

# Nations throughout Scripture

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## Old Testament Verses

### Genesis 1:1

“God created the heavens and the earth.”

### Genesis 9:17

God’s covenant with “all life on the earth.”

### Genesis 12:1–3

God’s promise to Abraham (repeated in Genesis 18:18; 22:17–18; 26:4; 28:12–14).

### Exodus 9:14–16

“I have raised you up for this very purpose ... that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.”

### Exodus 19:6

Israel was to be a “kingdom of priests.”

### Numbers 14:21

“Glory of the Lord fills the whole earth.”

### Deuteronomy 4:6–8

“Show your wisdom and understanding to the nations.”

### Deuteronomy 10:19

“You are to love those who are foreigners.”

### Deuteronomy 28:10

“All the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord.”

### Deuteronomy 32:1

“Hear, you earth, the words of my mouth.”

### Joshua 4:24

“So that all the peoples of the earth might know.”

### 1 Samuel 2:10

“The Lord will judge the ends of the earth.”

### 1 Samuel 17:46

“The whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.”

### 1 Kings 8:41–43, 59–60

(also in 2 Chronicles 6:32–33)

“So that all the peoples of the earth may know your name.”

### 2 Kings 19:15, 19

“Hezekiah prayed ... ‘Lord ... you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth.’”

### 1 Chronicles 16:23–24

“Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.”

### 1 Chronicles 16:28

“Families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.”

### 1 Chronicles 16:31

“Let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, ‘The Lord reigns!’”

### 2 Chronicles 6:32–33

“So that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you.”

### Psalms 2:7–10

“You are my son .... I will make the nations your inheritance.”

### Psalms 7:7–8

“Let the Lord judge the peoples.”

### Psalms 8:9

“How majestic is your name in all the earth!”

### Psalms 9:11

“Proclaim among the nations what he has done.”

### Psalms 18:49

“I will praise you, Lord, among the nations.”

### Psalms 19:1

“Their words to the ends of the world.”

### Psalms 22:26–28

“All the families of the nations will bow down.”

### Psalms 22:27

“All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord.”

### Psalms 24

“The earth is the Lord’s.”

### Psalms 33

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.”

**Psalm 45:17**

“The nations will praise you for ever and ever.”

**Psalm 46:10**

“I will be exalted among the nations.”

**Psalm 47**

“God reigns over the nations.”

**Psalm 48:10**

“Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.”

**Psalm 49:1**

“Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world.”

**Psalm 50**

“From the rising of the sun to where it sets.”

**Psalm 57**

“I will sing of you among the peoples.”

**Psalm 59:13**

“It will be known to the ends of the earth that God rules over Jacob.”

**Psalm 65:5–8**

“The hope of all the ends of the earth ... where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.”

**Psalm 66**

“All the earth bows down to you .... Praise our God, all peoples.”

**Psalm 67**

“Your salvation among all nations.”

**Psalm 68:32**

“Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth.”

**Psalm 72:9**

“The desert tribes bow before him.”

**Psalm 72:11**

“All nations serve him.”

**Psalm 72:17, 19**

“All nations will be blessed through him .... May the whole earth be filled with his glory.”

**Psalm 77:14**

“You display your power among the peoples.”

**Psalm 82**

“All the nations are your inheritance.”

**Psalm 83:18**

“You alone are the Most High over all the earth.”

**Psalm 86:8–13**

“All the nations ... will come and worship.”

**Psalm 87**

“The register of the peoples.”

**Psalm 96**

“Sing to the Lord, all the earth.... Declare his glory among the nations.”

**Psalm 97**

“The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.”

**Psalm 98:3**

“All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.”

**Psalm 98:9**

“He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.”

**Psalm 99:1–3**

“He is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name.”

**Psalm 102:15**

“The nations will fear the name of the Lord, all the kings of the earth will revere your glory.”

**Psalm 102:22**

“When the peoples and the kingdoms assemble to worship the Lord.”

**Psalm 105:1**

“Make known among the nations what he has done.”

**Psalm 106:8**

Reason for dividing the Red Sea.

