

God's Passion for the Nations

God's Passion in the Old Testament

1. **Genesis 1:26-28** "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth." So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth."
2. **Genesis 3:15** "I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."
3. **Genesis 9:6** "Whoever sheds human blood, by humans his blood will be shed, for God made humans in his image."
4. **Genesis 9:12** "And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all future generations:"
5. **Genesis 12:3** "I will bless those who bless you, I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you." (This promise is repeated in Genesis 18:18 before destroying Sodom; 22:18 after Abraham was going to sacrifice Isaac; 26:4 reaffirmed to Isaac; 28:14 given to Jacob).
6. **Genesis 41:57** "Every land came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, for the famine was severe in every land."
7. **Exodus 9:14-16** "Then you will know there is no one like me on the whole earth. By now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague, and you would have been obliterated from the earth. However, I have let you live for this purpose: to show you my power and to make my name known on the whole earth."
8. **Exodus 19:5-6** "Now if you will carefully listen to me and keep my covenant, you will be my own possession out of all the peoples, although the whole earth is mine, and you will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation."
9. **Numbers 14:13-16; 20** "But Moses replied to the Lord, "The Egyptians will hear about it, for by your strength you brought up this people from them. They will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that you, Lord, are among these people, how you, Lord, are seen face to face, how your cloud stands over them, and how you go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. If you kill this people with a single blow, the nations that have heard of your fame will declare, 'Since the Lord wasn't able to bring this people into the land he swore to give them, he has slaughtered them in the wilderness.'" "The Lord responded, "I have pardoned them as you requested."
10. **Deuteronomy 4:6-8** "Carefully follow them, for this will show your wisdom and understanding in the eyes of the peoples. When they hear about all these statutes, they will say, 'This great nation is indeed a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god near to it as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation has righteous statutes and ordinances like this entire law I set before you today?"

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11. **Deuteronomy 10:18-19** "He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the resident alien, giving him food and clothing. You are also to love the resident alien, since you were resident aliens in the land of Egypt."
12. **Deuteronomy 28:9-10** "The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he swore to you, if you obey the commands of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. Then all the peoples of the earth will see that you bear the Lord's name, and they will stand in awe of you."
13. **Deuteronomy 32:1-3** "Pay attention, heavens, and I will speak; listen, earth, to the words from my mouth. Let my teaching fall like rain and my word settle like dew, like gentle rain on new grass and showers on tender plants. For I will proclaim the Lord's name. Declare the greatness of our God!"
14. **Joshua 4:24** "This is so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord's hand is strong, and so that you may always fear the Lord your God."
15. **1 Samuel 2:10** "The Lord will judge the ends of the earth."
16. **1 Samuel 17:46-47** "Today, the Lord will hand you over to me. Today, I'll strike you down, remove your head, and give the corpses of the Philistine camp to the birds of the sky and the wild creatures of the earth. Then all the world will know that Israel has a God, and this whole assembly will know that it is not by sword or by spear that the Lord saves, for the battle is the Lord's. He will hand you over to us."
17. **1 Kings 8:41-43** "Even for the foreigner who is not of your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name — for they will hear of your great name, strong hand, and outstretched arm, and will come and pray toward this temple — may you hear in heaven, your dwelling place, and do according to all the foreigner asks. Then all peoples of earth will know your name, to fear you as your people Israel do and to know that this temple I have built bears your name." (also found in 2 Chronicles 6:32-33)
18. **1 Kings 8:60** "May all the peoples of the earth know that the Lord is God. There is no other!"
19. **2 Kings 19:15, 19** "Then Hezekiah prayed before the Lord: Lord God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you are God — you alone — of all the kingdoms of the earth. You made the heavens and the earth. ... Now, Lord our God, please save us from his power so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, Lord, are God — you alone."
20. **1 Chronicles 16:23-24** "Let the whole earth sing to the Lord. Proclaim his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his wondrous works among all peoples."
21. **1 Chronicles 16:28-31** "Ascribe to the Lord, families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. The world is firmly established; it cannot be shaken. Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"
22. **Psalms 2:7-12** "I will declare the Lord's decree. He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance and the ends of the earth your possession. You will break them with an iron scepter; you will shatter them like pottery." So now, kings, be wise; receive instruction, you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with reverential awe and rejoice with trembling. Pay homage to the Son or he will be angry and you will perish in your rebellion, for his anger may ignite at any moment. All who take refuge in him are happy."

