

GENESIS  
THE BEGINNING AND THE END  
ALPHA & OMEGA  
DEATH OF SARAH, START OF A NEW FAMILY!

1. AGE AND DEATH

A. GENESIS 23:1-20 SARAH LIVED TO BE A HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OLD. [2] SHE DIED AT KIRIATH ARBA (THAT IS, HEBRON) IN THE LAND OF CANAAN, AND ABRAHAM WENT TO MOURN FOR SARAH AND TO WEEP OVER HER.

I. THIS IS THE ONLY WOMAN WHOSE AGE WILL BE GIVEN AT HER DEATH.

II. WHY?

(1) WHAT ARE WE TOLD BY THIS INFORMATION.

(A) THE AGE OF ISAAC.

(I) SARAH'S AGE AT THE BIRTH OF ISAAC.

1) 90

(II) NOW

1)  $127 - 90 = 37$  MEANING OF 37 = 7 PERFECTION,  $3 \times 10$  IS A HIGHER ORDER OF PERFECTION. SO THIS WAS THE TIME FOR SARAH TO GO TO PARADISE.

(B) AS WE STUDIED IN AN EARLIER LESSON - SARAH A TYPE OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL

(I) SHE AND ISRAEL DID THEIR JOBS - SHE BROUGHT FORTH ISAAC, THE NATION OF ISRAEL BROUGHT FORTH CHRIST.

(2) THE PLACE OF HER DEATH IS ALSO OF INTEREST!

(A)

RACE OF GIANTS	NUMBERS 13:22 THEY WENT UP THROUGH THE NEGEV AND CAME TO HEBRON, WHERE AHIMAN, SHESHAI AND TALMAI, THE DESCENDANTS OF ANAK, LIVED. (HEBRON HAD BEEN BUILT SEVEN YEARS BEFORE ZOAN IN EGYPT.)
RACE OF GIANTS	JOSHUA 14:15 (HEBRON USED TO BE CALLED KIRIATH ARBA AFTER ARBA, WHO WAS THE GREATEST MAN AMONG THE ANAKITES.) THEN THE LAND HAD REST FROM WAR
GIVEN TO CALEB	JOSHUA 15:13 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LORD'S COMMAND TO HIM, JOSHUA GAVE TO CALEB SON OF JEPHUNNEH A PORTION IN JUDAH--KIRIATH ARBA, THAT IS, HEBRON. (ARBA WAS THE FOREFATHER OF ANAK.) JUDGES 1:10 THEY ADVANCED AGAINST THE CANAANITES LIVING IN HEBRON (FORMERLY CALLED KIRIATH ARBA) AND DEFEATED SHESHAI, AHIMAN AND TALMAI.

GIVEN TO CALEB	JUDGES 1:20 AS MOSES HAD PROMISED, HEBRON WAS GIVEN TO CALEB, WHO DROVE FROM IT THE THREE SONS OF ANAK.
REIGN OF DAVID	2 SAMUEL 2:5 HE SENT MESSENGERS TO THE MEN OF JABESH GILEAD TO SAY TO THEM, "THE LORD BLESS YOU FOR SHOWING THIS KINDNESS TO SAUL YOUR MASTER BY BURYING HIM
ABSALOM STARTED HIS REBELLION	2 SAMUEL 15 <sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER

- (3) ABRAHAM THE FATHER WAS AWAY FROM HER AT THE TIME OF HER DEATH.
- (A) AND ABRAHAM WENT TO MOURN FOR SARAH AND TO WEEP OVER HER.
- (I) THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE IN THE GOSPELS.

