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Mini Series One – God Chooses a People



**Chapter Two
God builds a Nation**

10-7-2018

Review: In the Upper Story, God created the Lower Story. His vision is to come down and be with us in a beautiful garden. The first two people reject God’s vision and are escorted from Paradise. Their decision introduces sin into the human race and keeps us from community with God. At this moment God gives a promise and launches a plan to get us back. The rest of the Bible is God’s story of how he kept that promise and made it possible for us to enter a loving relationship with him.

Why did God wait so long to send his Son into the world?

- 1. **God was waiting for the right time when to send Jesus so that His death and resurrection could have**

_____.

“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.” Galatians 4:4-5 (NKJV)

- 2. **God was waiting until He had built a _____ called Israel through which he would reveal His presence, His power, and His plan to get us back. God would use every story and**

prophecy of Israel to point to the coming of Jesus, the One who will provide the way back to God.

“But you Samaritans know so little about him, worshiping blindly, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes to the world through the Jews.” John 4:21 TLB

“The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. 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. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse. And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.’ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran”. p. 13, *Genesis 12:1-4*

3. God was waiting until mankind had been given the necessary _____ that would be needed to receive and follow the Savior.

“These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!” 1 Cor. 10:11-12 NIV

The Lesson of _____

The Lesson of _____people

The Lesson of faith’s _____

“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.” p. 14, *Hebrews 11:8*

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“Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.” P. 15 *Romans 4:18-21*

The Lesson of _____

“I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.’ But Abram said, ‘Sovereign Lord, How can I know... that I will gain possession of it?’” *Genesis 15:7-8*

“The Lord said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.’ Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.” *Genesis 15:9-11*

“When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates.’” *Genesis 15:17-18*



We are collecting non- perishable food and clothing for the homeless of Denver next Sunday. Our outreach to the homeless this month will take place on Saturday Oct. 20 at 1:30 pm.

