



# OUT OF THE HARBOR







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“From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.”

ACTS 17:26





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“God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any one of us.”

ACTS 17:27

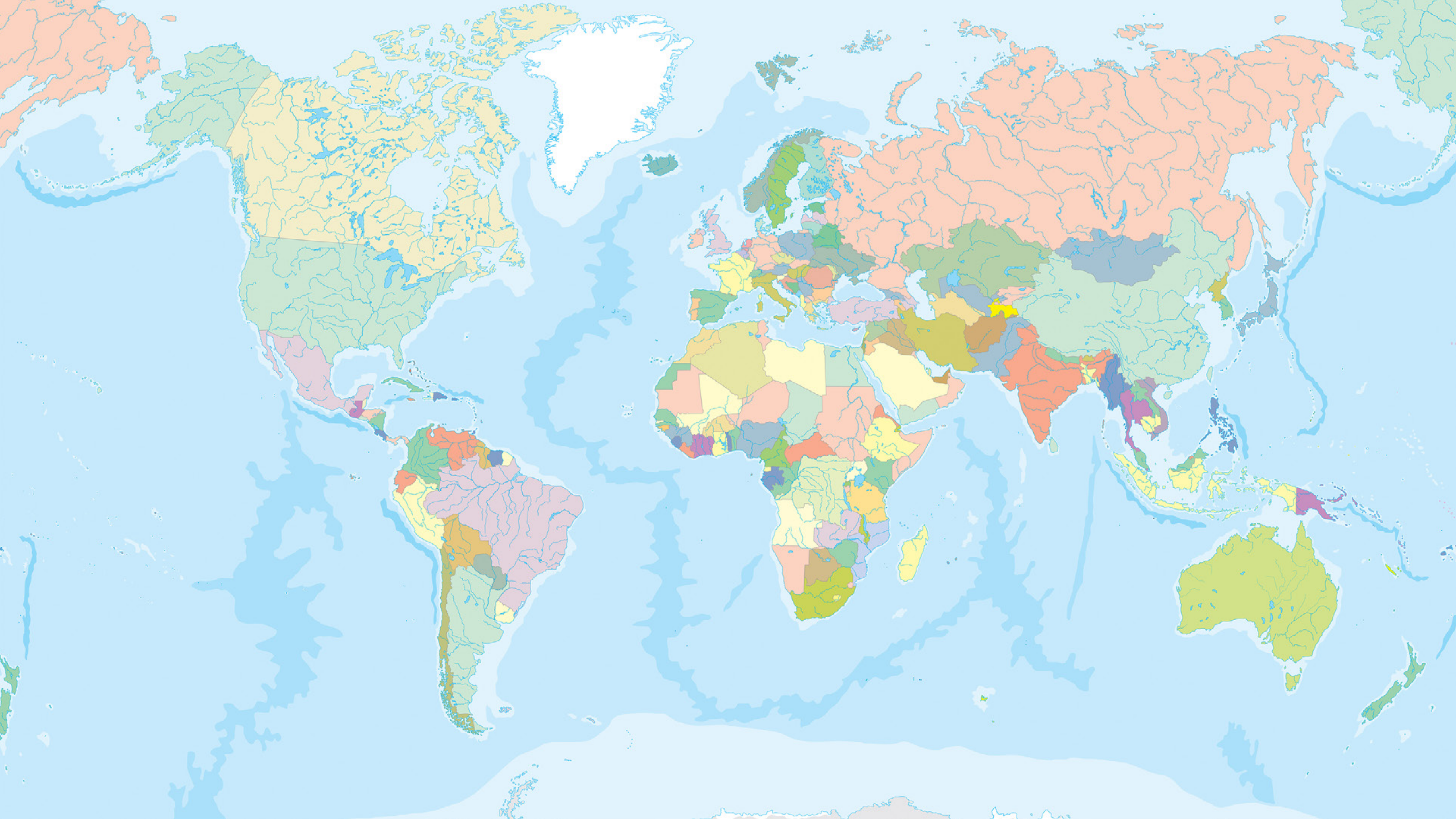




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# The Plan of History (17:27)









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Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned...

ROMANS 5:12





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*There is one race – the human race.*

*This puts every human being  
on a level, equal playing field  
in terms of value and need.*





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Now the whole world had one  
language and a common speech.

GENESIS 11:1





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Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

GENESIS 11:4





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So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city.

GENESIS 11:8





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That is why it was called Babel –  
because there the Lord confused  
the language of the whole world.  
From there the Lord scattered them  
over the face of the whole earth.

GENESIS 11:9





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The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.”

GENESIS 12:1





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“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.”

GENESIS 12:2





## OUT OF THE HARBOR

“I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will  
curse; and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.”

GENESIS 12:3





## OUT OF THE HARBOR

“Although God cannot be held responsible for the tyranny or aggression of individual nations, both the history and the geography of each nation are ultimately under His control.”

