

NATIONS

1. God is King over the nations.

- a. **Job 12:23-25** 23 He makes nations (גוֹיִם) great, and he destroys them. He enlarges nations (גוֹיִם) and leads them away. 24 He takes away understanding from the chiefs of the people of the earth and makes them wander in a trackless waste. 25 They grope in the dark without light, and he makes them stagger like a drunken man.
- b. **Ps 33:10-12** 10 Yahweh brings the counsel of the nations (גוֹיִם) to nothing. He frustrates the plans of the peoples (עַמִּים). 11 The counsel of Yahweh stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. 12 Blessed is the nation (יִי) whose God is Yahweh, the people whom he has chosen as his inheritance!
- c. **Ps 47:7-8** 7 For God is the King of all the earth. Sing praises with a psalm! 8 God reigns over the nations (גוֹיִם). God sits on his holy throne.
- d. **Ps 66:6-7** 6 [God] turned the sea into dry land. They passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, 7 who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations (גוֹיִם)—let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.
(1) What we read in the news today God knew before he created the universe.
- e. **Is 40:15-17** 15 Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales. Behold, he takes up the coastlands like fine dust. 16 Lebanon would not suffice for fuel, nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering. 17 All the nations are as nothing before him, they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.
- f. **Re 15:3-4** 3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb saying, Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! 4 Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.
- g. The nations are like grasshoppers in God's sight.
- h. The combined efforts of all the nations cannot defeat God. God laughs at the attempt.
- i. See: <https://www.prayercast.com/you-reign.html>

2. All the nations have a the same origin—the eight persons who left the ark.

- a. **Ge 9:18-19** 18 The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) 19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the people of the whole earth were dispersed.
- b. **Ge 9:26-27** 26 [Noah] also said, Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Shem. And let Canaan be his servant. 27 May God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant.
- c. **Ge 10:32** 32 These are the clans of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, in their nations, and from these the nations spread abroad on the earth after the flood.
- d. **1 Ch 1:1-26** 1 Adam, Seth, Enosh; 2 Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared; 3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech; 4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 5 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. 6 The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. 7 The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim. 8 The sons of Ham: Cush, Egypt, Put, and Canaan. 9 The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. 10 Cush

fathered Nimrod. He was the first on earth to be a mighty man. 11 Egypt fathered Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, 12 Pathrusim, Casluhim (from whom the Philistines came), and Caphtorim. 13 Canaan fathered Sidon his firstborn and Heth, 14 and the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites, 15 the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites, 16 the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. 17 The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, and Aram. And the sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech. 18 Arpachshad fathered Shelah, and Shelah fathered Eber. 19 To Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg (for in his days the earth was divided), and his brother's name was Joktan. ...24 Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah; 25 Eber, Peleg, Reu; 26 Serug, Nahor, Terah....

- e. **Ac 14:16-17** 16 In past generations [God] allowed all the ***nations*** to walk in their own ways. 17 Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.
- f. **Ac 17:26-30** 26 ...[God] made from one man [Noah] every ***nation*** of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for in him we live and move and have our being. as even some of your own poets have said, For we are indeed his offspring. 29 Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold, silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. 30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands ***all people*** everywhere to repent....
- g. We're all related. There is only one human race. We are one human family.
- h. Genetics proves this. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Y-chromosomal_Adam and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mitochondrial_Eve.

3. God purposefully dispersed the nations from Babel.

- a. **Ge 11:6-9** 6 And Yahweh said, Behold, they are ***one people*** (אֶחָד), and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech. 8 So Yahweh dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. 9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there Yahweh confused the language of all the earth. And from there Yahweh dispersed them over the face of all the earth.
- b. God has fixed the borders of the nations. He is definitely not for a borderless world. He established the principle of national sovereignty.
 - (1) **Dt 32:8-9** 8 When the Most High gave to the ***nations*** (גוֹיִם) their inheritance, when he divided the sons of Adam (בְּנֵי אָדָם), he fixed the borders of the ***peoples*** (עַמִּים) according to the number of the sons of God. 9 But Yahweh's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance.
- c. **Mt 24:6-8** 6 And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. 7 For ***nation*** will rise against ***nation***, and ***kingdom*** against ***kingdom***, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

- d. It is healthy/normal/understandable to love one's own nation. Nationalism is not evil. Like anything it may become evil if it becomes idolatrous. But nationalism itself is not evil.

