

FROM EVERY TRIBE, TONGUE, AND NATION

Sunday, February 22, 2026 -- MISSIONS -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

REVELATION 5:9-13

English Standard Version (ESV)

- 9 And they sang a new song, saying,
 ***“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,***
- 10 ***and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”***
- 11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and
the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and
thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice,
 ***“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”***
- 13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and
in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,
 ***“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”***

GOD’S GLOBAL PURPOSE from GENESIS TO REVELATION:

- The Bible is **not** a collection of disconnected stories.
- It is one unfolding redemptive plan-- and it has always been global.
- The phrase **“every tribe and language and people and nation”** (Revelation 5:9) is **not** a New Testament innovation.
- It is the fulfillment of an ancient promise.

I. GOD PROMISED A GLOBAL REDEMPTION .

(The Promise to Abraham)

GENESIS 12:1-3

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 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.**”

Not just a personal blessing. But covenantal, redemptive and international.

GALATIANS 3:8 The Apostle Paul references this...

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”

God, Himself, reiterates this specific promise in Genesis 18:18 and 22:18.
The promise was *not* Israel alone, *not* one culture, *not* one language but **for ALL**.

God's sovereign choosing of Abraham was the path of blessing to the nations.
God's sovereign election actually *FUELS* missions – it does not hinder it.

II. THE PROPHETS FORETOLD A GLOBAL GATHERING.

- Israel's calling was missional.

ISAIAH 49:6

*"I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."*

ISAIAH 66:18

*"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather
all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory,*

DANIEL 7:14 Daniel prophesied of the Messiah's reign.

*And to Him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and His kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.*

Daniel 7 is especially important:

This is kingdom language.

This is dominion language.

This is Revelation language.

III. CHRIST COMMISSIONED A GLOBAL MISSION.

The **Old Testament** promise becomes the **New Testament** command.

Matthew 28:19 *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...*

Mark 16:15 *And he said, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.*

Luke 24:47 *and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations*

John 20:21 *Jesus said to them again... "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."*

Acts 1:8 *"and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"*

Acts 2:5-11 Pentecost -- Holy Spirit descends and empowers the church to GO!

Babel reversed! Nations gathered. Promise begins unfolding.

Notice the progression... JERUSALEM → JUDEA → SAMARIA → the ends of the earth.

IV. REVELATION REVEALS THE GLOBAL VICTORY!

The promise becomes reality.

REVELATION 5:9

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“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,*

This is sovereign particular redemption with global scope.

REVELATION 7:9

*⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before **the Lamb**, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,*

Not uniformity. Unity in diversity. Distinct languages. Distinct peoples. One Lamb.

REVELATION 14:6

*⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an **eternal gospel** to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.*

REVELATION 21:24

²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,

All the redeemed from all the nations of the earth will remember the work of Christ (the eternal gospel) and walk in His light!

V. WHY GLOBAL ETERNAL GOSPEL MATTERS:

- 1) It fuels our worship. He is worthy of our global praise!
- 2) It fuels our mission. He is worthy of our obedience to go & tell!
- 3) It fuels our suffering endurance. He is worthy of our suffering.
- 4) It humbles our cultural pride. No culture owns the Good News.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- DO I SEE THE NATIONS LIKE GOD SEES THE NATIONS?
- AM I ONE WHO ‘GETS THE MISSIONS-THING’ or am I CLUELESS?
- AM I WILLING TO PRAY? GIVE? GO?