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ADULT LESSON 4

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In Genesis 10, we looked at the structure of the nations. Though God structured each nation with similar design, each is uniquely diverse. In Chapter 11, the people rebelled against God, which prompted Him to confound the language and scatter the nations. We learned that by scattering the nations, it placed them in a position for restoration. Chapter 12 brings our focus in even closer from a nation to a man named Abram. God chose Abram's seed to be the one Nation out of many nations that extends salvation to all nations.

Lesson Four—The Salvation of the Nations

I. A People of _____ (Isaiah 43:1-10, 15, 20; 44:2)
  A. God had a Unique Relationship with Abraham and the nation of Israel
    1. The Friend of God (2 Chronicles 20:7; Isaiah 41:8; James 2:23)
    2. The Apple of God's Eye (Deuteronomy 32:8-10; Zechariah 2:8)
    3. A People Near to Him (Psalm 148:14)
  B. The Heirs of Promise (_____)—The Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3)
    What made this covenant so great? It was great because it was made between God and Himself, not God with man. The result is an eternal and unconditional agreement signed by a God who cannot lie.
    1. *"I will make of thee a great nation"* (Verse 2)
    2. *"I will bless thee"* (Verse 2)
    3. *"...and make thy name great"* (Verse 2)
  C. A Channel of Blessing (_____)
    1. *"...and thou shalt be a blessing"* (Verse 2)
    2. *"I will bless them that bless thee"* (Verse 3)
    3. *"...and curse them that curse thee"* (Verse 3)
    4. *"...in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed"* (Verse 3)
  What made Israel such a blessing? Out of Israel came _____ blessing, not just temporal blessings.

II. A People of _____
  A. A New _____ (Genesis 12:2-3, 7; 13:15-16; 15:3-6, 17)
  B. A New _____ (Genesis 12:4-6; 13:14-17; 15:18-21)
  C. A New _____ (Genesis 12:7, 13:4, 18, 4:20)

III. A People of _____ (I Kings 8:59-60)
  According to Scripture, God took out of the Gentiles a people for His name. God chose them in order to bless them and so they would be a blessing to all the nations of the earth.
  A. To Bear (*to have or display as a visible mark or feature*) His _____
  B. To Bear (*to carry, transport or convey*) His _____
    (Romans 3:1-2; Deuteronomy 10:1-5) The Israelites were the Receivers, the Protectors, and the Preservers of God's Word.
  C. To Bear (*to give birth, deliver, bring forth*) His _____
    1. Jesus, the Saviour (Matthew 1:21-25, Luke 2:10-11; 2:29-32)
    2. Jesus, the Light to the Gentiles, the Light to the Nations, the Light of the World (Isaiah 42:2, 49:6; Luke 2:29-32; John 1:4-9, 8:12; Acts 13:47, 26:32)
    3. Jesus, the seed of Abraham

David asked, *"Is there not a cause?"* David knew there was a cause. Solomon knew there was a cause. He said in I Kings 8:59-60, "*That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God, and that there is none else.*" Hezekiah knew there was a cause when he said, *"...that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God even thou only."* We could go on and on, noting reference after reference of God's people who knew the cause. Jesus gave us a command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. However, today most of the world sits in darkness worshiping everything else but the One True God. Approximately 2.6 billion people do not know God and most of these people groups have nothing of His Word in their language.

Is there not a cause? Did God not call a people for His name? One day, according to Revelation 5:9 and 7:9, some from every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation will worship before God's throne. The question is: **What will your involvement be in this great plan, if God is to reach the nations for His name's sake?**