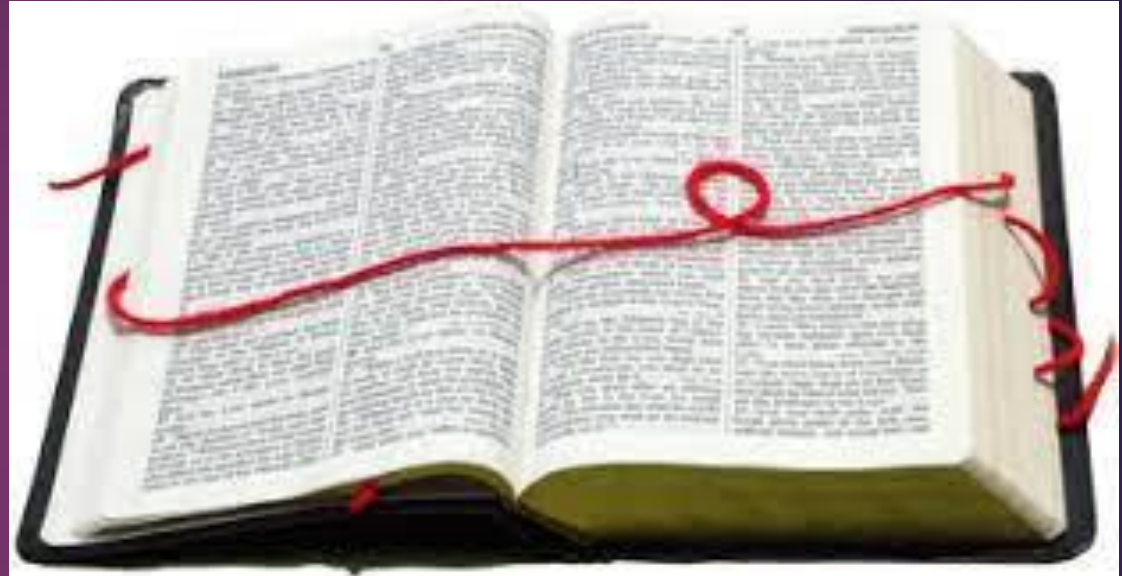


*Welcome to Women's  
Bible Study!*

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*Welcome!*

*This Year:*  
*Tracing*  
*Biblical Themes*



# Revelation

- *Revelation is the revelation not of a timeline but of a Person*



*Garments/Clothing*

*Sacrifice/Atonement/Lamb*

*Gentiles/Israel*



gentile



CHURCH



# *Group Discussion*

*Genesis 3:23-24: Therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.*



*Genesis 7:7, 16: And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood....And the LORD shut him in.*



*Genesis 11:9: Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.*



*Genesis 12:1-3: 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.”*



*Genesis 17:4-5: Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations*



*Genesis 32:28: Your  
name shall no longer be  
called Jacob, but Israel...*





*Leviticus 18:24: Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, for by all these the nations I am driving out before you have become unclean*





*Deuteronomy 4:7-8: For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon Him? 8 And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?*



*2 Kings 17:7-8: And this occurred because the people of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods & walked in the customs of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel*



*2 Kings 21:9: But they did not listen, and Manasseh led them astray to do more evil than the nations had done whom the LORD destroyed before the people of Israel.*





*Lamentations 1:3: Judah has gone into exile because of affliction and hard servitude; she dwells now among the nations, but finds no resting place*

*O God, let all the  
nations praise you!*

Psalm 67:4



**DECLARE HIS GLORY  
AMONG THE NATIONS**

PSALM 96:3

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*Zechariah 10:9: Though I scattered them among the nations, yet in far countries they shall remember me, and with their children they shall live and return*



*Isaiah 42:1, 6: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.... I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,*





*Isaiah 53:6: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all*



*BREAK*



# *New Testament*

*Luke 2:29-32: Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.*



*Luke 7:9: When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith."*



*Luke 24:47: that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*





*Acts 9:15: But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel”*

*Acts 10:45: And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles*



*Acts 11:18:  
“Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life”*





*Acts 15:9: He made no distinction between us and them,  
having cleansed their hearts by faith*

*Romans 3:29-30: Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also?*



*Romans 4:11....The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised*

*Galatians 3:8: 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."*

*Ephesians 2:12-14: remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one*



*Ephesians 3:6: This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs*

*Colossians 1: 26-27....the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory*



*1 Peter 2:9: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*



*Galatians 3:14: so that in  
Christ Jesus the blessing of  
Abraham might come to the  
Gentiles, so that we might  
receive the promised Spirit  
through faith*





Christ is representative Israel and all of those in Christ receive the blessing of Abraham as the fulfilment of those promises will find their culmination in Christ and we are in Him!

*Fulfilment/Culmination in Revelation:*





*Revelation 5:9-10: 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, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth*



*Revelation 7:9:10: After 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, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb*



*Revelation 21:23-26: And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, 25 and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26 They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.*



*Revelation 22:14-15: Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. 15 Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.*

Goal: To grow in the knowledge of the Lord in order to treasure Him more fully and to reflect Him more accurately as we are conformed to His image.



## Discussion/Sharing Time

1. *Where was safety, blessing, and God's presence in the Old Testament? Where is it in the New Covenant? Why was it important for Jesus to perfectly live out the law?*
2. *What does it mean for you where you are at or with what you may be wrestling through today, to know that you are in Christ? Why does that matter?*
3. *How can you better consider that you are a "holy nation" and how you are to be that light to the nations, proclaiming His excellencies? What might that look like this holiday season?*

## *Closing Thoughts*

- *If you are a believer, you are in Christ!*

*Galatians 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ, therefore it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me."*

→ *In Genesis, man is driven out of the garden and God's presence. Will he ever be brought back inside? In Christ, we have been brought in by faith being joined to Him.*





## *Homework:*

- *Continue your study on themes associated with Israel/Gentiles (inside/outside, garden/wilderness)*
- *Other things to read: Galatians, Ephesians. Romans 9-11.*
- *Consider getting additional resources to help in your study time.*
- *Next Study: January 23. Theme: Babylon/World*



*Sept 26: Garments/Clothing*  
*Oct 24: Lamb/Sacrifice/Atonement*  
*Nov 28: Gentiles/Israel*  
*Jan 23: Babylon/Rebellion/World*  
*Feb 27: Suffering/Glory*  
*March 19: Marriage*  
*April 23: King/Throne/Kingdom*  
*May 7: Tree of Life/Temple*



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