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23. **Psalm 7:7-8** "Let the assembly of peoples gather around you; take your seat on high over it. The Lord judges the peoples;"
24. **Psalm 8:9** "Lord, our Lord, how magnificent is your name throughout the earth!"
25. **Psalm 9:9-11** "The Lord is a refuge for the persecuted, a refuge in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you because you have not abandoned those who seek you, Lord. Sing to the Lord, who dwells in Zion; proclaim his deeds among the nations.
26. **Psalm 18:49** "Therefore I will give thanks to you among the nations, Lord; I will sing praises about your name."
27. **Psalm 19:1** "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the expanse proclaims the work of his hands."
28. **Psalm 22:26-28** "The humble will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord. All the families of the nations will bow down before you, for kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules the nations."
29. **Psalm 24:1-6** "The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord; for he laid its foundation on the seas and established it on the rivers. Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not appealed to what is false, and who has not sworn deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who inquire of him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob."
30. **Psalm 33:8** "Let the whole earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him."
31. **Psalm 45:17** "I will cause your name to be remembered for all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever."
32. **Psalm 46:10** "{Relax}, and know that I am God, exalted among the nations, exalted on the earth."
33. **Psalm 47:8-9** "God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne. The nobles of the peoples have assembled with the people of the God of Abraham. For the leaders of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted."
34. **Psalm 48:10** "Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth."
35. **Psalm 49:1** "Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who inhabit the world."
36. **Psalm 50:4-6** "On high, he summons heaven and earth in order to judge his people: "Gather my faithful ones to me, those who made a covenant with me by sacrifice." The heavens proclaim his righteousness, for God is the Judge. Selah"
37. **Psalm 57:9-11** "I will praise you, Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your faithful love is as high as the heavens; your faithfulness reaches the clouds. God, be exalted above the heavens; let your glory be over the whole earth."
38. **Psalm 65:5** "You answer us in righteousness, with awe-inspiring works, God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the distant seas."
39. **Psalm 66:1-4** "Let the whole earth shout joyfully to God! Sing about the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. Say to God, "How awe-inspiring are your works! Your enemies will cringe before you

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because of your great strength. The whole earth will worship you and sing praise to you. They will sing praise to your name.”

40. **Psalm 67** “May God be gracious to us and bless us; may he make his face shine upon us Selah so that your way may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations rejoice and shout for joy, for you judge the peoples with fairness and lead the nations on earth. Selah Let the peoples praise you, God, let all the peoples praise you. The earth has produced its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.”
41. **Psalm 68:32** “Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; sing praise to the Lord, Selah”
42. **Psalm 72:11** “Let all kings bow in homage to him, all nations serve him.”
43. **Psalm 72:17** “May his name endure forever; as long as the sun shines, may his fame increase. May all nations be blessed by him and call him blessed.”
44. **Psalm 82:8** “Rise up, God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you.”
45. **Psalm 83:18** “May they know that you alone — whose name is the Lord — are the Most High over the whole earth.”
46. **Psalm 86:9** “All the nations you have made will come and bow down before you, Lord, and will honor your name.”
47. **Psalm 87:4-7** ““I will make a record of those who know me: Rahab, Babylon, Philistia, Tyre, and Cush — each one was born there.” And it will be said of Zion, “This one and that one were born in her.” The Most High himself will establish her. When he registers the peoples, the Lord will record, “This one was born there.” Selah Singers and dancers alike will say, “My whole source of joy is in you.””
48. **Psalm 96:1-3** “Sing a new song to the Lord; let the whole earth sing to the Lord. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; proclaim his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his wondrous works among all peoples.”
49. **Psalm 97:1** “The Lord reigns! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coasts and islands be glad.”
50. **Psalm 98** “Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has performed wonders; his right hand and holy arm have won him victory. The Lord has made his victory known; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen our God's victory. Let the whole earth shout to the Lord; be jubilant, shout for joy, and sing. Sing to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and melodious song. With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn shout triumphantly in the presence of the Lord, our King. Let the sea and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it, resound. Let the rivers clap their hands; let the mountains shout together for joy before the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world righteously and the peoples fairly.”
51. **Psalm 99:1-3** “The Lord reigns! Let the peoples tremble. He is enthroned between the cherubim. Let the earth quake. The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted above all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awe-inspiring name. He is holy.”
52. **Psalm 102:15** “Then the nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth your glory,”
53. **Psalm 102:18-22** “This will be written for a later generation, and a people who have not yet been created will praise the Lord: He looked down from his holy heights — the Lord gazed out from