## 2. SELECTION OF A BURYING PLACE

- A. GENESIS 23: [4]AND ABRAHAM STOOD UP FROM BEFORE HIS DEAD, AND SPAKE UNTO THE SONS OF HETH, SAYING, "I AM AN ALIEN AND A STRANGER AMONG YOU. SELL ME SOME PROPERTY FOR A BURIAL SITE HERE SO I CAN BURY MY DEAD." [5] THE HITTITES REPLIED TO ABRAHAM, [6] "SIR, LISTEN TO US. YOU ARE A MIGHTY PRINCE AMONG US. BURY YOUR DEAD IN THE CHOICEST OF OUR TOMBS. NONE OF US WILL REFUSE YOU HIS TOMB FOR BURYING YOUR DEAD." [7] THEN ABRAHAM ROSE AND BOWED DOWN BEFORE THE PEOPLE OF THE LAND, THE HITTITES. [8] HE SAID TO THEM, "IF YOU ARE WILLING TO LET ME BURY MY DEAD, THEN LISTEN TO ME AND INTERCEDE WITH EPHRON SON OF ZOHAR ON MY BEHALF [9] SO HE WILL SELL ME THE CAVE OF MACHPELAH, WHICH BELONGS TO HIM AND IS AT THE END OF HIS FIELD. ASK HIM TO SELL IT TO ME FOR THE FULL PRICE AS A BURIAL SITE AMONG YOU."

### I. I AM AN ALIEN AND A STRANGER AMONG YOU

- (1) IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE SEE THE PICTURE PRESENTED HERE.

#### (A) GOD HAS PROMISED THIS LAND TO ABRAHAM.

- (I) JUST HAS HE PROMISED THE LAND TO THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM LATER.

- 1) MATTHEW 5:5 BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH

#### (B) BUT THE TIME OF THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE HAS NOT YET COME.

- (I) SO ABRAHAM WILL PURCHASE WHAT ONE DAY WILL BE HIS.

- 1) WHY?

- 2) ROMANS 13:8 OWE NO MAN ANY THING, BUT TO LOVE BUT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER: FOR HE THAT LOVE ANOTHER HAS FULFILLED THE LAW.

- (II) HOW WILL HE DEAL WITH THIS PEOPLE?

- 1) I WILL PAY THE SAME AS THE REST OF YOU.

## 3. CAVE OF MACHPELAH AND FIELD BOUGHT FOR \$288.00

- A. GENESIS 23:[10] EPHRON THE HITTITE WAS SITTING AMONG HIS PEOPLE AND HE REPLIED TO

ABRAHAM IN THE HEARING OF ALL THE HITTITES WHO HAD COME TO THE GATE OF HIS CITY. [11] "NO, MY LORD," HE SAID. "LISTEN TO ME; I GIVE YOU THE FIELD, AND I GIVE YOU THE CAVE THAT IS IN IT. I GIVE IT TO YOU IN THE PRESENCE OF MY PEOPLE. BURY YOUR DEAD." [12] AGAIN ABRAHAM BOWED DOWN BEFORE THE PEOPLE OF THE LAND [13] AND HE SAID TO EPHRON IN THEIR HEARING, "LISTEN TO ME, IF YOU WILL. I WILL PAY THE PRICE OF THE FIELD. ACCEPT IT FROM ME SO I CAN BURY MY DEAD THERE." [14] EPHRON ANSWERED ABRAHAM, [15] "LISTEN TO ME, MY LORD; THE LAND IS WORTH FOUR HUNDRED SHEKELS OF SILVER, BUT WHAT IS THAT BETWEEN ME AND YOU? BURY YOUR DEAD." [16] ABRAHAM AGREED TO EPHRON'S TERMS AND WEIGHED OUT FOR HIM THE PRICE HE HAD NAMED IN THE HEARING OF THE HITTITES: FOUR HUNDRED SHEKELS OF SILVER, ACCORDING TO THE WEIGHT CURRENT AMONG THE MERCHANTS. [17] SO EPHRON'S FIELD IN MACHPELAH NEAR MAMRE--BOTH THE FIELD AND THE CAVE IN IT, AND ALL THE TREES WITHIN THE BORDERS OF THE FIELD--WAS DEEDED [18] TO ABRAHAM AS HIS PROPERTY IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL THE HITTITES WHO HAD COME TO THE GATE OF THE CITY.

- I. THE FIRST PROPERTY OWNED BY ABRAHAM IN HIS PROMISED LAND, WAS A GRAVE.
  - (1) ALL THE BELIEVER WILL NEED IS A PLACE FOR HIS EARTHLY PARTS.

#### 4. BURIAL OF SARAH

- A. GENESIS 23:[19] AFTERWARD ABRAHAM BURIED HIS WIFE SARAH IN THE CAVE IN THE FIELD OF MACHPELAH NEAR MAMRE (WHICH IS AT HEBRON) IN THE LAND OF CANAAN. [20] SO THE FIELD AND THE CAVE IN IT WERE DEEDED TO ABRAHAM BY THE HITTITES AS A BURIAL SITE
  - I. SEE THE FIRST PART OF THIS STUDY TO UNDERSTAND HEBRON.

