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ADULT LESSON 3

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The focus of this lesson is on God's scattering of the nations. In order to best study this historical and pivotal event, we must first discuss the confounding of language. There are some foundational truths that must be realized about God confounding the languages in order to have a better understanding of the nations.

Lesson Three—The Scattering of the Nations

I. The Biblical Account Provides an accurate _____ for History (Genesis 11).

A. Seen through the_____

1. Only True Source. The Bible is the only true source for the historic information about the scattering of the nations and the confounding of language.
2. Only One Second. It was not a slow progression but an instantaneous event.
3. Only Given Spot. The land of Shinar is the exact place where God confounded the language and scattered the nations.

B. Seen Through the_____

As the descendants of Noah dispersed to different lands and established the various nations of the ancient world, they left their footprints in three distinct ways.

1. Their _____
2. Their _____
3. Their _____

II. The Scattering Process Positions Man for _____ .

A. God Restores Fellowship by Scattering the _____(Ezekiel 36:23-38). When nations (especially Israel) fell into wicked idolatry, God judged them for their sins. Although God's judgment was swift and hard, He always did two things: He left a remnant and He scattered the people. He did this with future gracious restoration in mind. The following verses demonstrate God's mercy in scattering and allowing a remnant to remain:

Psalm 59:11; Ezekiel 6:8, 11:16, 20:23-41, 28:25, 30:26, 34:30, 36:23-38; Matthew 9:36; Mark 14:27; John 11:52; Acts 8:1-4, 11:19; James 1:1; I Peter 1:1

B. God Restores Fellowship by Scattering His _____ (The Seed). The following verses reveal that God desires His Word to be sown, scattered, broadcast, preached, proclaimed, printed, and published:

Psalm 126:5-6; Mark 4; Acts 2; Colossians 4:16-17; I Thessalonians 2:4; 2 Timothy 3:14- 4:2; I John 1:1-5.

C. God Restores Fellowship by Scattering His _____ .

1. God Sent His Son – Isaiah 53, John 3:16, John 17:3, 21
2. God Sent His Servants
   a. The Book of Jonah
   b. The Prophets (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, 8:1, 8:26, 10:17-29, 13:1-3).

III. The Scattering of the Nations Provides a Holy _____ of God. In studying the word "scatter" or "scattered," there is a common conclusion that surfaces: *"that they might know Him."* God scattered the nations with a greater purpose in mind—that the world would have a holy recognition of Him. In Ezekiel 34 alone, the word "scattered" is mentioned six times. As the chapter comes to a close, it is obvious that God is restoring Israel and in doing so people will know that, *"I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord GOD."*

As we contemplate the daunting assignment to reach all nations, we are tempted to be overwhelmed. However, this matter of the nations is God's project and we are able to rest in His capable hands in quiet obedience.

Taking the Gospel to the Unreached ensures more glory to His name. It should not be the motive of obedience to the Great Commission alone that draws us to the nations, but rather a delighting in what brings God pleasure. Making God famous among the scattered nations should be the first and final goal of missions. While millions of people remain unreached, having no Bible in their own language, and not one Gospel-preaching church among them, we must ask ourselves, **"What are we going to do to reach the nations today?"**