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heaven to earth — to hear a prisoner's groaning to set free those condemned to die, so that they might declare the name of the Lord in Zion and his praise in Jerusalem when peoples and kingdoms are assembled to serve the Lord."

54. **Psalm 105:1-2** "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; proclaim his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell about all his wondrous works!"
55. **Psalm 106:8** "Yet he saved them for his name's sake, to make his power known."
56. **Psalm 107:2** "Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that he has redeemed them from the power of the foe."
57. **Psalm 108:3** "I will praise you, Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations."
58. **Psalm 108:5** "God, be exalted above the heavens, and let your glory be over the whole earth."
59. **Psalm 113:3-4** "From the rising of the sun to its setting, let the name of the Lord be praised. The Lord is exalted above all the nations, his glory above the heavens."
60. **Psalm 117** "Praise the Lord, all nations! Glorify him, all peoples! For his faithful love to us is great; the Lord's faithfulness endures forever. Hallelujah!"
61. **Psalm 126:1-3** "When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Our mouths were filled with laughter then, and our tongues with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord had done great things for us; we were joyful."
62. **Psalm 138:4-5** "All the kings on earth will give you thanks, Lord, when they hear what you have promised. They will sing of the Lord's ways, for the Lord's glory is great."
63. **Ecclesiastes 3:11** "He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also put eternity in their hearts, but no one can discover the work God has done from beginning to end."
64. **Isaiah 2:3** "In the last days the mountain of the Lord's house will be established at the top of the mountains and will be raised above the hills. All nations will stream to it, and many peoples will come and say, "Come, let's go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us about his ways so that we may walk in his paths." For instruction will go out of Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will settle disputes among the nations and provide arbitration for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plows and their spears into pruning knives. Nation will not take up the sword against nation, and they will never again train for war."
65. **Isaiah 5:26** "He raises a signal flag for the distant nations and whistles for them from the ends of the earth. Look — how quickly and swiftly they come!"
66. **Isaiah 6:3** "And one called to another: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Armies; his glory fills the whole earth."
67. **Isaiah 11:9** "They will not harm or destroy each other on my entire holy mountain, for the land will be as full of the knowledge of the Lord as the sea is filled with water."
68. **Isaiah 11:10** "On that day the root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples. The nations will look to him for guidance, and his resting place will be glorious."
69. **Isaiah 12:4-6** "and on that day you will say, "Give thanks to the Lord; proclaim his name! Make his works known among the peoples. Declare that his name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for he has done

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glorious things. Let this be known throughout the earth. Cry out and sing, citizen of Zion, for the Holy One of Israel is among you in his greatness.”