4. God cares about every nation, even the rebellious ones.

- a. He sent his one and only Son to die for all of them.
- b. **1 Ki 8:41-43** 41 ...When a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a far land for your name's sake 42 (for they shall hear of your great name and your mighty hand, and of your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house, 43 hear in heaven your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order that all the **peoples** of the earth (כָּל-עַמֵּי הָאָרֶץ) may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house that I have built is called by your name.
- c. **Is 15:5** 5 My heart cries out for Moab.
- d. **Is 16:10-11** 10 And joy and gladness are taken away from the fruitful field, and in the vineyards no songs are sung, no cheers are raised. No treader treads out wine in the presses. I have put an end to the shouting. 11 Therefore my inner parts moan like a lyre for Moab, and my inmost self for Kir-hareseth.
- e. **Is 56:6-7** 6 ...The foreigners who join themselves to Yahweh, to minister to him, to love the name of Yahweh, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— 7 these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar. For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all **peoples**.

5. God judges each nation fairly.

- a. **Jer 12:14-17** 14 Thus says Yahweh concerning all my evil **neighbors** who touch the inheritance that I have given my people Israel to inherit: Behold, I will pluck them up from their land, and I will pluck up the house of Judah from among them. 15 And after I have plucked them up, I will again have compassion on them, and I will bring them again each to his heritage and each to his land. 16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, As Yahweh lives, even as they taught my people to swear by Baal, then they shall be built up in the midst of my people. 17 But if any **nation** will not listen, then I will utterly pluck it up and destroy it, declares Yahweh.
- b. **Jer 18:6-10** 6 O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares Yahweh. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. 7 If at any time I declare concerning a **nation** or a **kingdom**, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, 8 and if that **nation**, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it. 9 And if at any time I declare concerning a **nation** or a **kingdom** that I will build and plant it, 10 and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it.
- c. We're all naturally biased in favour of our own nation. Because of this, we aren't especially good judges of the virtues and vices of our own nation. It is good that God will judge each nation fairly.

- d. There is a theological story to tell for every nation on earth, including New Zealand.
(1) How would you describe New Zealand's history with God?

6. God's plan is to bless all the nations through one person in one nation, Israel.

- a. **Ge 12:3** 3 I [Yahweh] will bless those who bless you [Abram], and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the extended families/clans (מִשְׁפָּחָה) of the earth shall be blessed.
- b. **Ge 18:17-18** 17 Yahweh said, Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, 18 seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation (גוי), and all the nations (גוים) of the earth shall be blessed in him?
- c. What happens with Israel is hugely important for every nation.
- a. **Ge 50:20** 20 As for you [Joseph's brothers], you meant evil against me [Joseph], but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.
- b. Consider subscribing: <https://podcasts.apple.com/nz/podcast/the-jerusalem-post-podcast/id1553867697>
- d. **Ex 19:5-6** 5 ...If you [Israel] will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine. 6 And you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.
- e. **Dt 32:8-9** 8 When the Most High gave to the nations (גוים) their inheritance, when he divided the sons of Adam (בְּנֵי אָדָם), he fixed the borders of the peoples (עַמִּים) according to the number of the sons of God. 9 But Yahweh's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance.
- f. The history of Israel is an object lesson for the nations to learn from.
- a. **Jo 4:23-24** 23 For Yahweh your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as Yahweh your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed over, 24 so that all the peoples of the earth (כָּל-עַמֵּי הָאָרֶץ) may know that the hand of Yahweh is mighty, that you may fear Yahweh your God forever.
- g. **Ps 147:19-20** 19 [Yahweh] declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel. 20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation. They do not know his rules. Hallelujah!
- h. Israel has a special role to play in God's relationship to the nations. She is to stand separate from the nations to be the vehicle of God's blessing upon the nations.
- a. **Is 16:3-5** 3 Give counsel. Grant justice. Make your shade like night at the height of noon. Shelter the outcasts. Do not reveal the fugitive. 4 Let the outcasts of Moab sojourn among you [Judah]. Be a shelter to them from the destroyer.
- i. **Is 60:11-14** 11 Your gates shall be open continually. Day and night they shall not be shut, that people may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings led in procession. 12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish. Those nations shall be utterly laid waste. 13 The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will make the place of my feet glorious. 14 The sons of those who afflicted you shall come bending low to you, and all who despised you shall bow down at your feet. They shall call you the City of Yahweh, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

- j. **Jer 4:1-2** 1 If you return, Israel, declares Yahweh, to me you should return. If you remove your detestable things from my presence and do not waver, 2 and if you swear, As Yahweh lives, in truth, in justice, and in righteousness, then **nations** shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.
- k. **Jn 4:22** 22 We worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.
- l. **Ro 3:1-2** 1 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? 2 Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God.
- m. **Ro 9:3-5** 3 ...I [Paul] could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Messiah for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the Torah, the worship, and the promises. 5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Messiah, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.
- n. **Ga 3:8** 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham saying, In you shall all the **nations** be blessed.

