

The prophets reveal God's heart for the nations

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Week twelve

The prophets were continually proclaiming God's desire to be manifested among the nations. They also revealed the future fulfillment of the nations coming to the Father. Dig for treasures about God's glory in the following verses.

- Isaiah 19:18-25
- Isaiah 42:6-13
(Who is Kedar and what is the significance of their glorifying God?)
- Isaiah 66:18-21 Selah
- Jeremiah 16:19-21
- Ezekiel 36:16-23
- Daniel 7:13-14
- Malachi 1:11

In the past few studies, we have only scratched the surface of Old Testament passages that connect with God's global purpose. Why do you think that most of Israel seemed to miss the connection between God's blessings and His purpose and their responsibility in that purpose?

Father, release me from the slavery of an egocentric faith, awaken me to the reality that Christ's death on the cross delivered me from the slavery of living for myself. (II Cor. 5:15) Selah

Next week as we begin to study the New Testament, the focus will be on how the themes of blessing and purpose are defined in the person of Jesus Christ. He is the incomparable blessing promised to Abram and his children, Israel, and to the nations through Abram. He also clarifies for us God's global purpose in His life, ministry and teachings.