

Missions in the Old Testament



***How did people in the Old Testament
get saved?***

Wrong



Did God have a plan for reaching the souls of men during the old testament?



How did people during the old testament receive the message of salvation?

What was the content of that message?



Who was responsible for the distribution of that message?

Defining the term “Missions”



First of all, it could be a body of persons sent to perform a service or carry on an activity.

Secondly, missions could refer to a ministry commissioned by a religious organization to propagate its faith or carry on humanitarian work.



A church sends out missionaries to reproduce that local church around the world. . .



if churches are not being established, then missions is not taking place.

J. T. Lyons

1. The basis of salvation in every age is the **death of Christ**.

2. The requirement for salvation in every age is **faith**.

3. The object of faith in every age is **God**.

4. The content of faith **changes** within each dispensation.

Does the old testament reveal a world-wide missionary effort by almighty God?



Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth. Genesis 1:28

Scripture reveals God to be a missionary
God.

Scripture declares that God knows everything.



For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart,
and knoweth all things. 1 John 3:20

Neither is there any creature that is not
manifest in his sight: but all things are naked
and opened unto the eyes of him with whom
we have to do. Hebrews 4:13





God is love

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 1 John 4:8

According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord Ephesians 3:11

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, 2 Timothy 1:9

God manifests his purpose within history, but his decisions have been made long before. They have always been God's plan, from all eternity, from before the beginning of time.



Millard Erickson

Genesis 12:2 – 3 pointedly declared that Abraham’s name, his blessing, and his being made into a great nation was for the purpose of being a blessing to all the peoples of the earth. Herein lies the heart of the mission mandate from its very inception!

WALTER C. KAISER, JR.



One must ask if it was God’s plan for Israel to simply ‘exist in a bubble?’

Or did God have a much grander scheme for Israel in the spread of God’s plan of redemption?

In grace that defies comprehension, the holy, righteous Creator now promises blessing on those whom He has rightly cursed and judged for their sin.

Dr. Fred Moritz

The blessing of Abraham was once more to unite the divided families, and change the curse, pronounced upon the ground on account of sin, into a blessing for the whole human race. This concluding word comprehends all nations and times, and condenses . . . the whole fullness of the divine counsel for salvation of men into the call of Abram.

C. F. Keil & F. Delitzsch

Abraham had the elements of biblical saving faith.

The basis of Abraham's salvation was death.



The channel [requirement] of Abram's salvation was his faith alone.

The object of his faith was the Lord.

The Abrahamic Covenant reveals that God had a particular way of dealing with all the nations of the world.

God deals with ALL the nations through one nation and reveals only one way of salvation!

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:12-13

Why was it important for us to explore missions in the Old Testament?

Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. Acts 15:18

Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. Acts 15:14

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