JOHN STOTT





## OUT OF THE HARBOR

“The Athenians thought of their lives as subject to Fate. History had no purpose; it was not heading toward a specific ending. Paul affirmed a totally different understanding of the world. God made the world with a purpose.”

PAUL COPAN & KENNETH LITWAK





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*History is linear, not circular.*

*History is purposeful, not random.*

*There are no historical accidents.*





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*The world has come to  
America and to Columbus.*

*That is an opportunity,  
not something to resent.*





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# The Purpose of History (17:27)



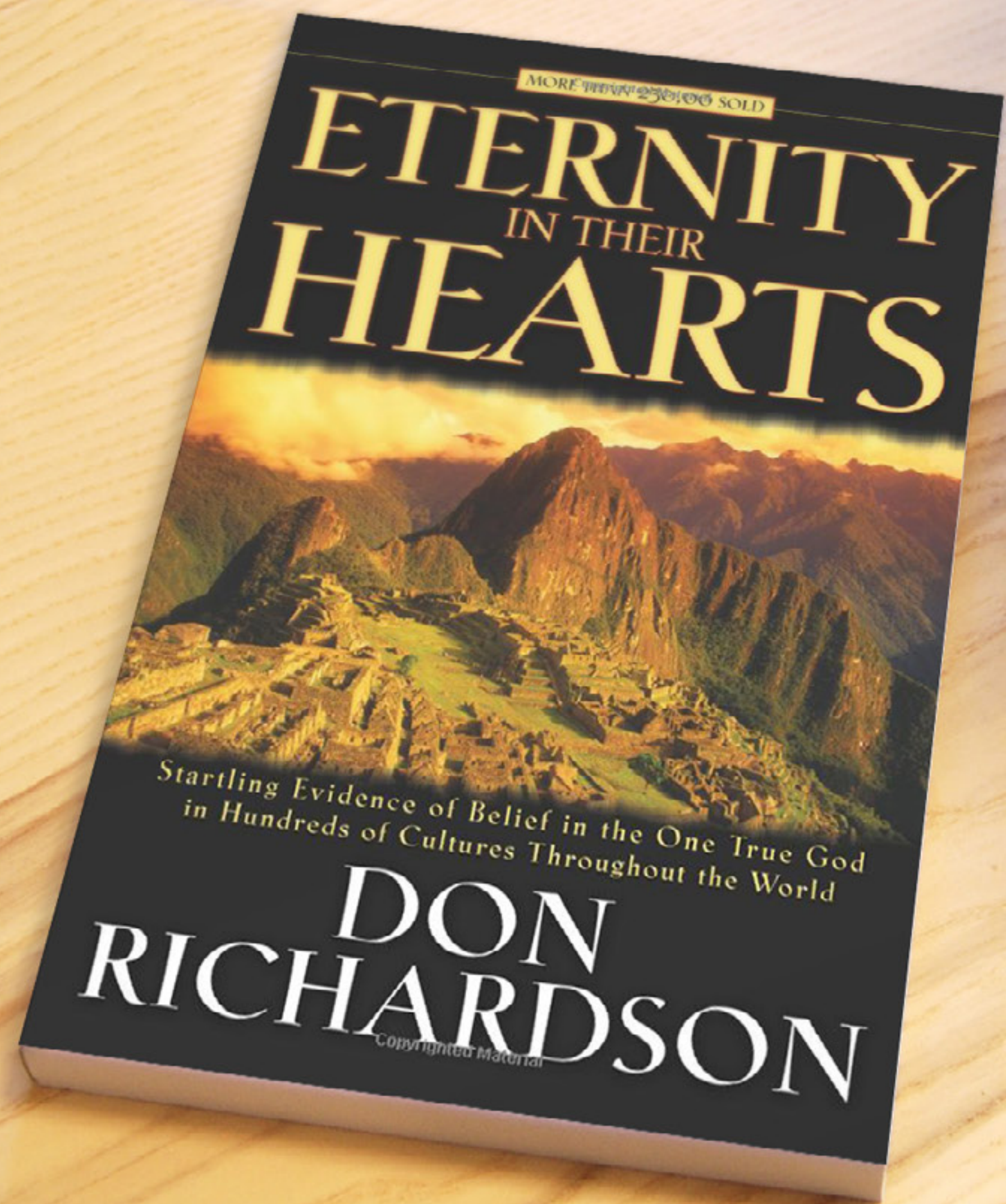


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He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

