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PART 7: ABRAHAM'S FAITHFUL SERVANT

Every human being is created in the image of God and precious to the Lord. We all have a purpose in life, but most people never fulfill the objectives God had for them. This week we will examine a nameless person who played an important role in the plan of bringing Jesus to the earth for the redemption of mankind.

THE ELDEST SERVANT

What was the name of the eldest servant that ruled over the house of Abraham? It was Eliezer of Damascus before Isaac was born but I don't believe it was the same man forty years later due to the fact that there was no mention of the servant's name in the story of finding a wife for Isaac. **Genesis 15:2**

Abraham is concerned forty years later that Isaac will not marry a woman from Canaan. He called his eldest servant, who is in charge of Abraham's entire operation as a cattle rancher, and asked him to take an oath and accept the assignment of finding a wife for Isaac. **Genesis 24:1-4**

No name is provided regarding this servant and most likely he is the one that recorded the conversation he had with Abraham. If this is true, we can surmise that the man did not want to take any glory from this prophetic event. He was not sure that he could find a woman in Haran who would be willing to return home with him to marry Isaac, so he sought permission from Abraham whether he could bring Isaac back to Haran. **verse 5**

Abraham emphatically told the servant that he would not be allowed to bring Isaac to Haran because God had called him to stay in the land of Canaan. **verses 6-8**

We know this servant had been circumcised, and as such, professed his faith in Abraham's God. **Genesis 17:10-14**

The servant took the oath and began preparing for the long journey. He knew that Abraham's family lived in Haran, also known as the city of Nahor. It was a large city and the capitol of Mesopotamia. **Genesis 24:9-10**

PRAYING FOR A DIVINE APPOINTMENT

Haran was a large city with tens of thousands of people. There were no telephones, no internet, and certainly no listing of people at city hall. Without supernatural help, it would have taken a long time for the servant to search the city and find Abraham's relatives.

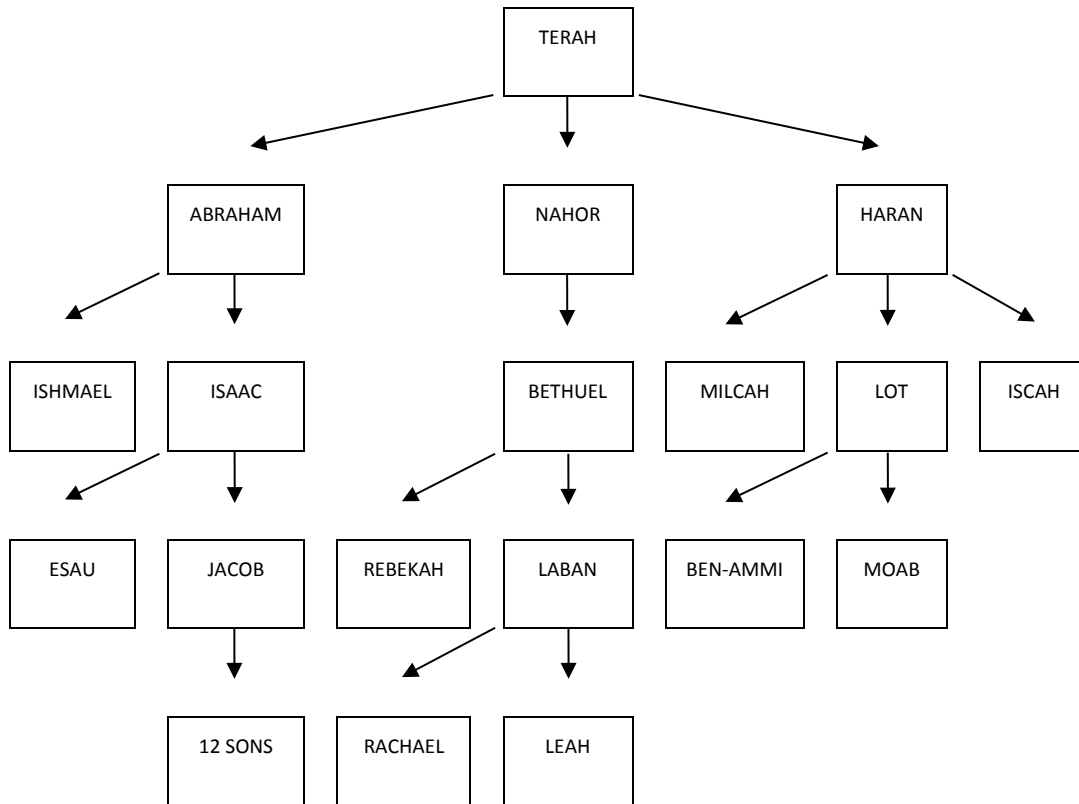
The servant expected the Lord to perform a miracle and told God how he wanted it done. There was no hesitation or doubt; he went straight to the point. **verses 11-14**

Jesus talked about faith like a mustard seed; the servant had faith like a large fruit. **Matthew 17:15-21**

Jesus also talked about removing mountains. **Mark 11:20-26**



FAMILY TREE OF ABRAHAM



A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK

There would have been hundreds of women coming to get water from the well in the evening. God had it all planned out and His holy angels made sure the servant and Rebekah would meet at the well even before the servant finished his prayer. **Genesis 24:15-16; Isaiah 65:24**

ACTION IS NEEDED

God will take of the impossible while man must do the possible. The servant had to act upon his faith and approached the woman to make sure that she was the right one. **Genesis 24:17; James 2:17-20**

CAMELS DRINK A LOT OF WATER

A camel can drink an average of 53 gallons of water. Abraham's servant had 10 camels, which meant that Rebecca had to fetch 530 gallons of water to satisfy their thirst. In addition to her beauty, this act in of itself showed the servant that Rebecca was not afraid of hard work. **Genesis 24:18-21**

LEARNING WHO THE WOMAN WAS

The servant was not aware who Rebekah was but he wanted to pay her for the trouble of watering the camels and asked who she was. He learned that she was the granddaughter to Nahor, Abraham's brother, and it immediately became clear to the

servant that this was indeed the woman that God had earmarked to be Isaac's wife. **verses 22-25**

The servant showed his true faith in God when he stopped to worship the Lord for answering his prayer. **verses 26-27; John 4:23-24**

IDENTIFYING HIMSELF

Laban was the brother of Rebecca and he got excited the moment he saw the gold brought by the servant. Many years later when Jacob came to stay with his uncle, Laban would repeatedly deceive him. **Genesis 24:29-31**

Laban and Rebecca wanted to feed the servant when he arrived at their home, but the servant did not want to waste time, he was on a mission for his master and was determined to complete it as soon as possible. **verses 32-49**

APPROVAL FROM THE FATHER

Bethuel and Laban realized they had encountered a divine appointment and gave their consent. **verses 50-54**

Rebekah's family did not want her to leave right away but the servant insisted they were to leave the next day. **verses 55-61**

MEETING ISAAC

The Lord set up another divine appointment when Isaac and Rebekah met in a field where he had gone to meditate and pray. The Bible does say whether there was a marriage ceremony as they became husband and wife.

According to the Bible, they were a happy couple and stayed together until death separated them. **verses 62-67**

SUMMARY

We will meet Abraham's servant in heaven one day and know his name. There is no doubt that he will hold a prominent place in the thousand year kingdom as well as for eternity. The servant did not know when he lived on earth, he was a vital link to provide the lineage for the future Messiah.

Some 2,160 years after this faithful servant lived on this earth, Jesus stated what He expected from His followers. **Matthew 25:14-30**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?