

Missions visualized in Scripture

Howard Culbertson
Southern Nazarene
University

-
- How many times does the book of Hebrews and all the letters of Paul, John, Peter, James and Jude quote Jesus' Great Commission?

All peoples on earth will be
blessed through you –
Genesis 12



Graphic: <http://newundersol.blogspot.com>

Genesis 12:1-3

- The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you
- "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.
- I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; **and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."**

Not just Abraham

- "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring."
 - Genesis 28:13-14

Implications?

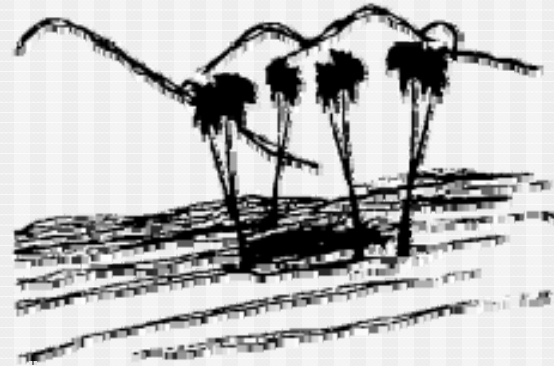
- “Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: ‘All nations will be blessed through you.’ So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.”
(Galatians 3:7-9)

-
- It's been said that we are "blessed" in order that we will be a "blessing"
 - Thus, "top-line blessings" bring "bottom-line responsibilities" (Bob Sjogren)

You will be for me a
kingdom of priests –
Exodus 19



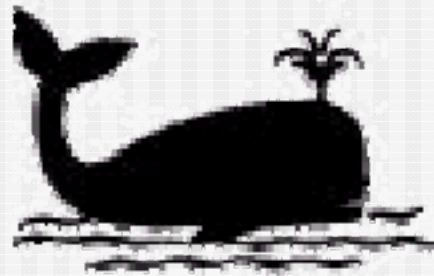
Twelve springs and seventy palm trees – Exodus 15



The God of Daniel – He is
the living God – Daniel 2,
4, 6

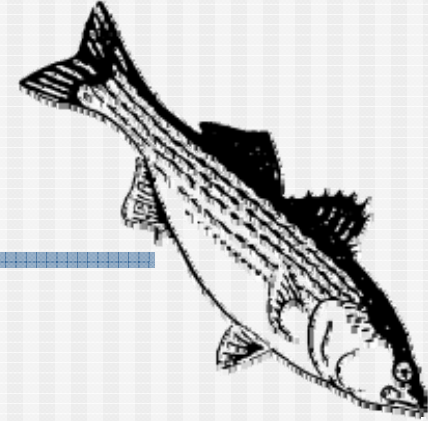


Jonah's story



Mustard seed . . . becomes
a tree and the birds of the
air come – Matthew 13





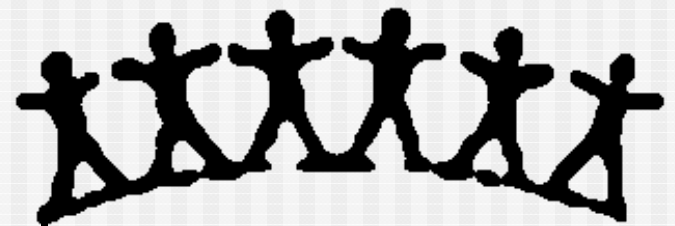
The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. – Matthew 13:47

“The verse which demons
memorize”
Matthew 24:14



Graphic: www.sodahead.com

There before me was a
great multitude that no one
could count, from every
nation, tribe, people and
language – Revelation 7



-
- What was foretold in Genesis 12 (and repeated in [Gen. 18:18](#), [22:17-18](#), [26:24](#) and [28:12-14](#)) , John saw coming true in Revelation 7.