

PURPOSE FOR GOD CHOOSING ISRAEL

1. Demonstrate God's Holiness 2. Demonstrate God's Love, Grace, and Glory 3. Demonstrate Faithfulness to His Covenant

REACH THE NATIONS (Ge.12:3; Ga.3:8-9)

 *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." (Ge.12:3)*

 *⁸And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." ⁹So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham. (Ga.3:8-9)*

■ This is God's initial call and revelation to Abraham which will become the covenant people, Israel. In this initial call, God had an eye for the whole world.



OT: GOD REVEALED HIS UNIVERSAL REDEMPTIVE PLANS

 Du.32:21; Ps.49:1; 67:2; 96:3; 98:2-3; Is.2:2-4; 11:9-10; 12:4-5; 25:6-9; 42:6,10-12; 45:22; 49:5-6; 51:4-5; 52:10; 56:6-8; 60:1-3; 62:2; 65:1-2; 66:18,23; Je.3:17; 4:2; 16:19; Mi.4:1-3; Zc.2:11; Mi.1:11

■ Jonah may be the most "missionary" book of the OT. God's love for Gentiles is obvious (both the sailors and the Ninevites).

 *I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles (Is.42:6).*

 *²The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. ³He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. (Ps.98:2-3)*

 *Listen to Me, My people; And give ear to Me, O My nation: For law will proceed from Me, And I will make My justice rest As a light of the peoples. (Is.51:4)*

NT: GENTILES COMING TO FAITH THROUGH EVANGELISM

 Mt.8:11; Lk.13:29; 24:46-47; Jn.3:17; 8:11; 10:16; Ac.1:8; 13:47; 15:17; 26:23; Ro.10:19-20; 15:9-12; Ga.3:8-9,14

 *And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. (Mt.8:11) [Lk.13:29]*

■ Jesus makes reference to Gentiles coming to faith and having fellowship with Abraham.

 *And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. (Jn.10:16)*

■ The "other sheep" refer to Gentiles who will respond to His voice and become a part of the church (Ro.1:16).

 *¹⁹But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: "I WILL PROVOKE YOU TO JEALOUSY BY THOSE WHO ARE NOT A NATION, I WILL MOVE YOU TO ANGER BY A FOOLISH NATION." ²⁰But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT SEEK ME; I WAS MADE MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME." (Ro.10:19-20) [Is.65:1-2; Du.32:21]*

■ Paul applied the term "not a nation" to the Gentile nations, generally-speaking.

