

# The Mission and Old Testament Project

## Welcome, Explanation and Invitation



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The Mission and Old Testament Project is a new venture based at Redcliffe College that seeks to encourage thinking, writing and discussion on the relationship between the Hebrew Scriptures and the theory and practice of mission.

Traditionally, thinking on mission has tended not to embrace the role and vitality of the Old Testament. In recent years, however, there have been an increasing number of books and articles on the subject. But where do biblical scholars, missiologists and mission practitioners go from here?

At the heart of the Mission and Old Testament project are the convictions that:

1. The Old Testament matters.
2. Mission matters.
3. They matter to each other.

So the Mission and Old Testament project is an ongoing space for exploring the relationship between mission and the OT. The ambitious aim is to be a bridge in two ways. Firstly, we aim to encourage the sharing of ideas between two scholarly fields (namely OT studies and missiology). Secondly, we seek to bring together both academics and practitioners who may not otherwise 'meet'. We have much to learn from each other.

Perhaps you would like to join in on the project's ongoing discussions? Below is a list of possible papers and discussion points which range from the purely academic to the reflective and practical. We are also considering a conference, perhaps some time in 2008, that will provide a forum to discuss some of the ideas coming out of the project.

1. How has mission been addressed in Old Testament scholarship?
2. How has the Old Testament been used in mission scholarship?
3. A study of mission/the nations in a particular passage or book of the Old Testament.
4. The Old Testament and Christian witness to Islam, Judaism, etc.
5. Mission and hermeneutics.
6. The Old Testament, the environment, ethics and mission.
7. Mission in Old Testament narratives.
8. Using Old Testament genres in mission.
9. The Old Testament in the life of the cross-cultural worker.
10. Teaching the Old Testament in different cultures: reflections, ideas and advice.
11. Readings of OT texts from around the world.

As such the project is open ended and is more of an invitation than a set programme. So, biblical scholars, missiologists, mission agencies and missionaries 'on the ground', it's over to you...

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