



The Not-So-Great Commission:

Considering God's Plan For Worldwide Evangelism in the Old Testament

Sunday Morning Lesson by Ray Reynolds (February 19, 2012)

Introduction: When you think of the Great Commission do you think of **Mark 16** or **Matthew 28**? Do you see it as a New Testament or Old Testament concept? God is consistent and unchanging! Let's consider His vision for reaching the masses. . . .

Discussion:

I. The Covenant With Adam

- A. The Garden (**Genesis 1-2**)
- B. The Fall of Man (**Genesis 3**)
- C. The Sinful State of Humanity (**Genesis 4-5**)

II. The Covenant With Noah

- A. Noah & The Ark (**Genesis 6-8**)
- B. Noah's Sons (**Genesis 9-10**)
- C. Noah's Descendants (**Genesis 11**)

III. The Covenant With Abram (Abraham)

- A. The Institution of The Covenant (**Genesis 12-15**)
- B. The Promise of a Son (**Genesis 16-21**)
- C. The Ultimate Test (**Genesis 22**)

IV. The Covenant With Abraham's Descendants

- A. Isaac, The Child of Promise (**Genesis 22-25**)
- B. Jacob, The Tripper (**Genesis 26-36**)
- C. Joseph, The Dreamer (**Genesis 37-50**)

V. The Covenant With Moses

- A. The Life of Moses (**Exodus 1-18**)
- B. The Law of Moses (**Exodus 19-Deuteronomy**)
- C. The Delegation to Joshua (**Deuteronomy, Joshua**)

VI. The Covenant With the Israelites

- A. The Judges
- B. The Kings
- C. The Prophets

VII. The Consistent Theme

- A. The Blessing & Promise Never Faded
- B. The Desire of the Israelites to Teach Faded
- C. From the Jews to the Church

Conclusion: God shows us consistently in His Word that He is not willing that "any" perish. He wanted to reach the entire world with His message of hope and eternal blessings. What happened to the Jews? What happened to the church? What does that mean for us now? We need to stay focused on the will of God. Go. Preach. Teach. Repeat.

WORD OF THE DAY = "COMMISSION"