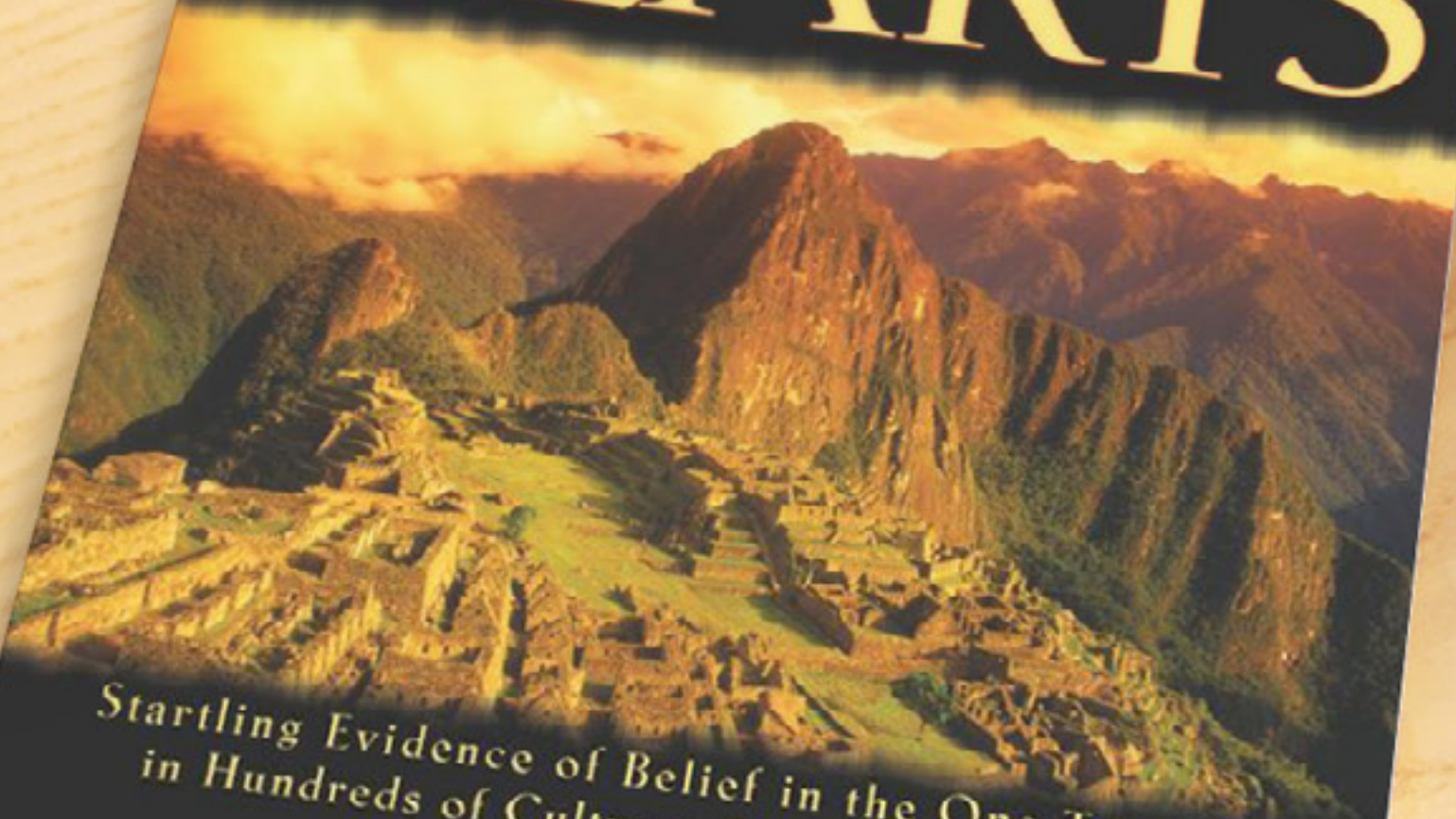
ECCLESIASTES 3:11





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# ETERNITY IN THEIR HEARTS



Startling Evidence of Belief in the One True God  
in Hundreds of Cultures Throughout the World

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As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.”

ROMANS 3:10,11





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For since the creation of the world  
God's invisible qualities — His eternal  
power and divine nature — have  
been clearly seen, being understood  
from what has been made, so  
that people are without excuse.

ROMANS 1:20





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The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 PETER 3:9





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**Ways to Invest in God's Work Among the Nations**

