



THE GREAT REVERSAL



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7 times in Revelation



GENESIS

Genesis 10:5

From these the coastland peoples of the Gentiles were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.

Genesis 10:20

These were the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands and in their nations.

Genesis 10:31

These were the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands, according to their nations.



GENESIS 11 Babel

11:1 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech.

11:9 Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.



Genesis 12:1-3

12 Now the Lord had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father’s house,
To a land that I will show you.

² **I will make you a great nation;**

I will bless you

And make your name great;

And you shall be a blessing.

³ **I will bless those who bless you,**

And I will curse him who curses you;

And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”



ABRAHAM

"In Abraham, then, God manifests his reign. Through him the kingdom revealed in creation and rejected by Adam and Eve is restored and begins its advance. Thus, Abraham is blessed not only for his sake but also for our sake as well. We see God's missionary heart as he rolls back the kingdom of darkness and seeks his lost creation.

(Don Williams, *Signs, Wonders*, p. 76).



GENESIS 22:18

¹⁸ In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.



DEUTERONOMY 4:6-8

6 Observe them carefully, **for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations**, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” 7 What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him? 8 And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?



PSALM 22:27,28

- ²⁷ All the ends of the world
Shall remember and turn to the Lord,
And all the families of the nations
Shall worship before You.
²⁸ For the kingdom is the Lord's,
And He rules over the nations.



1 KING 4:34

And men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom, came to hear the wisdom of Solomon.



1 CHRONICLES 16:23, 24

- ²³ Sing to the Lord, all the earth;
Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
²⁴ Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.



2 KING 17:15

And they rejected His statutes and His covenant that He had made with their fathers, and His testimonies which He had testified against them; they followed idols, became idolaters, and went after the nations who were all around them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them that they should not do like them.



2 Kings 21:9,11

But the people did not listen. Manasseh led them astray, so that they did more evil than the nations the LORD had destroyed before the Israelites.

"Manasseh king of Judah has committed these detestable sins. He has done more evil than the Amorites who preceded him and has led Judah into sin with his idols.



The very existence of the Bible is incontrovertible evidence of the God who refused to forsake his rebellious creation, who refused to give up, who was and is determined to redeem and restore fallen creation to his original design for it... [It] testifies to a God who breaks through to human beings, who disclosed himself to them, who will not leave them unilluminated in their darkness, ...who takes the initiative in re-establishing broken relationships with us.”

Quoted in Christopher Wright Mission of God page 48

**Charles R.
Taber,
“Missiology
and the Bible”
Missiology 11
(1983): 232**



“...to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people...”

7 times in Revelation

7 times in the book of Daniel



DANIEL

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Daniel 3:4	
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Daniel 3:29	
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Daniel 4:1	
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Daniel 4

³⁴ And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom *is* from generation to generation.



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Daniel 3:4

Daniel 5:19 Belshazzar's feast

Daniel 3:7

Daniel 6:25 Darius & Lion's den

Daniel 3:29

Daniel 7:14 Vision of four beasts

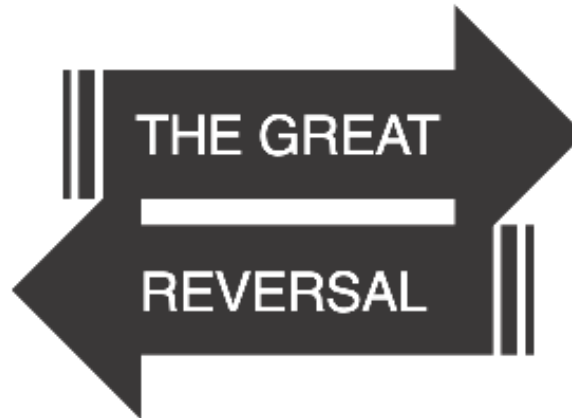
Daniel 4:1



A GREAT REVERSAL

Nebuchadnezzar

Turned from self worship to true worship





A GREAT REVERSAL

“Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.” ’ ” Zechariah 8:23



The Greatest Reversal would come

- He shall speak peace to the **nations**; His dominion *shall be* 'from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.'
- Zechariah 9:10



Luke 4:18 The Great Reversal

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to *the* poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to *the* captives
And recovery of sight to *the* blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”



Matthew 25

The Remnant

Come you blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.

Assuredly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to me.



Isaiah 53:5

But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.



The Great Reversal Continued

- Matthew 24:14
- And this gospel of the kingdom will be **preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations**, and then the end will come.