#### 5. ABRAHAM'S PROSPERITY

- A. GENESIS 24:1-67 ABRAHAM WAS NOW OLD AND WELL ADVANCED IN YEARS, AND THE LORD HAD BLESSED HIM IN EVERY WAY.
  - I. THIS IS THE MAN OF FAITH.
    - (1) THE LORD BLESSED HIM WITH EARTHLY GOODS.
      - (A) SONS, SERVANTS, CATTLE. AND STATUS.

#### 6. ELIEZER'S COMMISSION

- A. GENESIS 24: [2] HE SAID TO THE CHIEF SERVANT IN HIS HOUSEHOLD, THE ONE IN CHARGE OF ALL THAT HE HAD, "PUT YOUR HAND UNDER MY THIGH. [3] I WANT YOU TO SWEAR BY THE LORD, THE GOD OF HEAVEN AND THE GOD OF EARTH, THAT YOU WILL NOT GET A WIFE FOR MY SON FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF THE CANAANITES, AMONG WHOM I AM LIVING, [4] BUT WILL GO TO MY COUNTRY AND MY OWN RELATIVES AND GET A WIFE FOR MY SON ISAAC." [5] THE SERVANT ASKED HIM, "WHAT IF THE WOMAN IS UNWILLING TO COME BACK WITH ME TO THIS LAND? SHALL I THEN TAKE YOUR SON BACK TO THE COUNTRY YOU CAME FROM?" [6] "MAKE SURE THAT YOU DO NOT TAKE MY SON BACK THERE," ABRAHAM SAID. [7] "THE LORD, THE GOD OF HEAVEN, WHO BROUGHT ME OUT OF MY FATHER'S HOUSEHOLD AND MY NATIVE LAND AND WHO SPOKE TO ME AND PROMISED ME ON OATH, SAYING, 'TO YOUR OFFSPRING I WILL GIVE THIS LAND'--HE WILL SEND HIS ANGEL BEFORE YOU SO THAT YOU CAN

GET A WIFE FOR MY SON FROM THERE. [8] IF THE WOMAN IS UNWILLING TO COME BACK WITH YOU, THEN YOU WILL BE RELEASED FROM THIS OATH OF MINE. ONLY DO NOT TAKE MY SON BACK THERE." [9] SO THE SERVANT PUT HIS HAND UNDER THE THIGH OF HIS MASTER ABRAHAM AND SWORE AN OATH TO HIM CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

I. WE WILL SEE THE PARTS THE TRINITY PLAYS IN PICKING THE BRIDE OF CHRIST.

(1) IN THIS PORTION OF THE STUDY WE WILL SEE THE ACTS OF GOD THE FATHER - ABRAHAM

(2) GOD THE SPIRIT - THE ONE IN CHARGE OF ALL THAT HE HAD, THE ONE WHO IS ACTIVE ON THE EARTH TODAY.

(3) AND GOD THE SON - ISSAC - THE UN NATURAL BORN SON.

(A) THE SON THAT WENT UP THE MOUNT TO BE SACRIFICED AND IS NOT HEARD OF AGAIN UNTIL THE BRIDE IS PRESENTED TO HIM.

II. I WANT YOU TO SWEAR BY THE LORD, THE GOD OF HEAVEN AND THE GOD OF EARTH,

(1) THIS STATEMENT TELLS US WHEN THIS IS ALL TAKING PLACE.

(A) ONLY NOW, AFTER CHRIST CAME FROM THE GRAVE DID WE HAVE A GOD OF HEAVEN AND A GOD OF EARTH.

(I) MATTHEW 28:18 THEN JESUS CAME TO THEM AND SAID, "ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME.

III. THE SERVANT HAS BEEN SENT TO GET THE BRIDE. WHERE IS SHE TO COME FROM?

(1) YOU WILL NOT GET A WIFE FOR MY SON FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF THE CANAANITES, AMONG WHOM I AM LIVING, [4] BUT WILL GO TO MY COUNTRY AND MY OWN RELATIVES AND GET A WIFE FOR MY SON ISAAC.

