

JESUS IS ALSO FOR GENTILES (Gentiles = non-Jews)

Creator God's Promise for Gentiles – in about 2000 B.C.

Genesis 12:1-3

1 God said to Abraham, 2 “I will make you into a great country – [you will be the father of Israel]. 3 And I will bless all peoples in the world through you.”

A Prophecy About Gentiles – about 700 B.C.

Isaiah 24:15-16

15 Countries in the east, shout to Creator God: “You are very great.” Islands of the sea, shout to God: “Your name is very great.” 16 In all the earth we hear singing: “God is very great.”

JESUS SAYS TO PAUL: GO TELL THE GENTILES ABOUT JESUS – about A.D. 60

Acts 21:26 - 22:10 & 9:15, 28 & 22:17-21

21:26 Paul went to the temple in Jerusalem. 27 Some Jews saw Paul at the temple. The Jews were from Turkey. [Many months before, the Jews saw Paul teaching about Jesus in Turkey.]

The Jews from Turkey grabbed Paul in the temple. 28 They shouted, “Help us! This man teaches bad things everywhere.” 30 Many people came running. 31 They tried to kill Paul. 32 The Roman commander and Roman soldiers came running. 33 And the Roman commander arrested Paul. The commander asked, “Who are you? And what did you do?”

22:2 Paul said, 3 “I am a Jew. I was born in Turkey. But I grew up in Jerusalem. My teacher was Gamaliel [the great Jewish teacher]. I was very passionate about God. 4 So I persecuted people who believed in Jesus – I tried to kill them.

5 “One day I was going to Damascus [in Syria] – I wanted to persecute people who believed in Jesus. 6 Suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. 7 I heard a voice. And the voice said, ‘Paul! Paul! Why do you persecute me?’ 8 I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The voice answered, ‘I am Jesus. You are persecuting me.’

10 “I asked, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ 9:15 Jesus said, ‘[You] must tell Gentiles about me – and [you] must tell Jews about me.’ 28 So in Jerusalem [I] talked boldly about Jesus.

22:17 “In Jerusalem I was praying in the temple. 18 Jesus spoke to me, ‘Quick! Leave Jerusalem now. The Jews will not listen to you – the Jews do not want to hear about

Jesus.’ 19 I answered, ‘The Jews **know** that I arrested and **beat** your people [so I think they will listen to me].’ 21[But] Jesus said to me, ‘Go. I am **sending** you **far away** – I am sending you to the Gentiles.’ ”

LATER IN ROME, PAUL SAYS TO THE JEWS...

Acts 28:28

28“I want you to know this – God has sent his **salvation** to the Gentiles – God wants to **save** Gentiles. And the Gentiles will listen!”

BUT PAUL SAYS TO THE GENTILES...

Romans 11:25-26 & Ephesians 2:18-19

11:25I will tell you God’s **secret plan** – I will tell you this so you Gentiles will not be **proud**. Why has Israel’s **heart become hard**? One **reason** is this: So you Gentiles have a **chance** to hear about Jesus and believe in him. **Then, after** the **full number** of Gentiles believes in Jesus, 26all Israel will be saved! **Because** God promised in the **Old Testament**: “I will **take away** [all of] Israel’s **sins**.”

2:18So **both** Jews and Gentiles can come to **God the Father** – we come to God the Father **by** believing in Jesus Christ. 19So, now, you Gentiles are not **foreigners** – but you also are God’s **citizens** – you also are in God’s **family**!

CONTENT QUESTIONS**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- Abraham was the father of what country? (Genesis 12:2)
- Who will God bless through Abraham? (verse 3)

Does this include Japanese? Does this include Americans?
Does God care about us?

How does God bless all people through Abraham?
(Jesus Christ came from Abraham / Israel)

- When did God make this promise? (In the [title](#): God's Promise for Gentiles)

What do you think about this?

Are you [surprised](#) that God was thinking about your people 4,000
years [ago](#)?

- Who will shout to God? (Isaiah 24:15)

Where is Japan in the world? What part of the world is Japan in?
What kind of country is Japan? What is it made of?

What does Isaiah say about eastern countries and islands?

- Who will sing to God? (verse 16)
- Who saw Paul in the temple? (Acts 21:26-27)
- What did the Jews from Turkey do to Paul? (verse 27)
 - Then what did the Jews try to do to Paul? (verse 31)
- Who saved Paul? (verses 32-33)
- What is Paul's [ethnicity](#)? (Acts 22:3)
- Why did Paul go to Damascus? (Acts 22:5)
- Who did Paul meet on the way to Damascus? (verse 8)
- What did Jesus tell Paul to do? (Acts 9:15)
 - What two [groups](#) of people did Jesus tell Paul to go to?
- But, which group would not listen to Paul talk about Jesus? (Acts 22:18)

- So, Jesus told Paul to go to which group? (verse 21) What group did Paul go to?
- What does God want to do for Gentiles? (Acts 28:28)
- Will the Gentiles listen to God's message? (verse 28)

For 2000 years, from Abraham to Jesus, God focused on Israel.