7. The nations, including Israel, are susceptible to Satan's deceit.

- a. **Jer 51:58** 58 Thus says Yahweh of hosts: The broad wall of Babylon shall be levelled to the ground, and her high gates shall be burned with fire. The **peoples** labor for nothing, and the **nations** weary themselves only for fire.
- b. **Hab 2:13-14** 13 Behold, is it not from Yahweh of hosts that **peoples** labour merely for fire, and **nations** weary themselves for nothing? 14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh as the waters cover the sea.
- c. **Mt 24:9-14** 9 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all **nations** for my name's sake. 10 And then many will fall away, betray one another, and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. 12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all **nations**, and then the end will come.
- d. **Re 18:3** 3 For all **nations** have drunk the wine of the passion of [Babylon's] sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living.
- e. **Re 20:3** 3 ...And threw [Satan] into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the **nations** any longer, until the thousand years were ended.
- f. **Re 20:8** 8 ...And [Satan] will come out to deceive the **nations** that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle. Their number is like the sand of the sea.
- g. Disinformation is nothing new. Satan has been spreading it for thousands of years.
- h. The nations need to take heed to Scripture. If they don't, they are in big trouble.

8. In Jesus, the hostility between Israel and the nations is overcome.

- a. **Is 11:10** 10 In that day the **nations** will seek (דָּרַשׁ) the root of Jesse [Messiah], who will stand as a flag (יָסַד) for the **peoples**.

- b. **Is 52:10** 10 Yahweh has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation (יְשׁוּעָה) of our God.
 - c. **Is 52:13-15** 13 Behold, my Servant shall act wisely. He shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. 14 As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— 15 so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.
 - d. **Mt 28:19** 18 And Jesus came and said to them, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations....
 - e. **Ac 10:34-35** 34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
 - f. **Ac 17:30** 30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent....
 - g. **Ro 1:16** 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
 - h. In the OT, God's plan was centripetal. In the NT, his plan is centrifugal.
- 9. Before and during the Tribulation, the nations will turn against believers in Jesus.**
- a. **Mt 24:6-14** 6 And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains. 9 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then many will fall away, betray one another, and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. 12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.
 - b. **Mt 25:31-33** 31 When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.
 - c. **Re 11:18** 18 The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.
 - d. **Re 13:7-8** 7 Also [the beast] was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe, people, language, and nation, 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.
 - e. **Re 14:6-8** 6 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. 7 And he said with a loud voice, Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his

judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water. 8 Another angel, a second, followed saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.

- f. **Re 16:13-16** 13 And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. 14 For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. ...16 And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

10. God destroys nations who choose to war against Israel and her Messiah.

- a. **Ps 2** 1 Why do the nations (גוֹיִם) rage and the peoples (עַמִּים) plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against Yahweh and against his Messiah saying, 3 Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us. 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs. The Lord holds them in derision. 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury saying, 6 As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill. 7 I will tell of the decree: Yahweh said to me, You are my Son. Today I have begotten you. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations (גוֹיִם) your inheritance, and the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. 10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise. Be warned, O rulers of the earth. 11 Serve Yahweh with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.
- b. **Ps 9:15-20** 15 The nations have sunk in the pit that they made. In the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught. 16 Yahweh has made himself known. He has executed judgment. The wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. Higgaiion. Selah 17 The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. 19 Arise, Yahweh! Let not man prevail. Let the nations be judged before you! 20 Put them in fear, Yahweh! Let the nations know that they are but men! Selah.
- c. **Ps 79:6-7** 6 Pour out your anger on the nations (גוֹיִם) that do not know you, and on the kingdoms (מַמְלָכוֹת) that do not call upon your name! 7 For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.
- d. **Is 8:9-10** 9 Be broken, you peoples, and be shattered. Give ear, all you far countries. Strap on your armor and be shattered. Strap on your armor and be shattered. 10 Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing. Speak a word, but it will not stand, for God is with us [Israel]....
- e. **Is 29:7-8** 7 The multitude of all the nations who wage war against Ariel [Israel], even all who wage war against her and her stronghold and who distress her, will be like a dream, a vision of the night. ...8 Thus the multitude of all the nations will be who wage war against Mount Zion.
- f. **Is 34:1-2** 1 Draw near, nations, to hear. And listen, peoples! Let the earth and all it contains hear, and the world and all that springs from it. 2 For Yahweh's indignation is against all the nations and his wrath against all their armies. He has utterly destroyed them. He has given them over to slaughter.

