

Oracles to the Nations

God is the Lord of Every nation. All Nations are Accountable for Righteousness!

Opening Prayer:

Please take time to pray as a group. Pray for our church, for the kingdom, for one another, and for anything else that God lays on your heart. Also, ask God to open hearts and minds to His Word and guide your discussion.

Key Takeaways:

1. God has authority over all nations, not just Israel.
2. Nations are held accountable for their actions and treatment of God's people.
3. The rise and fall of nations is ultimately in God's hands.
4. God always preserves a remnant and has a future plan for Israel.
5. The "Day of the Lord" refers to God's judgment, both specific days and periods of time.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does the concept of God judging nations challenge or affirm your understanding of His sovereignty?
2. In what ways do you see parallels between the ancient nations mentioned in Isaiah and modern nations today?
3. How should Christians balance patriotism with the understanding that God judges all nations, and especially in the pulpit?
4. What stood out to you about the prophecies against specific nations like Babylon, Moab, or Damascus?
5. How does the inclusion of Satan's fall (Isaiah 14:12-15) fit into the broader message about God's judgment on nations?
6. What are your thoughts on Pastor Joel's statement that God still has a specific plan for Israel, separate from the church?
7. How can we apply the principle of "righteousness exalts a nation" (Proverbs 14:34) in our current cultural context?

Practical Applications:

1. Commit to praying regularly for your nation's leaders and for righteousness to prevail in your country.
2. Research one of the ancient nations mentioned in the sermon and reflect on how its history aligns with the biblical prophecies.
3. Identify one area in your personal life where you can better represent Christ's righteousness in your community.
4. Discuss with the group how you can collectively be "salt and light" in your local area, influencing it positively for God's kingdom.
5. Study other biblical passages about God's sovereignty over nations (e.g., Daniel 2:21, Acts 17:26) to deepen your understanding.
6. Consider ways your group can support Israel or learn more about God's ongoing plan for the Jewish people.
7. Reflect on how the reality of God's judgment should impact your daily choices and priorities.

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for the opportunity to connect in small groups. Ask for His guidance in applying the lessons learned and for the courage to commit to deeper community within the church. Pray that all of us would see Jesus in light of His divine revelation, God in flesh.