

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 96
A Psalm Expressing God's Missionary Heart

“Missions started on the Day of Pentecost.” WRONG

God has always had a missionary heart.

- I. God was to be praised among the nations.
 - A. “Among the nations” in 96:3, 5, 7, 10, 13
 - B. God’s plan was for *Israel* to be a blessing to the whole world
 - 1. Gen 12:3. *Ultimately, Israel brought forth Jesus*
 - 2. Ex. 12:48 *Aliens and foreigners allowed to participate in the passover*
 - 3. Jer. 18:7-8
 - 4. God sent prophets to the nations
 - a. Obadiah. Judgment on Edom. 840 BC
 - b. Joel. Judgment of the nations. 835 BC
 - c. Jonah. Judgment of Ninevah. 760 BC
 - d. Nahum. Judgment of Nineveh and Assyria. 660 BC
- II. God will ultimately rule the nations. 96:10-13
- III. God uses His people to spread the message to everyone.
 - A. We witness through *worship*. 96:3
 - B. We witness through *holiness*. “Set apart” 1Peter 2:9
 - C. We witness through *words*. Col 4:3-4