70. **Isaiah 24:14–15** “They raise their voices, they sing out; they proclaim in the west the majesty of the Lord. Therefore, in the east honor the Lord! In the coasts and islands of the west honor the name of the Lord, the God of Israel.”
71. **Isaiah 25:6-8** “On this mountain, the Lord of Armies will prepare for all the peoples a feast of choice meat, a feast with aged wine, prime cuts of choice meat, fine vintage wine. On this mountain he will swallow up the burial shroud, the shroud over all the peoples, the sheet covering all the nations. When he has swallowed up death once and for all, The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face and remove his people’s disgrace from the whole earth, for the Lord has spoken.”
72. **Isaiah 37:16** “Lord of Armies, God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you are God — you alone — of all the kingdoms of the earth. You made the heavens and the earth.”
73. **Isaiah 37:20** “Now, Lord our God, save us from his power so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, Lord, are God — you alone.”
74. **Isaiah 42:4-8** “He will not grow weak or be discouraged until he has established justice on earth. The coasts and islands will wait for his instruction.” This is what God, the Lord, says — who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk on it — “I am the Lord. I have called you for a righteous purpose, and I will hold you by your hand. I will watch over you, and I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people and a light to the nations, in order to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon, and those sitting in darkness from the prison house. I am the Lord. That is my name, and I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.”
75. **Isaiah 42:10-13** “Sing a new song to the Lord; sing his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea with all that fills it, you coasts and islands with your inhabitants. Let the desert and its cities shout, the settlements where Kedar dwells cry aloud. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy; let them cry out from the mountaintops. Let them give glory to the Lord and declare his praise in the coasts and islands. The Lord advances like a warrior; he stirs up his zeal like a soldier. He shouts, he roars aloud, he prevails over his enemies.
76. **Isaiah 43:6** “I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’”
77. **Isaiah 43:8-12** “Bring out a people who are blind, yet have eyes, and are deaf, yet have ears. All the nations are gathered together, and the peoples are assembled. Who among them can declare this, and tell us the former things? Let them present their witnesses to vindicate themselves, so that people may hear and say, “It is true.” “You are my witnesses” — this is the Lord’s declaration — “and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. No god was formed before me, and there will be none after me. I — I am the Lord. Besides me, there is no Savior. 12 I alone declared, saved, and proclaimed — and not some foreign god among you. So you are my witnesses” — this is the Lord’s declaration — “and I am God.”
78. **Isaiah 45:5-8** “I am the Lord, and there is no other; there is no God but me. I will strengthen you, though you do not know me, so that all may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is no one but me. I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make success and create disaster; I am the Lord, who does all these things. “Heavens, sprinkle from above,

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and let the skies shower righteousness. Let the earth open up so that salvation will sprout and righteousness will spring up with it. I, the Lord, have created it.”

79. **Isaiah 45:22-23** “Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth. For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn; truth has gone from my mouth, a word that will not be revoked: Every knee will bow to me, every tongue will swear allegiance.”
80. **Isaiah 49:6** “he says, “It is not enough for you to be my servant raising up the tribes of Jacob and restoring the protected ones of Israel. I will also make you a light for the nations, to be my salvation to the ends of the earth.”
81. **Isaiah 49:22-23** “This is what the Lord God says: Look, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and raise my banner to the peoples. They will bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters will be carried on their shoulders. Kings will be your guardians and their queens your nursing mothers. They will bow down to you with their faces to the ground and lick the dust at your feet. Then you will know that I am the Lord; those who put their hope in me will not be put to shame.”
82. **Isaiah 51:5** “My righteousness is near, my salvation appears, and my arms will bring justice to the nations. The coasts and islands will put their hope in me, and they will look to my strength.”
83. **Isaiah 52:10** “The Lord has displayed his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.”
84. **Isaiah 56:7** “I will bring them to my holy mountain and let them rejoice in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”
85. **Isaiah 57:19** “The Lord says, “Peace, peace to the one who is far or near, and I will heal him.”
86. **Isaiah 60:1-3** “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines over you. For look, darkness will cover the earth, and total darkness the peoples; but the Lord will shine over you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to your shining brightness.”
87. **Isaiah 62:11** “Look, the Lord has proclaimed to the ends of the earth, “Say to Daughter Zion: Look, your salvation is coming, his wages are with him, and his reward accompanies him.”
88. **Isaiah 66:18–19** “Knowing their works and their thoughts, I have come to gather all nations and languages; they will come and see my glory. 19 I will establish a sign among them, and I will send survivors from them to the nations — to Tarshish, Put, Lud (who are archers), Tubal, Javan, and the coasts and islands far away — who have not heard about me or seen my glory. And they will proclaim my glory among the nations.”
89. **Isaiah 66:23** “All humanity will come to worship me from one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another,” says the Lord.”
90. **Jeremiah 1:5** “The word of the Lord came to me [Jeremiah]: I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born. I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
91. **Jeremiah 3:17** “At that time Jerusalem will be called The Lord's Throne, and all the nations will be gathered to it, to the name of the Lord in Jerusalem. They will cease to follow the stubbornness of their evil hearts.”
92. **Jeremiah 16:19-21** “Lord, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in a time of distress, the nations will come to you from the ends of the earth, and they will say, “Our ancestors inherited only

