

Biblical Nations and Bible Translation Statistics

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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations-Mt. 28:20

What is a Biblical Nation? See Genesis 11.

Any group of people who recognize themselves as having a *common lineage*, who speak a *distinct language*, who have *common laws* (written or oral), and who live in a prescribed *area of land*, are a nation in the sight of God (Charles Turner, Biblical Bible Translating)

Definition of Unreached Nation: Less than 2% evangelical.

Definition of Unreached-Unengaged Nation: An unreached nation that has had no gospel outreach (by any church or denomination) in the last two years, as far as is known.

World Statistics on Biblical Nations as of March 2020:

Continent	Number Countries	Total Nations	Total Population	Unreached Nations	Unreached Population	Unengaged Unreached Nations	Unengaged Unreached Population
Africa	58	3017	1,267,540,840	2071	850,618,690	728	104,926,415
Asia	50	4630	4,576,859,950	3346	2,908,331,900	1585	138,639,800
Oceania	29	1321	33,272,315	141	10,285,475	59	760,025
Europe	52	883	749,267,975	756	678,703,150	303	14,718,575
Americas	51	1878	1,033,082,930	762	67,597,030	428	6,557,830
Total	240	11729	7,660,024,010	7076	4,515,536,245	3103	265,602,645

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Bible Translation Statistics of the World's Languages as of October 2019:

Continent	Total Languages	Bible	NT Only	Portions	No Published Scripture
Africa	2188	265	420	404	1099
Asia	2412	232	405	313	1462
Oceania	1341	54	335	192	760
Europe	312	73	47	71	121
Americas	1100	73	343	163	521
World	7353	697	1550	1143	3963

Wycliffe/statistics *Bible Translation in Progress-The World in Number October 2019*. Infographic page. (Wycliffe's totals are off by 6)

The population of the language groups that have no published Scripture is about 252 million!

Statistics are often not as simple as they seem.

Out of the 3963 languages with no published Scripture, there are several hundred translation projects in progress.

Within the languages with whole Bibles and New Testaments, many have been translated from the corrupt United Bible Societies Greek text. Additionally, many have serious translation errors.

Some language groups could possibly be reached with another language Bible, such as Spanish, but probably not many.