(2) BEFORE I GO INTO THIS I MUST TELL YOU THAT SOMETHING HAS ALWAYS STUCK ME AS SIGNIFICANT.

(A) THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC AND THE GOD OF JACOB.

(I) THIS OCCURS OVER AND OVER. I STARTED TO COUNT THE TIMES BUT DECIDED THAT JESUS QUOTED IT, THAT SHOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH.

1) SO WHY DOES GOD WANT US TO LOOK AT THE GOD OF **ABRAHAM, ISAAC** AND **JACOB**.

A) A NUMBER OF THINGS HAVE BROUGHT ME TO THIS POINT IN MY STUDY. A IN DEPTH STUDY OF THE BOOK OF LUKE WHERE I SEE THAT JESUS SAYS A "LOT" OF PEOPLE WILL BE SAVED. AFTER ALL THAT WAS THE REASON THAT HE CAME TO EARTH.

i) MATTHEW 1:21 SHE WILL GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND YOU ARE TO GIVE HIM THE NAME JESUS, BECAUSE HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS."

ii) JOHN 3:16-17 "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. [17] FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT TO SAVE THE WORLD THROUGH HIM.

(II) I HAVE DECIDED THAT WE HAVE THREE TYPES OF PEOPLE THAT WILL BE WITH GOD FOREVER.

- 1) ABRAHAM REPRESENTS THOSE OF FAITH. HE IS POINTED TO AT ALL TIMES AS THE FATHER OF THOSE WHO ARE OF THE FAITH.
- 2) ISAAC IS THE UN NATURAL BORN SON - THOSE WHO JESUS TALKS ABOUT IN THE BOOK OF JOHN. THE BOOK THAT SHOWS HIM AS THE SON OF GOD.
  - A) JOHN 1:12 YET TO ALL WHO RECEIVED HIM, TO THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME [THE POWER TO BECOME] CHILDREN OF GOD—
  - B) JOHN 3:3 IN REPLY JESUS DECLARED, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, NO ONE CAN SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNLESS HE IS BORN AGAIN."
  - C) JOHN 3:7 YOU SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED AT MY SAYING, 'YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN.'
  - D) 1 PETER 1:23 FOR YOU HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN, NOT OF PERISHABLE SEED, BUT OF IMPERISHABLE, THROUGH THE LIVING AND ENDURING WORD OF GOD.
    - i) SEE WHAT THIS SAYS
    - ii) IF I RECEIVE JESUS - BELIEVE - SAVED - THEN, AT THAT TIME, I AM GIVEN THE POWER TO BECOME. THIS IS NOT JUST AN ACT OF GOD. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I MUST PARTICIPATE IN.
    - iii) AND I THINK HERE IN THIS EVENT, WE WILL UNDERSTAND ABOUT "THE CHILDREN OF GOD"
- 3) WE WILL LOOK AT JACOB AT A LATER TIME. WE WILL SEE THAT THERE WILL BE NATURAL MAN ON THE EARTH FOREVER, AND THEY WERE NOT MEN OF FAITH OR "BORN AGAIN" MEN.

#### IV. FIRST THE QUESTION OF THE SERVANT.

- (1) IF I DO NOT GET A BRIDE AM I TO TAKE THE SON BACK TO THE COUNTRY OF FAITH.
  - (A) THE QUESTION IS ASKED 2 TIMES, TWICE. AGAIN GOD WANT US TO UNDERSTAND THE ANSWER.
    - (i) NO WAY IS JESUS COMING BACK TO THE EARTH UNTIL HE HAS A BRIDE.
      - 1) I WOULD POINT OUT THAT SOME SAY HE HAS COME BACK.

#### V. THE STATEMENT OF ABRAHAM.

- (1) THE GOD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE SELECTION OF THIS PERSON.
  - (A) SERVANT YOU CAN NOT FAIL.
    - (i) AGAIN - GOING BACK TO AN EARLIER STUDY. THE BOOK OF MARK.
      - 1) MARK DRAWS PICTURES SO WE CAN NOT MISUNDERSTAND WHAT HE IS SAYING. AT THE START OF HIS BOOK HE SHOWS FOUR PICTURES OF JESUS.
        - A) ONE HE SAYS TO THE SICKNESS - GO AND IT GOES.
        - B) TWO HE SAYS TO THE DEMON - GO AND IT GOES.
        - C) THIRD HE SAYS TO THE STORM - BE STEAL AND IT IS STILL.
        - D) NOW IS WHERE I GET INTO TROUBLE. HE SAYS TO THE FISHERMAN, COME AND HE COMES.
          - i) COULD THE SICKNESS SAY NO, COULD THE DEMON SAY NO, COULD THE STORM SAY NO, THEN WHY WOULD I THINK THAT THE MAN

- COULD SAY NO.
- ii) DO I NOT BELIEVE “ALL POWER ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN.”