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lies, worthless idols of no benefit at all." Can one make gods for himself? But they are not gods. "Therefore, I am about to inform them, and this time I will make them know my power and my might; then they will know that my name is the Lord."

93. **Jeremiah 31:10-11** "Nations, hear the word of the Lord, and tell it among the far off coasts and islands! Say, "The one who scattered Israel will gather him. He will watch over him as a shepherd guards his flock, for the Lord has ransomed Jacob and redeemed him from the power of one stronger than he."
94. **Ezekiel 36:22-23** ""Therefore, say to the house of Israel, 'This is what the Lord God says: It is not for your sake that I will act, house of Israel, but for my holy name, which you profaned among the nations where you went. I will honor the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations — the name you have profaned among them. The nations will know that I am the Lord — this is the declaration of the Lord God — when I demonstrate my holiness through you in their sight."
95. **Ezekiel 37:27-28** "My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. When my sanctuary is among them forever, the nations will know that I, the Lord, sanctify Israel.' "
96. **Ezekiel 38:23** "I will display my greatness and holiness, and will reveal myself in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord.""
97. **Ezekiel 39:6-7** ""I will send fire against Magog and those who live securely on the coasts and islands. Then they will know that I am the Lord. So I will make my holy name known among my people Israel and will no longer allow it to be profaned. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel.
98. **Daniel 7:13-14** "I continued watching in the night visions, and suddenly one like a son of man was coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was escorted before him. He was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, so that those of every people, nation, and language should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed."
99. **Jonah 4:2, 10-11** "He prayed to the Lord, "Please, Lord, isn't this what I said while I was still in my own country? That's why I fled toward Tarshish in the first place. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger, abounding in faithful love, and one who relents from sending disaster." / "And the Lord said, "You cared about the plant, which you did not labor over and did not grow. It appeared in a night and perished in a night. So may I not care about the great city of Nineveh, which has more than a hundred twenty thousand people who cannot distinguish between their right and their left, as well as many animals? "
100. **Micah 1:2-3** "Listen, all you peoples; pay attention, earth and everyone in it! The Lord God will be a witness against you, the Lord, from his holy temple. Look, the Lord is leaving his place and coming down to trample the heights of the earth."
101. **Micah 4:1-2** "In the last days the mountain of the Lord's house will be established at the top of the mountains and will be raised above the hills. Peoples will stream to it, and many nations will come

