



ELECTION

Chosen by God

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NOTE TO THE TEACHER

Display each illustration where indicated in text, laying volume aside when the story line continues beyond the picture.

Lesson #1

GOD CHOOSES A NATION

Scripture to be studied: Genesis 12:1-9; 13:15-16; 15:4-5, 13-14; 28:13-15 and all verses in the text.

The aim of the lesson: To show that God sovereignly chose Israel as a special nation through which to provide salvation for all the world.

What your students should know: That God developed and preserved the nation of Israel for His own purposes.

What your students should feel: A willingness to allow God to develop and use their lives for His will.

What your students should do:

Saved: Yield themselves to God for His purpose.

Unsaved: Receive the Lord Jesus as their Saviour from sin.

Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):

1. God's purpose in choosing a nation (Genesis 12:1-3).
2. God's promises to this nation (Genesis 13:15-16).
3. God's will concerning the Canaanites (Genesis 15:4-5, 13-14).
4. God works out His plan (Genesis 28:13-15).

The verse to be memorized:

Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you. (John 15:16a)

THE LESSON

1. GOD'S PURPOSE IN CHOOSING A NATION

Genesis 12:1-3

Has God ever spoken to you? Suppose He told you that He has chosen you for His special purpose. If He would ask you to leave your homeland, would you do it?

Long, long ago, God talked to a man named Abraham. Abraham lived in the city of Ur. (See Genesis 11:31.) God said, "Abraham, I want you to leave this land. Leave your father and his family and follow Me. I'm going to lead you to a new country. There I will give you many, many descendants." (When

NOTE TO THE TEACHER

With this volume we begin a study of the wonderful book of Exodus. It is a record of the Israelites leaving their Egyptian bondage and returning to their homeland. Your students will be thrilled to learn of God's ways of choosing (electing) people, things or places for Himself.

"Election is: (1) the sovereign act of God in grace whereby certain persons are chosen from among mankind for Himself (John 15:19); and (2) the sovereign act of God whereby certain elect persons are chosen for distinctive service for Him (Luke 6:13; Acts 9:15; 1 Corinthians 1:27-28)." (*New Scofield Reference Bible* note-1 Peter 5:13.)

Most of the first lesson is actually a review of the book of Genesis. Please keep referring to the map on the back cover so your students will have a geographical understanding of this lesson.

parents have children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, these are their descendants.)

God added, "Abraham, I'm going to give you so many descendants that they will become a great nation." (A nation is a group of people living in the same country, obeying the same laws and having the same leader. *Teacher:* Illustrate from the country in which you live.)



Show Illustration #1

God chose to make a new nation through Abraham for a very special reason. He wanted this nation to be an example to all the nations around them. He wanted other nations to know that God would bless those who love Him, serve Him and worship Him. If this nation obeyed God, they would receive blessings from Him. They would be happy. If they disobeyed God, they would be punished.

The other nations would see that the God of this special nation was living, powerful and just. They would understand that