- g. **Is 63:4-5** 4 For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come. 5 I looked, but there was no one to help. I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold. So my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me. 6 I trampled down the **peoples** (עַמִּים) in my anger. I made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.
- h. **Jer 12:14-17** 14 Thus says Yahweh concerning all my evil **neighbors** who touch the inheritance that I have given my people Israel to inherit: Behold, I will pluck them up from their land, and I will pluck up the house of Judah from among them. 15 And after I have plucked them up, I will again have compassion on them, and I will bring them again each to his heritage and each to his land. 16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, As Yahweh lives, even as they taught my people to swear by Baal, then they shall be built up in the midst of my people. 17 But if any **nation** will not listen, then I will utterly pluck it up and destroy it, declares Yahweh.
- i. **Joe 3:11-12** 11 Hasten and come, all you surrounding **nations** and gather yourselves there. ... 12 Let the **nations** stir themselves up and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. For there I [Yahweh] will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.
- j. **Ob 15** 15 For the day of Yahweh is near upon all the **nations**. As you have done, it shall be done to you. Your deeds shall return on your own head.
- k. **Hag 2:21-23** 21 Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I am about to shake the heavens and the earth, 22 and to overthrow the throne of **kingdoms**. I am about to destroy the strength of the **kingdoms** of the **nations**, and overthrow the chariots and their riders. And the horses and their riders shall go down, every one by the sword of his brother. 23 On that day, declares Yahweh of hosts, I will take you, O Zerubbabel my servant, the son of Shealtiel, declares Yahweh, and make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you, declares Yahweh of hosts.
- l. **Zec 14:2-3** 2 I will gather all the **nations** against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken, the houses plundered, and the women raped. Half of the city shall go out into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then Yahweh will go out and fight against those **nations** as when he fights on a day of battle.
- m. **Re 16:19** 19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the **nations** fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath.
- n. **Re 19:15** 15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the **nations**, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.
- o. The 20th century on several occasions reaffirmed this truth.

11. Every nation will be represented in the Messianic kingdom and beyond.

- a. **Ps 22:27-28** 27 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to Yahweh, and all the families of the **nations** will worship before you. 28 For the kingdom is Yahweh's, and he rules over the **nations**.
- b. **Ps 86:9-10** 9 All the **nations** (עַמִּים) you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. 10 For you are great and do wondrous things. You alone are God.

- c. **Is 2:1-4** 1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of Yahweh shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills. And all the nations shall flow to it, 3 and many peoples shall come and say: Come, let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.
(1) Only Jesus can bring peace to the nations.
- d. **Is 66:18-21** 18 ...The time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, 19 and I will set a sign (אִיָּה) among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. 20 And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to Yahweh, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says Yahweh, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of Yahweh. 21 And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says Yahweh.
- e. **Jer 3:17** 17 At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of Yahweh, and all nations shall gather to it, to the presence of Yahweh in Jerusalem, and they shall no more stubbornly follow their own evil heart.
- f. **Zep 3:8-9** 8 Therefore wait for me, declares Yahweh, for the day when I rise up to seize the prey. For my decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms, to pour out upon them my indignation, all my burning anger. For in the fire of my jealousy all the earth shall be consumed. 9 For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of Yahweh and serve him with one accord.
- g. **Zec 14:16** 16 Then everyone who survives/is left over (יתר) of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths.
- h. **Mt 24:30-31** 30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
- i. **Re 2:26-27** 26 The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, 27 and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.
- j. **Re 5:9-10** 9 And they sang a new song saying, Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe, language, people, and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.

- k. **Re 7:9-10** 9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude [out of the great tribulation] that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!
- l. **Re 12:5** 5 She [Israel] gave birth to a male child [Jesus and/or the Church], one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne....
- m. **Re 21:24-26** 24 By [Jerusalem's] light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, 25 and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26 They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.
- n. **Revelation 22:1-2** 1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city. Also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
- o. Just as Israel has a believing remnant, so every nation will have a believing remnant.