Matthew 28:19

- Go therefore and **make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,



Mark 11:17

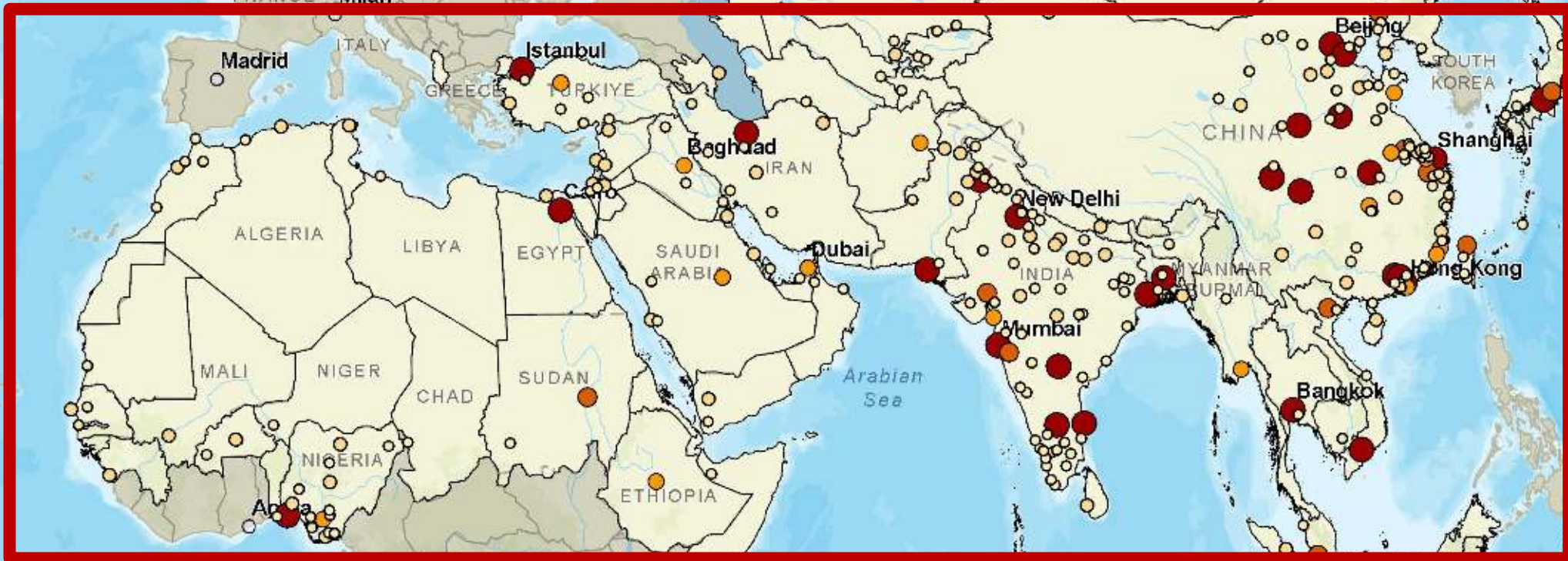
- Then He taught, saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations’?...”



Worship and Mission

- Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exist because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever. Worship is, therefore, the fuel and the goal of missions.
- John Piper, *Let the Nations be Glad*, 17

10/40 WINDOW



2/3 of the world's population

THE GREAT
REVERSAL



MIND THE GAP



THE GREAT REVERSALS

- Christ reversed Israel's refusal to do his mission to the nations
 - Jesus Abraham's blessings
- Pentecost reversed the confusion of the tower of Babel
 - Holy Spirit Noah's flood



**BUT THERE IS
ANOTHER**



**GREAT
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YET TO COME**



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- The 3 Angels messages are the call to the final reversal of false worship and announces the final demise of false worship!



I appeal to all who believe the truth, to all who can assist us in any line. Give us your help to advance the work just now. We need workers, and we need money; for there is a close relation between money and missions. You know something of what has already been accomplished in the different lines of our work. We have moved out by faith and have made large advancement, because we saw what needed to be done, what God was calling upon us to do, and we dared not hesitate. But we have not done the half of that which should be done. We are not yet on vantage-ground. There is a great work before us. All about us are souls longing for light and truth, and how are they to be reached?



THE GREAT REVERSAL

- When we stop talking about being the remnant and start doing the things the Bible says the remnant do:
 - 1. Commandments of God (we are good at that one)
 - 2. Faith of Jesus (We need to grow in this one)



THE GREAT REVERSAL

- 1. Knowing God through His word
- 2. Bearing a Spirit filled witness of who God is by our words
- 3. Loving the world through the compassion and justice of Jesus.





A role for every member,
church, organization, and
institution.

To enter

- Every nation
- Every large city
- Every ethno-linguistic people group



THE GREAT REVERSAL

- God's people
- Power of Holy Spirit
- Living blameless lives of sacrifice
- Boldly and selflessly proclaiming the truth of Jesus in preparation for His return.



It takes personal commitment

To be a witness in hard places





The harvest is ready
but the Laborers a few





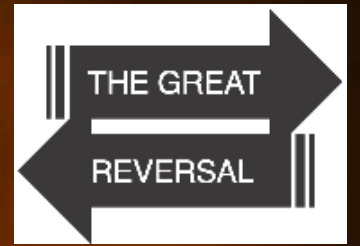
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