

The Conversion of the Nations

1. That the nations will be converted is taught in numerous places in the Old Testament. Isaiah 2:2-4; Isaiah 11:11; Isaiah 19:16-25; Isaiah 66:15-19; Ezekiel 36:33-36; Daniel 7:14; Zephaniah 3:8-10; Joel 2:27-34
2. The Post-millennialist agrees but he gets the timing wrong. Luke 18:8; Matthew 13:31-32
3. The A-millennialist disagrees because he won't take the Old Testament prophecies at face-value. Zechariah 14
4. Both a-millennialists and post-millennialists err because they conflate the church with Israel. They are connected but they are not identical. Jeremiah 31:29-40
5. The a-millennialist objects by asking, "*Where in the New Testament does it speak of people being converted after Christ returns?*" **Answer:** Even if the New Testament did not teach the conversion of the nations after Christ's return, it would still be true based on Old Testament prophecies. But the New Testament DOES teach that the nations will be converted after Christ's return. Romans 11:11-15; Revelation 15:2-4
6. Every Christian weeps and sighs that so few are saved in this age. Take heart Christian, remember **all** the elect of this age will be called in. Let the church be faithful to her calling and let God see to the results. John 6:39-40; Acts 13:48; Isaiah 55:10-11
7. Our Lord has given the church the task of making (some) disciples from all nations. (Matthew 28:18-20) But the honor of converting the world has been granted to Israel. Isaiah 4:2-4; Isaiah 27:6; Zechariah 8:22-23

8. The Arminian chides the Calvinist asking, “*If God determines who is saved, why does he save so few?*” The Calvinist responds by reminding the Arminian that it is amazing that God saves **any**. Romans 9:14-18

9. But here the Pre-millennial Calvinist can go one better. Some basic truths and some simple math would suggest that God will not save a small fraction of the human race but perhaps the majority. No more will be damned than absolutely necessary to show his glory. Isaiah 65:17-23; Isaiah 49