



Chapter 13

THE BEGINNING OF WORLD MISSIONS

Weeks 2-3

Should we, as Christians, really put such an emphasis on reaching the world for Christ? What is our motivation for missions, and is there a way to scripturally justify spending so much of our time and money for this purpose? And most importantly, what does God think about it?

As with every aspect of our lives, we should go to God's Word for our foundation. If world missions should be a major emphasis in our lives, homes, and churches, then it should be a major theme throughout the entire Bible, and not just a belief based on only a few isolated verses.

The fact is that from Genesis to Revelation, God HAS revealed to us His heart for the entire world! His desire is for all people to be saved, and world missions really IS a major theme of the Bible.

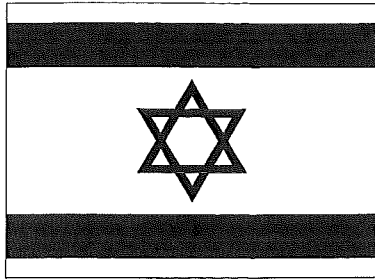
We can see this theme from the creation of the world. Think of the Tower of Babel, Jonah and Nineveh, God's covenant with Abraham (through whom ALL nations of the earth would be blessed), God's compassion on Rahab and her family, his prophecies through Daniel, Christ's

final words on this earth, the works of the early church, and our first glimpse of heaven!

In this chapter, we will look at this biblical basis for world missions, from the Old Testament and from the New Testament. I pray this foundation will encourage each of us to know WHY we do what we do, and that it would help prepare our hearts for whatever plan God has for our lives.

WEEK 2: THE OLD TESTAMENT/ISRAEL/
CREATION

WEEK 3: THE NEW TESTAMENT/
ROMAN EMPIRE



ISRAEL



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