For 2000 years, from Jesus to today, who is God focused on?

- Why has Israel's heart (why have the Jews' hearts) become hard? (Romans 11:25)
 - After the full number of Gentiles believe in Jesus, what will the Jews do?
(verse 26)

So, how much do you think God loves Gentiles?

And how much do you think God loves Jews?

- What people groups can become members of Creator God's family?
(Ephesians 2:18-19)
 - How do we become a member of God's family? (verse 18)

also	も、それに
Gentile	異邦人（ユダヤ人でない人）
non-Jew	ユダヤ人でない人、イスラエル人でない人
Creator God	創造者、創造主、天地創造の神様
promise	約束する、約束
about	について、約
B.C.	紀元前
Abraham	アブラハム（イスラエルの父・信仰の父） （元の名前はアブラム）
make - made - made	造る、作る、させる
great / greater / greatest	偉大・より偉大・最も偉大、素晴らしい・より素晴らしい・最も素晴らしい
country	国
Israel	イスラエル
bless	祝福する
all	すべて
peoples	氏族、民族
world	世、世界
through	を通して
prophecy	預言
east	東
shout	叫ぶ
very	非常に
island	島
earth	地、地球
hear - heard - heard	聞く、聞こえる [pronunciation = heer - hrd - hrd]
singing	歌うこと
tell - told - told	命じる、伝える
temple	神殿
Jerusalem	エルサレム（イスラエルの都）
Jew	ユダヤ人（イスラエル人）

Turkey	トルコ
many	多くの、大勢の
month	月間、月、～ヶ月
before	前、以前、の前
grab	つかむ
help	助ける、助け
bad	悪い
everywhere	いたるところ
come - came - come	来る
run - ran - run	走る
try	試みる、やろうとする
kill	殺す
Roman	ローマ（帝国）の
commander	軍の司令官
soldier	兵士
arrest	逮捕する
ask	尋ねる
who	誰
what	何、何と
born	生まれる
grow up - grew up - grown up	大きくなる、成長する
Jewish	ユダヤ人、ユダヤ教、ユダヤ人の文化
passionate	情熱をもっている
so	だから、それで、それに従って、そのためには、そんなに
persecute	迫害する
believe	信じる
one day	ある日
Damascus	ダマスコ（シリアの都）
Syria	シリア（イスラエルの北にある国）

want	欲しい、欲しがる、望む、求める、やりたい
suddenly	突然、急に
bright	まぶしい、鮮やか
light	光、明かり、明るい
heaven	天国
flash	ひらめく、突然に照らす
around	に回る、～の回り、（歩き）回る
voice	声
why	なぜ、どうして
Lord	主、天地創造の神様
answer	答える、答え
must	しなければならない
boldly	大胆に
pray	祈る
speak - spoke - spoken	話す、語る
quick	急いで、早く、すぐに
leave - left - left	離れる、去る、出かける、出ていく、出る、残す、残る
now	今、もう、さて、それで
listen	(わざと) 聞く、聞き入れる、聞き従う、に聞く
know - knew - known	知る
beat	殴る
send - sent - sent	見送る、送る、使いにやる
far away	遠く離れてる
later	あとで、その後
Rome	ローマ（市）
salvation	救い、（永遠の）救い
save	救う、助ける
but	しかし
secret	秘密

plan	計画、計画を立てる
proud	高慢、高ぶる、傲慢
heart	心
become - became - became	になる、なる
hard (hearted)	頑固な、頑な
reason	理由
chance	機会、チャンス
then	そして、その場合、その時、そしたら
after	の後、ののち
full	満ちる、一杯になる
number (number of people)	数、数字（人数）
because	～のため、～のせい、なぜなら
Old Testament	旧約聖書（イエス・キリスト以前の聖書の話）
take away - took away - taken away	取り除く、奪う
sin	悪い考え、態度、言葉、行い – 罪、罪を犯す
both	ふたりとも、両方
God the Father	父なる神
by	によって
foreigner	外人
citizen	国民、市民
family	家族

title	題、題名
surprise	驚く、驚かす、びっくり、びっくりする
ago	前に
ethnicity	人種、民族性
group (group of people)	氏族、民族
focus	注目する、集中する
member	メンバー、一員