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102. **Micah 5:4** "He will stand and shepherd them in the strength of the Lord, in the majestic name of the Lord his God. They will live securely, for then his greatness will extend to the ends of the earth."
103. **Habakkuk 2:14** "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord's glory, as the water covers the sea."
104. **Habakkuk 2:20** "But the Lord is in his holy temple; let the whole earth be silent in his presence."
105. **Zephaniah 2:11** "The Lord will be terrifying to them when he starves all the gods of the earth. Then all the distant coasts and islands of the nations will bow in worship to him, each in its own place."
106. **Zephaniah 3:9** "For I will then restore pure speech to the peoples so that all of them may call on the name of the Lord and serve him with a single purpose."
107. **Zechariah 2:10-11** "Daughter Zion, shout for joy and be glad, for I am coming to dwell among you" — this is the Lord's declaration. "Many nations will join themselves to the Lord on that day and become my people. I will dwell among you, and you will know that the Lord of Armies has sent me to you."
108. **Zechariah 8:20-23** "The Lord of Armies says this: "Peoples will yet come, the residents of many cities; the residents of one city will go to another, saying: Let's go at once to plead for the Lord's favor and to seek the Lord of Armies. I am also going. Many peoples and strong nations will come to seek the Lord of Armies in Jerusalem and to plead for the Lord's favor." The Lord of Armies says this: "In those days, ten men from nations of every language will grab the robe of a Jewish man tightly, urging: Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."
109. **Zechariah 9:9-10** "Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you; he is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The bow of war will be removed, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion will extend from sea to sea, from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth."
110. **Zechariah 14:9** "On that day the Lord will become King over the whole earth — the Lord alone, and his name alone."
111. **Malachi 1:11** "My name will be great among the nations, from the rising of the sun to its setting. Incense and pure offerings will be presented in my name in every place because my name will be great among the nations," says the Lord of Armies."

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1. **Matthew 4:8-9** Temptation of Jesus "Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. And he said to him, "I will give you all these things if you will fall down and worship me."
2. **Matthew 6:9-10** The Lord's Prayer "Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."
3. **Matthew 8:11** "I tell you that many will come from east and west to share the banquet with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven." (Luke 13:29)
4. **Matthew 9:36-38** "When he saw the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest."
5. **Matthew 10:18** "You will even be brought before governors and kings because of me, to bear witness to them and to the Gentiles."
6. **Matthew 13** Parables of the sower, weeds, mustard seed, fishing net. (Ezekiel 17:23)
7. **Matthew 24:14** "This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed in all the world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."
8. **Matthew 28:18-20** "Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mark 16:15)
9. **Mark 11:17** "He was teaching them: "Is it not written, My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations? But you have made it a den of thieves!"
10. **Mark 13:9-10** ""But you, be on your guard! They will hand you over to local courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues. You will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a witness to them. And it is necessary that the gospel be preached to all nations."
11. **Luke 2:28-32** "Simeon took him up in his arms, praised God, and said, 'Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace, as you promised. For my eyes have seen your salvation. You have prepared it in the presence of all peoples — a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory to your people Israel."
12. **Luke 10:2** "He told them, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest."
13. **Luke 10:27** "He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind," and "your neighbor as yourself."

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14. **Luke 15:7** Parable of the lost sheep. "I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don't need repentance."
15. **Luke 24:46-47** "He also said to them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead the third day, and repentance for forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

16. **John 3:14-17** "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."
17. **John 12:32** "As for me, if I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all people to myself."
18. **John 17:23** "I am in them and you are in me, so that they may be made completely one, that the world may know you have sent me and have loved them as you have loved me."
19. **John 20:20-21** "Having said this, he showed them his hands and his side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you."
20. **Acts 1:8** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
21. **Acts 3:24-25** "In addition, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those after him, have also foretold these days. You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your ancestors, saying to Abraham, And all the families of the earth will be blessed through your offspring."
22. **Acts 9:15** "But the Lord said to him, "Go, for this man is my chosen instrument to take my name to Gentiles, kings, and Israelites."
23. **Acts 10:34-36, 42-43** "Peter began to speak: "Now I truly understand that God doesn't show favoritism, but in every nation the person who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. He sent the message to the Israelites, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all." / "He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be the judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that through his name everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins."
24. **Acts 11:18** "When they heard this they became silent. And they glorified God, saying, "So then, God has given repentance resulting in life even to the Gentiles."
25. **Acts 13:47** "For this is what the Lord has commanded us: I have made you a light for the Gentiles to bring salvation to the ends of the earth."
26. **Acts 14:27** "After they arrived and gathered the church together, they reported everything God had done with them and that he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles."
27. **Acts 28:28** "Therefore, let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen."

