



## CHOSEN TO BLESS



God called to Abram in the land of Ur. God told him to leave his home and go to a new land that He would show him. God did not make Abram go. God chose Abram by calling him, and Abram answered.

God chose Abram to later become Abraham and have a son called Isaac and a grandson called Jacob. God chose to change Jacob's name to Israel, and God chose Jacob to have so many sons that they became known as the people of Israel. Therefore, the people of Israel (we now know them as the Jews) are God's CHOSEN people. God did not necessarily choose the people of Israel to rule the world, but He did choose them to bless the world. The people of Israel are to bless the world by living according to the commandments and promises of God.

The life of Jesus and His death on the cross are God's calling for all people to repent and live according to His commandments and promises. This time God has chosen not just the Jews, but also the Gentiles (the rest of us). God will not make us repent. He has called us to repent, and it is up to us to answer. We answer by asking Jesus to forgive us and by giving ourselves (our heart and our lives) to Him.

(Bible Reference: Genesis 12:1-3 )