

“You were Slain, and Purchased for God with Your Blood Men From Every Tribe and Tongue and People and Nation”

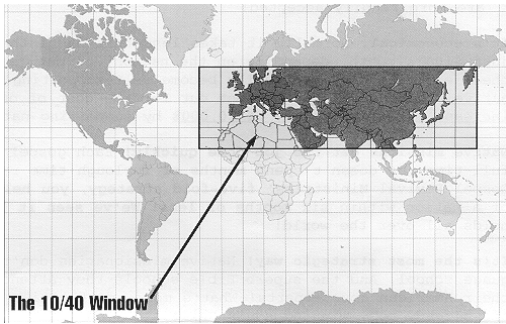
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“And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation” (Rev. 5:9).

Read Revelation 4 and 5

There are very few chapters in the Bible that pack the emotional punch contained in chapters 4 and 5 of the book of Revelation. Every time I read it, my heart sings with joy at the culmination of God’s work and the fulfillment of His will.

God’s promise to the nations began in Genesis 12 in His making of a covenant with Abraham (12:3, “In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed”). It was confirmed in Genesis 18:18 and promised continuation through his offspring (Gen 22:18). It was reiterated to Isaac in Genesis 26:4. Isaiah prophesied of a day wherein the nations will see the salvation of the Lord (Isaiah 52:10, 61:11). Jeremiah prophesied of a day wherein the nations will see the salvation of the Lord (Jeremiah 3:17). Zechariah also speaks of this day (Zechariah 14:16). The New Testament continues the theme of a global proclamation (Matthew 28:19, Luke 24:47), gathering (Mark 11:17), and celebration over the reign of God (Rev. 12:5, 15:4). In light of God’s redemptive purposes to be glorified among all people, everywhere, at all times our present task still lies undone. Listen carefully to the information concerning the 10/40 Window.



The 10/40 Window is a rectangular piece of geography that holds the world’s deepest spiritual and physical needs. It is a designated belt that extends from West Africa and across Asia, between 10 degrees and 40 degrees north latitude.

- 97% of people in the least evangelized countries live in the 10/40 Window.
- 2.7 Billion Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims live in the 10/40 Window.
- Over 80% of the poorest of the poor -- 2.4 billion of them equaling half of the world's population, existing on less than \$500 per year each -- live within the 10/40 Window. And yet, only 8% of all Christian missionaries work among them.
- The vast majority of the un-reached people of our world live inside the window.
- This specific region, also called "The Resistant Belt," encompasses the majority of the world's Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists - billions of spiritually impoverished souls.

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Sixty-four countries which have been identified as the most spiritually impoverished fall within or near the boundaries of the 10/40 window.

- The "un-evangelized" are people who may have a minimal knowledge of the Gospel, but have had no valid opportunity to respond to it. Containing only one third of the earth's land area, it holds two thirds of the world's population, nearly 4 Billion. Yet they contain 97% of the total population in all 50 of those countries.
- The vast majority of the world's least evangelized mega cities (those with populations in excess of one million) are within the 10/40 window. In fact, all 50 of the top 50 on this list are in the 10/40 Window.
- Over 90% of individuals living in yet un-reached ethno linguistic people groups live within the frame of the 10/40 Window.

Information like this is startling and is to awake us to the great need of the un-evangelized. The pendulum of opportunity awaits us at our doorstep with the children and youth of our communities and those within the 10/40 Window. God is gathering worshippers from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation. He is using His church to do the gathering. He is using His people, He is using us, and He is using you.

It is my prayer that WBC will become a lighthouse for the proclamation of His all-consuming sufficiency through the strengthening and establishing of this local church. It is His mission in us and through us to those around us. May He continue to knit our hearts together in this holy quest.