Some Old Testament Verses/Passages about Mission

- **Genesis 1:1-2** — God creates the earth and His Spirit moves upon it
- **Genesis 1:27** — Adam gets the mission from God to fill the earth with his descendants and subdue or govern it for God
- **Genesis 3:15** — The first promise of the Messiah that will defeat Satan and save the world
- **Genesis 9:17** — God's covenant with "all life on the earth"
- **Genesis 10** — The Table of the Nations
- **Genesis 11** — The creation of people groups and diverse languages
- **Genesis 12:1-3** (repeated in Gen. 18:18, 22:17-18, 26:4 and 28:12-14)
- **Exodus 9:14-16** — "I have raised you up for this very purpose . . . that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth"
- **Exodus 19:6** — Israel was to be a "kingdom of priests"
- **Numbers 14:21** — glory of Lord fills the whole earth
- **Deuteronomy 4:6-8** — show your understanding to the nations
- **Deuteronomy 10:19** — "You are to love those who are aliens"
- **Deuteronomy 28:10** — "all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you"
- **Deuteronomy 32:1** — "Hear, O earth, the words of my mouth."
- **Joshua 4:24** — "so that all the peoples of the earth might know"
- **1 Samuel 2:10** — "The LORD will judge the ends of the earth."
- **1 Samuel 17:46** — "the whole world will know there is a God in Israel"
- **1 Kings 8:41-43, 59-60** (also in 2 Chronicles 6:32-33) — "so that all peoples of the earth may know your name" (Solomon's prayer at dedication of Temple)
- **2 Kings 19:15, 19** — "Hezekiah prayed . . . : O LORD, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth."
- **1 Chronicles 16:23-24** — "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples"
- **1 Chronicles 16:28** — "O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength."
- **1 Chronicles 16:31** "Let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, The Lord reigns!"
- **2 Chronicles 6:32-33** — "so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you"
- **Psalm 2:7-10** — "You are my Son . . . I will make the nations your inheritance"
- **Psalm 7:7-8** — "Let the Lord judge the peoples"
- **Psalm 8:9** — "How majestic is your name in all the earth!"
- **Psalm 9:1** — "Proclaim among the nations what he has done."
- **Psalm 18:49** — "I will praise you among the nations"
- **Psalm 19:1-4** — "their words to the ends of the world"
- **Psalm 22:26-28** — "all the families of the nations will bow down"
- **Psalm 22:27** — "All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord"
- **Psalm 24** — "The earth is the Lord’s"
- **Psalm 33** — "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord"
- **Psalm 45:17** — "The nations will praise you for ever and ever"
- **Psalm 46:10** — "I will be exalted among the nations"
- **Psalm 47** — "God reigns over the nations"
- **Psalm 48:10** — "Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth"
- **Psalm 49:1** — "Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world"
- **Psalm 50** — "From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets"
- **Psalm 57** — "I will sing of you among the peoples"
- **Psalm 59:13** — "It will be known to the ends of the earth that God rules over Jacob."
- **Psalm 65:5-8** — "the hope of all the ends of the earth . . . where morning dawns and evening fades you call forth songs of joy"
- **Psalm 66** — "All the earth bows down to you . . . Praise our God, O peoples"
- **Psalm 67** — "your salvation among all peoples"
- **Psalm 68:32** — "Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth"
- **Psalm 72** — "all nations will serve him"
- **Psalm 72:9** — "the desert tribes will bow before him"
Psalm 72:17, 19 — "All nations will be blessed through him . . . May the whole earth be filled with his glory"
Psalm 77:14 — "you display your power among the peoples"
Psalm 82 — "all the nations are your inheritance"
Psalm 83:18 — "You alone are the Most High over all the earth."
Psalm 86:8-13 — "All nations will come and worship"
Psalm 87 — "the register of the peoples"
Psalm 96 — "sing to the Lord, all the earth . . . Declare his glory among the nations"
Psalm 105:1 — "make known among the nations what He has done"
Psalm 107:3 — "the redeemed of the LORD . . . those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south"
Psalm 108:3 — "I will sing of you among the peoples"
Psalm 108:5 — "Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth."
Psalm 110:6 — "He will judge the nations"
Psalm 113:3 — "From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised"
Psalm 117 — "Praise the Lord, all you nations"
Psalm 135 — "our Lord is greater than all gods"
Psalm 138:4 — "may all the kings of the earth praise you, O Lord"
Ecclesiastes 3:11 — "[God] has set eternity in the hearts of men."
Isaiah 2:3 — "Many peoples will come and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob."
Isaiah 5:26 — "He lifts up a banner for the distant nations, he whistles for those at the ends of the earth."
Isaiah 6:3 — "They were calling to one another: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."
Isaiah 11:9 — "fill the earth with the knowledge of the Lord"
Isaiah 11:10 — "a Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples, the nations will rally to Him"
Isaiah 12:4 — "Make known among the nations what He has done"
Isaiah 24:14-16 — "From the ends of the earth we hear singing: Glory to the Righteous One."
Isaiah 25:6 — "the Sovereign Lord says: "See, I will beckon to the Gentiles, I will lift up my banner to the peoples."
Isaiah 42:10 — "Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise from the end of the earth"
Isaiah 43:6 — "I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'"
Isaiah 45:6 — "from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me."
Isaiah 49:1-6 — "I will make you a light for the Gentiles"
Isaiah 49:22 — "The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God."
Isaiah 56:7 — "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations"
Isaiah 57:19 — "Peace to those near and far . . . I will heal them"
Isaiah 59:19 — "From the west, men will fear the name of the Lord, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere His glory."
Isaiah 60:3 — "Nations will come to your light"
Isaiah 62:11 — "The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth"
Isaiah 65:1 — "I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me."
Isaiah 66:18-19 — "They will proclaim my glory among the nations"
Jeremiah 1:5 — "I appointed you as a prophet to the nations"
Jeremiah 3:17 — "All nations will gather in Jerusalem to honor the name of the Lord"
Jeremiah 16:19 To you the nations will come from the ends of the earth and say, "Our fathers possessed nothing but false gods, worthless idols that did them no good."
Jeremiah 31:10 — "Heard the word of the Lord, you nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands"
Ezekiel 34:4, 6 — "[My sheep] were scattered over the whole earth and no one searched or looked for them."
Ezekiel 36:22-23 — "The nations will know I am the Lord"
Ezekiel 38:20 — "All the people on earth will tremble at my presence"
Daniel 2:47; 4:1-2; 6:23 — "Surely your God is the God of gods"
Daniel 7:13 — "[My sheep] were scattered over the whole earth and no one searched or looked for them."
Daniel 16:19 — "They will proclaim peace to the nations"
Ezekiel 38:20 — "All the people on earth will tremble at my presence"
Daniel 3:17 — "All nations will gather in Jerusalem to honor the name of the Lord"
Jeremiah 31:10 — "Heard the word of the Lord, you nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands"
Ezekiel 9:10 — "My name will be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun"

