

Four Mechanisms of Mission*

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MECHANISMS	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT	EARLY CHURCH TO 1800	MODERN MISSIONARY ERA
Voluntary Going Centrifugal (Expansive)	- Abraham to Canaan - Minor Prophets preach to other nations near Israel - Pharisees sent out "over land and sea"	- Jesus in Samaria - Peter to Cornelius - Paul and Barnabas on their missionary journeys - Witness of other Christians in Babylon, Rome, Cyprus, etc.	- St. Patrick to Ireland - Celtic peregrini to England and Europe - Friars to China, India, Japan, America - Moravians to America	- William Carey and other missionaries of the 1st Era - Hudson Taylor and the 2nd Era missionaries 3rd Era to present
Involuntary Going Centrifugal (Expansive)	- Joseph, sold into slavery in Egypt, witnesses to Pharaoh - Naomi witnesses to Ruth because of famine - Jonah—the reluctant missionary - Hebrew girl is taken off to Naaman's home - Captive Hebrews in Babylon witness to captors	Persecution of Christians forces them out of Holy Land all over the Roman Empire and beyond	- Ulfilas sold as slave to the Goths - Exiled Arian bishops go to Gothic areas - Christians evangelize their Viking captors - Christian soldiers sent by Rome to England, Spain, etc. - Pilgrims and Puritans forced to the Americas and discover their mission to the Indians	- WWII Christian soldiers sent around the globe return to start 150 new mission agencies - Ugandan Christians flee to other parts of Africa - Korean Christians flee to less-Christian South, later sent to Saudi Arabia and Iran, etc. to work
Voluntary Coming Centripetal (Attractive)	- Naaman the Syrian came to Elisha - Queen of Sheba came to Solomon's court - Ruth chose to go to Judah from Moab	- Greeks who sought out Jesus - Cornelius sends for Peter - Man of Macedonia calls to Paul	- Goths invade Christian Rome, learn more of the Christian faith - Vikings invade Christian Europe, are won to the faith eventually through that contact	The influx of international visitors, students and businessmen into the Christian West
Involuntary Coming Centripetal (Attractive)	Gentiles settled in Israel by Cyrus the Great	Roman military occupation and infiltration of "Galilee of the Gentiles"	Slaves brought from Africa to America	- Refugees from Communism - Boat people, Cubans forced out, etc.