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#### 4. PROMISE TO ABRAM

God chose Abram to be the father of a new people. God told Abram to leave his country and to travel to a distant land. The Lord promised, "I will make of you a great nation. In you all people will be blessed."

Abram did as God said and went to the land of Canaan—the Promised Land. There God changed his name to Abraham which means, "father of many peoples."

Even though Abraham and his wife Sarah were very old, God gave them a son, Isaac.

And indeed all people were blessed through Abraham. From his family, many years later, the Redeemer would be born.

*Genesis 12; 15; 21*





## 6. JESUS IS BAPTIZED

The time finally came when Jesus was about thirty years old to leave His home in Nazareth and begin His Father's work.

He went to the region near the Jordan river. His cousin John was preaching there, calling the people back to God. John also baptized them.

When Jesus asked John to baptize Him, John said, "It is I who should be baptized by You." But Jesus told him to go ahead.

As Jesus came out of the water, John saw the Holy Spirit come down upon Him in the form of a dove.

Then a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son." Now John knew, and he told the people that Jesus was the Son of God!

*Matthew 3*