7. ELIEZER’S JOURNEY

A. GENESIS 24:[10] THEN THE SERVANT TOOK TEN OF HIS MASTER'S CAMELS AND LEFT, TAKING WITH HIM ALL KINDS OF GOOD THINGS FROM HIS MASTER. HE SET OUT FOR ARAM NAHARAIM AND MADE HIS WAY TO THE TOWN OF NAHOR. [11] HE HAD THE CAMELS KNEEL DOWN NEAR THE WELL OUTSIDE THE TOWN; IT WAS TOWARD EVENING, THE TIME THE WOMEN GO OUT TO DRAW WATER.

I. TEN OF HIS MASTER’S CAMELS

(1) 10 = DIVINE ORDER

(A) OR ALL THAT IS NEEDED.

II. HE TOOK FROM THE MASTER ALL KINDS OF GOOD THINGS

(1) GOOD THINGS

(A) MATTHEW 7:11 IF YOU, THEN, THOUGH YOU ARE EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN, HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM!

(B) MATTHEW 12:34 YOU BROOD OF VIPERS, HOW CAN YOU WHO ARE EVIL SAY ANYTHING GOOD? FOR OUT OF THE OVERFLOW OF THE HEART THE MOUTH SPEAKS.

(C) LUKE 1:53 HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS BUT HAS SENT THE RICH AWAY EMPTY.

(D) ROMANS 10:15 AND HOW CAN THEY PREACH UNLESS THEY ARE SENT? AS IT IS WRITTEN, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS!"

(E) HEBREWS 9:11 WHEN CHRIST CAME AS HIGH PRIEST OF THE GOOD THINGS THAT ARE ALREADY HERE, HE WENT THROUGH THE GREATER AND MORE PERFECT TABERNACLE THAT IS NOT MAN-MADE, THAT IS TO SAY, NOT A PART OF THIS CREATION.

(2) GIFTS

(A) ROMANS 11:29 FOR GOD'S GIFTS AND HIS CALL ARE IRREVOCABLE.

(B) ROMANS 12:6 WE HAVE DIFFERENT GIFTS, ACCORDING TO THE GRACE GIVEN US. IF A MAN'S GIFT IS PROPHESYING, LET HIM USE IT IN PROPORTION TO HIS FAITH.

(C) 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1 NOW ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS, BROTHERS, I DO NOT WANT YOU TO BE IGNORANT.

(D) 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4 THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF GIFTS, BUT THE SAME SPIRIT.

(E) 1 CORINTHIANS 12:9 TO ANOTHER FAITH BY THE SAME SPIRIT, TO ANOTHER GIFTS OF HEALING BY THAT ONE SPIRIT,

(F) 1 CORINTHIANS 12:28 AND IN THE CHURCH GOD HAS APPOINTED FIRST OF ALL APOSTLES, SECOND PROPHETS, THIRD TEACHERS, THEN WORKERS OF MIRACLES, ALSO THOSE HAVING GIFTS OF HEALING, THOSE ABLE TO HELP OTHERS, THOSE WITH GIFTS OF ADMINISTRATION, AND THOSE SPEAKING IN DIFFERENT KINDS OF TONGUES.

