

THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN FAITH

Spring 2017 – WEEK 6 – Evangelism and Missions, pt. 1

☉ Terms:

-Ecclesiology: The study of the Church -- its makeup, message, and mission.

☉ What are Evangelism and Missions?

-Evangelism: from the Greek – "good news" – to **share** the good news about Christ's death and resurrection which provides salvation.

-Mission: *missio dei* – The **redemptive** activity of God in the world seen most clearly in His commissioning of believers and churches.

-Missions: The human response to and **involvement** in God's redemptive activity among the nations.

-Missional – Living the gospel and "doing missions" **everywhere** and at all times.

*The perfect demonstration of the Missio Dei and the call to missions – The **Incarnation** of Christ.

☉ Missions in the Old Testament

*The OT tells the story of God's initiatives to reveal the truth that He is the One true God, that all humanly devised religions are false, and that He has given hope through His love, commandments, and the promise of a Redeemer.

-To demonstrate this, God chose one nation (Israel) to bring His good news to the rest of mankind . . .

Genesis 3:15 – the *Protoevangelium* – "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

Genesis 11:9–10 – the Tower of Babel – "and from there The Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth . . . this is the account of Shem (the name of God)."

Genesis 12:1–3 – the Call of Abram – "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Exodus 19 – a people set apart to stand out among the nations – "And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

Ruth 1:16 – lifestyle evangelism – "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

1 Kings 8:41–43 – Strangers hearing and wanting to come pray – "that all peoples of the earth may know your name and fear You."

Psalms 46:8–10 – "He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Psalms 66:7–8 – "He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations— let not the rebellious rise up against him."

Psalms 67:1–7 – "...so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth."

Psalms 105:1–4 – "Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done."

Isaiah 6:8 – Whom shall I send, and who will go? – "Here am I. Send me."

Isaiah 11:9 – "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Ezekiel 18:32 – repentance of all – "For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone," says The Lord, "Therefore turn and live!"

Ezekiel 36:24–28 – I will take you (Israel) back from the nations - "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."

Ezekiel 39:7 – “I will make known my holy name among my people Israel. I will no longer let my holy name be profaned, the nations will know that I the LORD am the Holy One in Israel.”

Joel 2:28–32 – salvation of the nations – “And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Jonah 1–4 – Jonah was used by God to bring His message to Nineveh, even though Jonah was reluctant and upset at God’s impending grace – “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.”

Habakkuk 2:14 – “For the Earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

Zechariah 8:20–23 – many peoples and great nations would come – “Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek The Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before The Lord.”

Malachi 1:5 – beyond the border of Israel – “Your eyes shall see, and you shall say, ‘The Lord is magnified beyond the borders of Israel.’”

Great Commission of Old Testament:

Isaiah 42:5-7:

This is what God the LORD says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:
6 “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,
7 to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.