMMANDED to Pray to Him about more Laborers for HIS Harvest ... it is HIS Harvest – He is the Owner ...

Part of our Duty of Obeying Christ’s Commandments is this – Praying for the Lost and for God to use us (individually) and that we would all be WORKERS and God would ADD to our Number.

Are you a Busy, Faithful, Obedient GOSPEL-WORKER?

**The Redeemed of the Nations Sing → END of HARVEST
AFTER the RAPTURE – before the Great Tribulation
IN HEAVEN – before the Throne of God ...**

**Revelation 5:9-10 – 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,
¹⁰ And have made US kings and priests to our God; and we shall
reign on the earth.” (ref. Matthew 24:14 → fulfillment)**

**The Church in Heaven after their Harvest Work is Completed –
The END of the Church AGE. GOD’S END-VISION for the Church
God will turn His attention to ISRAEL – see Revelation 7 - 15
→ The 144,000 sealed Israelis – AND – the TWO Witnesses**

The Redeemed of the Nations → END of HARVEST

comes in from the Great Tribulation – the FRUIT of Israel's Harvest during the Great Tribulation (see Rev. 7 thru 15)

The Fruit of the Gospel Ministry of the 144,000 and the Two Witnesses:

Revelation 7:9-10 – 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, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

The Israeli Harvest of the Gleanings among all Nations for God – everywhere the Church had already harvested before the rapture

God's Final Offer to the Lost Nations through the Church:

Revelation 22:17 – And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

We've seen from Genesis through Revelation – God's End-Vision for the Redemption of the Lost Nations is CONSISTENT ...

Thus, the Messiah Came to be the Redeemer, Salvation, the LIGHT to the Nations – through Israel ... through the Church to the NATIONS ... It is GOD's MISSION – His Harvest that He invites us to put our Hands to the Plow and NOT look BACK ...

Are You the Answer to His and the Church's Prayers for more Gospel-Workers – or are you a Spectator?

Find a Lost Sinner and practice sharing the Gospel with him/her