**Psalm 107:2–3**

“The redeemed of the Lord ... those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.”

**Psalm 108:3**

“I will sing of you among the peoples.”

**Psalm 108:5**

“Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.”

**Psalm 110:6**

“He will judge the nations.”

**Psalm 113:3**

“From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.”

**Psalm 117**

“Praise the Lord, all you nations.”

**Psalm 126**

“It was said among the nations.”

**Psalm 135**

“Our Lord is greater than all gods.”

**Psalm 138:4**

“May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord.”

**Ecclesiastes 3:11**

“[God] has also set eternity in the human heart.”

**Isaiah 2:3**

“Many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob.’”

**Isaiah 5:26**

“He lifts up a banner for the distant nations, he whistles for those at the ends of the earth.”

**Isaiah 6:3**

“They were calling to one another: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.’”

**Isaiah 11:9**

“The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord.”

**Isaiah 11:10**

“The Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him.”

**Isaiah 12:4**

“Make known among the nations what he has done.”

**Isaiah 24:14–16**

“From the ends of the earth we hear singing: ‘Glory to the Righteous One.’”

**Isaiah 25:6**

“The Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples.”

**Isaiah 34:1**

“Come near, you nations, and listen; pay attention, you peoples!”

**Isaiah 37:16**

“Lord Almighty ... you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth.”

**Isaiah 37:20**

“Deliver us ... so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, Lord, are the only God.”

**Isaiah 42:4**

“In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

**Isaiah 42:6**

“I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles.”

**Isaiah 42:10**

“Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth.”

**Isaiah 43:6**

“I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’”

**Isaiah 45:6**

“From the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me.”

**Isaiah 45:22**

“Turn to me ... all you ends of the earth.”

**Isaiah 49:1–6**

“I will also make you a light for the Gentiles.”

**Isaiah 49:22**

“The Sovereign Lord says: ‘See, I will beckon to the nations, I will lift up my banner to the peoples.’”

**Isaiah 51:4–5**

“My justice will become a light to the nations.... The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm.”

**Isaiah 52:10**

“The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.”

**Isaiah 56:7**

“My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

**Isaiah 57:19**

“Peace, peace, to those far and near .... I will heal them.”

**Isaiah 59:19**

“From the west, people will fear the name of the Lord, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory.”

**Isaiah 60:3**

“Nations will come to your light.”

**Isaiah 62:11**

“The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth.”

**Isaiah 65:1**

"I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me."

**Isaiah 66:18–19**

"They will proclaim my glory among the nations."

**Jeremiah 1:5**

"I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

**Jeremiah 3:17**

"All nations will gather in Jerusalem to honor the name of the Lord."

**Jeremiah 16:19**

"To you the nations will come from the ends of the earth and say, 'Our ancestors possessed nothing but false gods, worthless idols that did them no good.'"

**Jeremiah 31:10**

"Hear the word of the Lord, you nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands."

**Ezekiel 34:4, 6**

"My sheep were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them."

**Ezekiel 36:22–23**

"The nations will know that I am the Lord."

**Ezekiel 38:20**

"All the people on the face of the earth will tremble at my presence."

**Daniel 2:47; 4:1–2; 6:25**

"Surely your God is the God of gods."

**Daniel 7:13, 14**

"All nations and peoples of every language worshiped him."

**Jonah's story**

The Old Testament missionary book.

**Micah 1:2**

"Hear, you peoples, all of you, listen, earth and all who live in it."

**Micah 4:2**

"Many nations will come."

**Micah 5:4**

"His greatness will reach to the ends of the earth."

**Habakkuk 2:14**

"The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

**Zephaniah 2:11**

"Distant nations will bow down to him."

**Zephaniah 3:9**

"Then will I purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the Lord."

**Haggai 2:7**

"Desired by all nations."

**Zechariah 2:11**

"Many nations will be joined with the Lord in that day and will become my people."

**Zechariah 8:20–23**

"Many peoples and the inhabitants of many cities will yet come."