**Pray for Our Global Workers**

**Consider Your Participation in  
Cross-Cultural Ministry**

**Financially Support Grace's Investment  
in Cross-Cultural Ministry**





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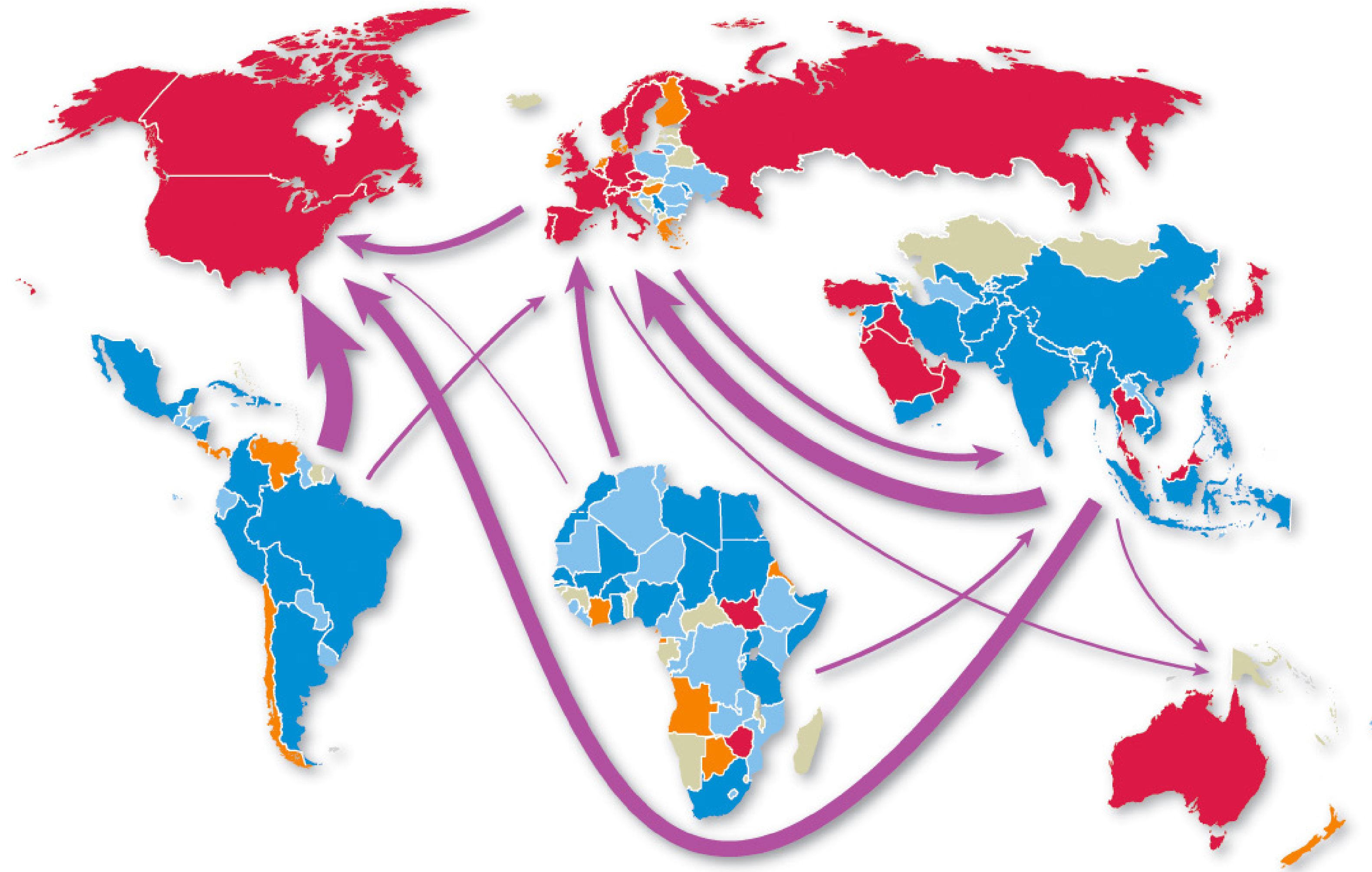
## Ways to Get Involved in God's Work Among the Nations

Perspectives Course (January–April 2020)

Encounter Columbus (August 2–4)

IFI Involvement





Net migration,  
2012 (thousands)

- gain 100 or above
- gain 20-99
- gain 19-loss 19
- loss 20-99
- loss 100 or above

Annual net migration flows  
between regions

- ← 25 million
- ← 10 million
- ← 2 million





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*Your identity in Christ not only shows you your value, but also informs your purpose.*





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After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

REVELATION 7:9





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May God be gracious to us and bless  
us and make His face shine on us —

PSALM 67:1





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so that Your ways may be  
known on earth, Your salvation  
among all nations.

PSALM 67:2





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May the peoples praise You, God;  
may all the peoples praise You.

PSALM 67:3





# OUT OF THE HARBOR

May the nations be glad and  
sing for joy, for You rule the  
peoples with equity and guide  
the nations of the earth.

PSALM 67:4





# OUT OF THE HARBOR

May the peoples praise You, God;  
may all the peoples praise You.

PSALM 67:5





# OUT OF THE HARBOR

The land yields its harvest;  
God, our God, blesses us.

PSALM 67:6





# OUT OF THE HARBOR

May God bless us still, so that all  
the ends of the earth will fear Him.

PSALM 67:7





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“Now this is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.”

JOHN 17:3





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**His story highlights  
Gospel glory.**









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