

God's Concern for the Nations

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Person, People or Event	Reference	Approximate Date
Right after Adam and Eve sinned, God promised to send the seed of the woman who would crush the head of the serpent.	Genesis 3:15	
God promised that He would never again destroy the world by a flood.	Genesis 9:8-17	[The flood may have taken place less than 500 years before Abram was born around 2166 B.C. – Calculate the years between Shem and Abram in Genesis 11:10-26]
All the nations will be blessed through Abraham and his descendants.	Genesis 12:1-3; 22:15-18	2,090 -2065 B.C.
Melchizedek was a worshipper of God and served as a priest.	Genesis 14:18-21	2,080 B.C.
Even though Ishmael was not the promised child through which God would bless the nations God did promise bless him and make him fruitful.	Genesis 17:19-20	2,065 B.C.
All the nations will be blessed through Jacob and his descendants.	Genesis 26:4; 28:12-14	2,000 B.C.
God had mercy on Rahab (a Canaanite) and her family.	Joshua 2:1-7; 6:23-25	1,406 B.C.
God included Ruth (a Moabite – a descendant of Lot's older daughter) in the family line of Jesus.	Book of Ruth	1,175 B.C.
The Psalmist (perhaps David) calls for God to bring salvation and blessing to the nations .	Psalms 67:1-7	1,000 B.C.
The Psalmist (around David's time) declares God's salvation and glory among the nations .	Psalms 96:1-3	975 B.C.
Solomon expressed God's acceptance of God worshippers from among the nations .	1 Kings 8:41-43	966 B.C.
Through Elijah God had compassion for the widow of Zarephath (a Canaanite).	1 Kings 17:9-24	860 B.C.
Through Elisha God had compassion on Naaman the Syrian.	2 Kings 5:1-27	835 B.C.
Through Amos God promised to take from the Gentiles a people for Himself with pictured the Gentiles coming into the church	Amos 9:11-12 (see also Acts 15:14-17)	762 B.C.
Through Jonah God had compassion on the people of Nineveh (Assyrians).	Book of Jonah	760 B.C.
Through Isaiah God promised that Egypt and Assyria will be blessed right along with Israel.	Isaiah 19:23-25	730 B.C.
Through the Servant (Messiah) God promises to bring justice to the nations .	Isaiah 42:1	730 B.C.
Through Isaiah God promises that the scattered people of Israel will declare God's glory among the nations .	Isaiah 66:18-19	710 B.C.
Micah declares that in the last days the nations will stream to the mountain of God to praise God.	Micah 4:1-3	700 B.C.

Through Jeremiah, God promised to restore nations which had uprooted Israel and Judah to their lands if they turn to the Lord.	Jeremiah 12:14-17	About 590 B.B.
King Nebuchadnezzar recognized that the Most High God performed wonders for him.	Daniel 4:1-3	575 B.C.
Through Zechariah God promises that people from all nations will seek to know the Lord.	Zechariah 8:20-23	520-518 B.C.
Through Malachi God proclaims that His name will be great among the nations .	Malachi 1:11	410 B.C.
Through Simeon God declared that the newborn Jesus was a light to the nations .	Luke 2:28-32	4 B.C.
Because God loved the world He gave His Son, Jesus so that those who believe in Him would not perish but have eternal life.	John 3:16-18	29-31 A.D.
Jesus brought salvation to the Samaritans .	John 4:4-42	29-31 A.D.
Jesus demonstrated God's acceptance of the Gentiles by healing the daughter of the Canaanite woman from demons possession.	Matthew 15:21-28	29-31 A.D.
Jesus cleansed 10 lepers at least one of which was a Samaritan .	Luke 17:11-19	29-31 A.D.
Jesus promised that the Gospel of the kingdom would be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations before the end would come.	Matthew 24:14	30-32 A.D.
Jesus commanded His disciples to preach repentance and make disciples of all nations starting in Jerusalem and serving as His disciples to the ends of the earth.	Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:45-48; Acts 1:8	30-32 A.D.
God prepared the Ethiopian official to hear the Gospel and sent Philip to preach it.	Acts 8:26-39	32 A.D.
Paul was the Apostle to the Jews and to the Gentiles .	Acts 9:15-16	33-35 A.D.
God showed Peter through the conversions of Cornelius that He is interested in reaching the Gentiles.	Acts 10:9-48	37-39 A.D.
God established a church in Antioch made up of Jews and Gentiles to send out Paul and Barnabas.	Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3	45A.D.
Paul quotes several passages from Deuteronomy 32:43 (v.10) [1,440 B.C.], Psalms 18:49 (v.9) and 117:1 (v.11) [1,000 B.C]. and Isaiah 11:10 (v.12) [700 B.C.] to demonstrate God's concern for the Gentiles and thus authenticate his ministry to the Gentiles.	Romans 15:7-13	58 A.D.
It was Paul's ambition to preach the Gospel where it had not been preached (among peoples who had not heard it). This passage (v.21) includes a quotation from Isaiah 52:15.	Romans 15:17-21	58 A.D.
John had a vision of seeing the Lamb taking the scroll from God because He had purchased men for God from every tribe and tongue and people and nation .	Revelation 5:6-12	90 + A.D.