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ADULT LESSON 1

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Revelation 5:9 allows us to view a divine snapshot of who will be gathered around God's throne worshipping Him. This peek reveals a rather colorful and varied redeemed group "from every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."

What do you think of when you hear the word "nations?" Most of us envision geopolitical boundaries on a brightly colored map. These lessons give us a proper view of the word "nations" in the Bible. Understanding this term allows us to see God's plan in accomplishing worship as the end goal as seen in Revelation 5:9.

Lesson One—The Structure of the Nations (Genesis 10:1, 32)

I. The _____ of a Nation (Genesis 10:5, 20, 32; Revelation 5:9)
Four conditions define a nation/people group:
A. _____ - seed, family line, tribe
B. _____ - signs, sounds, speech
C. _____ - ordinances, commands, government, rules
D. _____ - territory, border

"*Any group of people recognizing themselves as having a common language, having common laws (written or unwritten), living on a defined area of land are a nation in the Biblical sense of the word.*" (*Biblical Bible Translation*, 3rd edition. Turner, Charles)

II. The _____ of a Nation
A. Designed with an Aptitude to _____
B. Designed with an Aspiration to _____
C. Designed with an Appetite to _____

III. The _____ of the Nations
A. Diversity of the Nations is _____ and _____.
1. He made the nations (people groups) and He set them in their place.
2. This diversity is clearly apparent before God's throne in Revelation 5:9.
3. The focus of the missionary task is not a response to an accident.

B. Diversity of the Nations _____ the glory of God.
1. Psalm 96:3-4: United diversity focuses all praise on Him.
2. God's fame increases in proportion to the diversity of the people who recognize His beauty.
3. The diversity of the people groups who give up their false gods to follow the true God makes God's greatness more visible.
4. Acts 17:26: A focus on diversity undercuts ethnic pride. Humility gives God all the glory.

IV. The _____ of one Nation (Genesis 12:1-4)
A. A _____ : Abraham was given the promise of lineage.
1. "*I will make of thee a great nation...*" (Verse 2)
a. Abraham was given the promise of Land: Genesis 15:18-21.
b. Jacob was given the promise of Lineage: Genesis 35:9-15.
c. Moses was given the Law: Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 10.
d. Joshua was given the Land: Joshua 1:1-9.
2. "*I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*" (Verse 2)
3. "*I will bless them that bless thee and curse them that curse thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth by blessed.*" (Verse 3)

B. A _____ "*…in thee shall all families (nations, clans, ethnos) of the earth be blessed*" (Verse 3)
1. God blessed Abraham to be a blessing.
2. God desires that "*all families*" (ethnos, people groups) acknowledge Him and bow before Him (Verses 3-4).
3. The promise given to Abraham gives the mission of the church a people group focus.