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Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV®)

1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. 2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Galatians 3:14 (NIV®)

14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

I. What in the World?

Psalms 2:1-6 (NIV®)

- 1 Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.
- 3 "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters."
- 4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.
- 5 Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,
- 6 "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."

A. Spiritual insight is needed (*to navigate life well*)

B. God's word provides perspective

II. Israel

Ezekiel 36:24-28 (NIV®)

24 "For I **will** take you out of the nations; I **will** gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. 25 I **will** sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I **will** cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I **will** give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I **will** remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I **will** put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. 28 You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I **will** be your God.

A. Sovereignty of God — (8x says "I will") — no matter what the world thinks or does

B. Stress of Becoming (*what God has declared they will be*)

C. Nuclear ambition of Iran and US complicity

D. Antisemitism — Tension of standing against evil (while being reviled)

III. Questions answered, and then some ...

Matthew 24:1-3 (NIV[®])

¹ Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. ² "Do you see all these things?" he asked. "I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down." ³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," **they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"**

Matthew 24:9 (NIV[®])

⁹ "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.

John 2:18-21 (NIV[®])

¹⁸ Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." ²⁰ The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

Matthew 26:62-64 (NIV[®])

⁶² Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." ⁶⁴ **"Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."**

Matthew 20:20-23 (NASB[®])

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him. ²¹ And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She ^{*}said to Him, "Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right and one on Your left." ²² But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They ^{*}said to Him, "We are able." ²³ He ^{*}said to them, "My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father."

PRAYER

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hades; the third day He rose again from the dead:

He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

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