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28. **Romans 1:5** "Through him we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the Gentiles,"
29. **Romans 1:16** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek."
30. **Romans 3:29** "Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too,"
31. **Romans 9:17** "For the Scripture tells Pharaoh, I raised you up for this reason so that I may display my power in you and that my name may be proclaimed in the whole earth."
32. **Romans 10:11–15** "For the Scripture says, Everyone who believes on him will not be put to shame, since there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord of all richly blesses all who call on him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about him? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news."
33. **Romans 15:8-12** "For I say that Christ became a servant of the circumcised on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises to the fathers, and so that Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and I will sing praise to your name. Again it says, Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people! And again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples praise him! And again, Isaiah says, the root of Jesse will appear, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; the Gentiles will hope in him."
34. **Romans 16:25-27** "Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation about Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept silent for long ages but now revealed and made known through the prophetic Scriptures, according to the command of the eternal God to advance the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles — to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ — to him be the glory forever! Amen."
35. **1 Corinthians 1:24** "Yet to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God,"
36. **2 Corinthians 4:15** "Indeed, everything is for your benefit so that, as grace extends through more and more people, it may cause thanksgiving to increase to the glory of God."
37. **2 Corinthians 10:15-16** "We are not boasting beyond measure about other people's labors. On the contrary, we have the hope that as your faith increases, our area of ministry will be greatly enlarged, 16 so that we may preach the gospel to the regions beyond you without boasting about what has already been done in someone else's area of ministry."
38. **Galatians 3:8** "Now the Scripture saw in advance that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and proclaimed the gospel ahead of time to Abraham, saying, All the nations will be blessed through you."
39. **Galatians 3:13-14** "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, because it is written, Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree. The purpose was that the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles by Christ Jesus, so that we could receive the promised Spirit through faith."

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40. **Ephesians 1:10** "He made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he purposed in Christ as a plan for the right time — to bring everything together in Christ, both things in heaven and things on earth in him."
41. **Ephesians 2:11–22** "So, then, remember that at one time you were Gentiles in the flesh — called "the uncircumcised" by those called "the circumcised," which is done in the flesh by human hands. At that time you were without Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus, you who were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who made both groups one and tore down the dividing wall of hostility. In his flesh, he made of no effect the law consisting of commands and expressed in regulations, so that he might create in himself one new man from the two, resulting in peace. He did this so that he might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by which he put the hostility to death. He came and proclaimed the good news of peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So, then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole building, being put together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you are also being built together for God's dwelling in the Spirit."
42. **Philippians 2:9-11** "For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow — in heaven and on earth and under the earth — and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."
43. **1 Thessalonians 2:15–16** "... They displease God and are hostile to everyone, by keeping us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. ..."
44. **1 Peter 2:9** "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."
45. **2 Peter 3:9** "The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance."
46. **1 John 2:2** "He himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world."
47. **Revelation 5:9** "And they sang a new song: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slaughtered, and you purchased people for God by your blood from every tribe and language and people and nation."
48. **Revelation 7:9-10** "After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes with palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
49. **Revelation 14:6-7** "Then I saw another angel flying high overhead, with the eternal gospel to announce to the inhabitants of the earth — to every nation, tribe, language, and people. He spoke with a loud voice: "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship the one who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

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50. **Revelation 15:4** "Lord, who will not fear and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All the nations will come and worship before you because your righteous acts have been revealed."
51. **Revelation 21:23–24** "The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God illuminates it, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it."

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