






# Missions and Evangelism



**Joshua 4:23** "for the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, **that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the LORD**, that it *is* mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever."




**1 Samuel 17:46** “This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, **that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.**”





**1 Kings 8:43** “hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, **that all peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You**, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this temple which I have built is called by Your name.



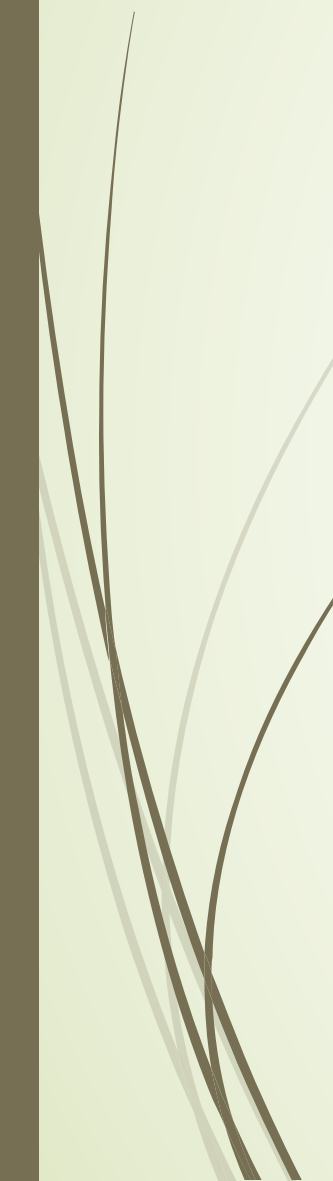



**2 Kings 19:19** "Now therefore, O LORD our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You *are* the LORD God, You alone."






Biblical missions may be defined as the propagation (spreading something abroad, spreading something far and wide) of the Word of God so that all might know the **ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD.**



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1. While the words "missionary" or "missions" are not used in the Bible, the spreading of the Gospel by witnessing (Acts 1:8) and evangelists (Eph 4:11) is commanded.
  2. The word "Hebrew" means one from beyond or from the other side; one who crosses the river and indicates proclaiming the Word of God in another country. Israel was responsible for missionary activity before the church began. (Isa 42:6; 55:5; 56:1-8; Jer 16:19; Mal 1:11).






3. Missionary passages in the Old Testament include (Josh 2:10-11; 4:23-24; 2 Kings 5:2-4; Jonah 1:2; 3:2; Psa 96). Esther. Cf., Psalms 2, 67, 72.

4. Believers are called to preach the gospel everywhere (Matt 28:19, 20; Acts 1:8).



## 7. Missionaries are:

- (a) Put in trust with the gospel (1 Thess 2:4).
- (b) Sent forth (John 17:18).
- (c) Through open doors (1 Cor 16:9).
- (d) To foreign lands (2 Cor 10:16).
- (e) To preach the gospel (Acts 10:42-43).
- (f) To use every means possible (1 Cor 9:16-22).
- (g) Helped by prayer of others (2 Cor 1:11 ).
- (h) Supported by churches (2 Cor 8:1-5).



8. A local church receives blessing by active and generous support of missions (Phil 4:15-18).

