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# The DORCH OF THE PUNCTS

### A prologue introduces conflict, tension



God's Ultimate Goal: God intends to dwell among a redeemed people who display His glory throughout the earth!

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"WHAT IS GOD GOING TO DO TO RESCUE HIS CREATION AND REDEEM HIS PURPOSE?"





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### 3 Characteristics of God's Redemptive Plan Gen. 12:1-8



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II. God Calls a Man Far from Him (Gen. 12:1a; Josh. 24:2-3a)



And Joshua said to all the people,
"Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel,
"Long ago, your fathers lived beyond
the Euphrates, ... and they served
other gods..." (Josh. 24:2-3a)



...It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you..." (Deut. 7:6-8a)

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II. God Calls a Man Far from Him (Gen. 12:1a; Josh. 24:2-3a)

### III. God Makes an Outrageous Promise (Gen. 12:1-3, 7)

#### > Land



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- > Nation



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- Blessing



## The Pattern for God's Gospel Work Throughout Scripture!



## I. God Takes the Initiative in Our Redemption (Eph. 1:3-6; 1 Pet. 1:3; Rom. 8:28-30)



#### II. God's Provision & Call Come to Us As Sinners (Eph. 2:1-10; Rom. 4:5; 5:8-10)



#### III. God's Salvation Promises to Us are Outrageously Glorious!

