

Chapter 2

God Builds a Nation



THE STORY

Main Idea:

**God builds a new nation to reveal God
and God's plan to get us back.**



"... Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

(1 Samuel 16:7)



Go West Old Man

(Genesis 11:27-12:90)



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***"The Lord said to Abraham, 'Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you 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; all the peoples of the earth will be blessed through you.' "* (Genesis 12:1-3).**



The Four-fold Plan God Reveals For the New Nation:

(Genesis 12: 1-3)



A. God will make the new nation great.



B. God will make Abraham's name great.



**C. God will bless all who bless Abraham
and curse the one who curses Abraham.**



D. God will bless all the nations of the world through Abraham and the new nation. God will use the new nation to reveal his heart and his plan to win us back.



***"God is just: He will pay back trouble
to those who trouble you."***

(2 Thessalonians 1:6)



Sarah problem here?

(Genesis 16)



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The sign of (Ouch!) Faith
(Genesis 17)



***"Then Abraham bowed down to the ground, but he laughed to himself in disbelief, 'How could I become a father at the age of 100,' he thought, 'and how can Sarah have a baby when she is ninety years old?' "* (Genesis 17:17)**



“Those who don't conform to God's wise and loving guidance will be ultimately cut off.”



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All I want is the Heir that I Breed

(Genesis 20-22)



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***"God was with (Ishmael) as he
grew up."***

(Genesis 21:20)



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***"your son, your only son,
Isaac, whom you love"***

(Genesis 22:2)



THE STORY

***"God himself will provide the lamb for
the burnt offering"***

(Genesis 22:8)



***"Take your son your only son
whom you love and sacrifice him."***

(Genesis 22:2)



***"For God so loved the world that
he gave his one and only son"***

(John 3:16)



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What God was telling Abraham was:

I want a relationship with you.

I want to be there for you.

To listen to you.

I want to walk beside you.

**I want to be there when life gets
lonely and frightening.**



"set eternity in the hearts of men."

(Eccl. 3:11)



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"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David."

(Isaiah 55:1-3)



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