Some New Testament Verses/Passages about Mission

Matthew 4:8-11 — Temptation of Jesus — "All the kingdoms of the earth"
Matthew 6:9-10 — The Lord’s prayer — "Your Kingdom come; Your will be done on earth"
Matthew 8:11(Luke 13:29) — "Many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast . . . in the kingdom of heaven"
Matthew 9:37 — "harvest is plentiful but the workers are few"
Matthew 10:18 — "On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles."
Matthew 13 (Ezekiel 17:23) — parables of sower, weeds, mustard seed, fishing net
Matthew 21:13 (Isaiah 56:7) — a house of prayer for all nations
Matthew 24:14 — "the gospel will be preached in the whole world
Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15 - The Great Commission (which many say is a re-statement of God’s promise to Abraham in Genesis 12)
Mark 11:17 — see Matthew 21:13
Mark 13:10 — "the gospel must first be preached to all nations"
Mark 16:15 — see Matthew 28:19-20
Luke 2:10 — "Good News to all people"
Luke 2:32 — "a light for revelation to the Gentiles"
Luke 10:2 — "harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few" (see John 4:35)
• Luke 10:27 — "love your neighbor as yourself"
• Luke 15:4 — parable of the lost sheep
• Luke 19:46 – see Matthew 21:13
• Luke 24:47 — "Repentance and forgiveness of sin should be proclaimed . . . to all nations"
• John 3:16 – for God so loved the [whole] world
• John 4:35 — ripe harvest fields (see Luke 10:2 and Matthew 9:37)
• John 12:32 — "I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."
• John 17:23 — "to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them"
• John 20:21 — "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
• John 21:4-14 — some Biblical commentators have said the 153 fish equals the number of all the tribes and nations which the ancients thought existed on earth
• Acts 1:8; 2:5-12 13:47 (Isaiah 49:6) — witnesses in all the earth
• Acts 3:25 — "He said to Abraham, Through your offspring, all peoples on earth will be blessed."
• Acts 9:15 — "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings."
• Acts 10:35 — "God . . . accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right."
• Acts 11:18 — "They praised God, saying, So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life."
• Acts 13:47 — "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6)
• Acts 14:27 — "They reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles."
• Acts 28:28 — "Therefore I want you all to know that God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!"
• Romans 1:5 — "To those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks"
• Romans 1:16 — "The gospel . . . is the power of God that brings salvation . . . first to the Jew, then to the Gentile"
• Romans 2:29 — "Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too."
• Romans 9:17 — "that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth"
• Romans 10:12-15 — "How can they hear?"
• Romans 15:10 — "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." (Deuteronomy 32:43)
• Romans 15:11 — "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to him, all you peoples." (Psalm 117:1)
• Romans 16:26 — So that all nations might believe
• 1 Corinthians 1:24 — "To those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks"
• 2 Corinthians 4:15 — "grace that is reaching more and more people"
• 2 Corinthians 10:16 — "so that we can preach the gospel to the regions beyond you"
• Galatians 3:8 — "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." (Genesis 12:3; 18:18; 22:18)
• Galatians 3:14 — "He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles."
• Ephesians 1:10 — "To bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ."
• Ephesians 2:11-19 — "you are no longer foreigners and aliens"
• Philippians 2:10 — Every knee shall bow
• 1 Thessalonians 2:15-16 — "to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved"
• Hebrews 6:13-14 — God's promise to Abraham
• 2 Peter 3:9, 12 — "not wanting anyone to perish"
• 1 John 2:2 — "He is the atoning sacrifice . . . for the sins of the whole world"
• Revelation 5:9 — "you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation"
• Revelation 7:9 — Every tribe, tongue, people and nation
• Revelation 14:6 — "The angel had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth — to every nation, tribe, language and people."
• Revelation 15:4 — "all nations will come and worship before you"
• Revelation 21:23-24 — "The Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light"