**Zechariah 9:10**

"He will proclaim peace to the nations."

**Zechariah 14:9**

"The Lord will be king over the whole earth."

**Malachi 1:10–11**

"My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets."

**New Testament Verses****Matthew 4:8–11 — Temptation of Jesus**

"All the kingdoms of the world."

**Matthew 6:9–10 — The Lord's Prayer**

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth."

**Matthew 8:11 (Luke 13:29)**

"Many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast ... in the kingdom of heaven."

**Matthew 9:37**

"Harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

**Matthew 10:18**

"On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles."

**Matthew 13 (Ezekiel 17:23)**

Parables of the sower, weeds, mustard seed, fishing net.

**Matthew 21:13 (Isaiah 56:7)**

"A house of prayer for all nations."

**Matthew 24:14**

“This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world.”

**Matthew 28:19–20; Mark 16:15**

The Great Commission (which many say is a restatement of God’s promise to Abraham in Genesis 12).

**Mark 11:17**

See Matthew 21:13.

**Mark 13:10**

“The gospel must first be preached to all nations.”

**Mark 16:15**

See Matthew 28:19–20.

**Luke 2:32**

“A light for revelation to the Gentiles.”

**Luke 10:2**

“Harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.”  
(See John 4:35.)

**Luke 10:27**

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

**Luke 15:4**

Parable of the lost sheep.

**Luke 19:46**

See Matthew 21:13.

**Luke 24:47**

“Repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached ... to all nations.”

**John 3:16**

“For God so loved the world.”

**John 4:35**

Ripe harvest fields.  
(See Luke 10:2 and Matthew 9:37.)

**John 12:32**

“I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

**John 17:23**

“The world will know that you sent me and have loved them.”

**John 20:21**

“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

**John 21:4–14**

Some biblical commentators have said the 153 fish equal the number of all the tribes and nations that the ancients thought existed on earth.

**Acts 1:8; 2:5–12; 13:47 (Isaiah 49:6)**

Witnesses in all the earth.

**Acts 3:25**

“He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.’”

**Acts 9:15**

“Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings.”

**Acts 10:34–35**

“God ... accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.”

**Acts 11:18**

“They ... praised God, saying, ‘So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.’”

**Acts 13:47**

“I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6).

**Acts 14:27**

“They ... reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.”

**Acts 28:28**

“Therefore I want you to know that God’s salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!”

**Romans 1:5**

“We received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to obedience.”

**Romans 1:16**

“The gospel ... is the power of God that brings salvation ... first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”

**Romans 3:29**

“Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too.”

**Romans 9:17**

“That my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.”

**Romans 10:12–15**

“How can they hear?”

**Romans 15:10**

“Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people” (Deuteronomy 32:43).

**Romans 15:11**

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him” (Psalm 117:1).

**Romans 16:26**

So that all nations might believe.

**1 Corinthians 1:24**

“To those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks.”

**2 Corinthians 4:15**

“Grace that is reaching more and more people.”

**2 Corinthians 10:16**

“So that we can preach the gospel in the regions beyond you.”

**Galatians 3:8**

“Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: ‘All nations will be blessed through you’” (Genesis 12:3; 18:18; 22:18).

**Galatians 3:14**

“He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles.”

**Ephesians 1:10**

“To bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.”

**Ephesians 2:11–19**

“You are no longer foreigners and strangers.”

**Philippians 2:10**

“Every knee should bow.”

**1 Thessalonians 2:15–16**

“To keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved.”

**Hebrews 6:13–14**

“God made his promise to Abraham.”

**2 Peter 3:9, 12**

“Not wanting anyone to perish.”

**1 John 2:2**

“He is the atoning sacrifice ... for the sins of the whole world.”

**Revelation 5:9**

“You purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.”

**Revelation 7:9**

“Every nation, tribe, people and language.”

**Revelation 14:6**

The “angel ... had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth — to every nation, tribe, language and people.”

**Revelation 15:4**

“All nations will come and worship before you.”

**Revelation 21:23–24**

“The Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light.”