- (G) 1 CORINTHIANS 12:30-31 DO ALL HAVE GIFTS OF HEALING? DO ALL SPEAK IN TONGUES? DO ALL INTERPRET? [31] BUT EAGERLY DESIRE THE GREATER GIFTS. AND NOW I WILL SHOW YOU THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY.
- (H) 1 CORINTHIANS 14:1 FOLLOW THE WAY OF LOVE AND EAGERLY DESIRE SPIRITUAL GIFTS, ESPECIALLY THE GIFT OF PROPHECY.
- (I) 1 CORINTHIANS 14:12 SO IT IS WITH YOU. SINCE YOU ARE EAGER TO HAVE SPIRITUAL GIFTS, TRY TO EXCEL IN GIFTS THAT BUILD UP THE CHURCH.
- (J) EPHESIANS 4:8 THIS IS WHY IT SAYS: "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVES IN HIS TRAIN AND GAVE GIFTS TO MEN."
- (I) I THINK IT IS WORTH THINKING ABOUT TO TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THESE GIFTS.
- 1) WHAT DOES ALL THIS SOUND LIKE TO YOU.

## 8. ELIEZER'S PRAYER

- A. GENESIS 24:[12] THEN HE PRAYED, "O LORD, GOD OF MY MASTER ABRAHAM, GIVE ME SUCCESS TODAY, AND SHOW KINDNESS TO MY MASTER ABRAHAM. [13] SEE, I AM STANDING BESIDE THIS SPRING, AND THE DAUGHTERS OF THE TOWNSPEOPLE ARE COMING OUT TO DRAW WATER. [14] MAY IT BE THAT WHEN I SAY TO A GIRL, 'PLEASE LET DOWN YOUR JAR THAT I MAY HAVE A DRINK,' AND SHE SAYS, 'DRINK, AND I'LL WATER YOUR CAMELS TOO'--LET HER BE THE ONE YOU HAVE CHOSEN FOR YOUR SERVANT ISAAC. BY THIS I WILL KNOW THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN KINDNESS TO MY MASTER."

### I. FIRST THING TO SEE HERE.

- (1) THE SERVANT IS GOING TO PICK THE [ONE YOU HAVE CHOSEN FOR YOUR SERVANT ISAAC.]
- (A) I THINK IT IS CLEAR THAT THE BRIDE IS NOT JUST SOME ONE 'OF THE FAITH'
  - (I) MATTHEW 7:11 IF YOU, THEN, THOUGH YOU ARE EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN, HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM!
  - (II) MATTHEW 22:14 "FOR MANY ARE INVITED, BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN."
  - (III) MARK 13:20 IF THE LORD HAD NOT CUT SHORT THOSE DAYS, NO ONE WOULD SURVIVE. BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THE ELECT, WHOM HE HAS CHOSEN, HE HAS SHORTENED THEM.
  - (IV) LUKE 18:7 AND WILL NOT GOD BRING ABOUT JUSTICE FOR HIS CHOSEN ONES, WHO CRY OUT TO HIM DAY AND NIGHT? WILL HE KEEP PUTTING THEM OFF?
  - (V) JOHN 13:18 "I AM NOT REFERRING TO ALL OF YOU; I KNOW THOSE I HAVE CHOSEN. BUT THIS IS TO FULFILL THE SCRIPTURE: 'HE WHO SHARES MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.'
  - (VI) JOHN 15:19 IF YOU BELONGED TO THE WORLD, IT WOULD LOVE YOU AS ITS OWN. AS IT IS, YOU DO NOT BELONG TO THE WORLD, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU OUT OF THE WORLD. THAT IS WHY THE WORLD HATES YOU.
  - (VII) ACTS 22:14 "THEN HE SAID: 'THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS HAS CHOSEN YOU TO KNOW HIS WILL AND TO SEE THE RIGHTEOUS ONE AND TO HEAR WORDS FROM HIS MOUTH.

- (VIII) ROMANS 11:5 SO TOO, AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE IS A REMNANT CHOSEN BY GRACE.
- (IX) EPHESIANS 1:11 IN HIM WE WERE ALSO CHOSEN, HAVING BEEN PREDESTINED ACCORDING TO THE PLAN OF HIM WHO WORKS OUT EVERYTHING IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PURPOSE OF HIS WILL,
- (X) 1 THESSALONIANS 1:4 FOR WE KNOW, BROTHERS LOVED BY GOD, THAT HE HAS CHOSEN YOU,
- (XI) 1 PETER 2:9 BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE BELONGING TO GOD, THAT YOU MAY DECLARE THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT.
- (XII) REVELATIONS 17:14 THEY WILL MAKE WAR AGAINST THE LAMB, BUT THE LAMB WILL OVERCOME THEM BECAUSE HE IS LORD OF LORDS AND KING OF KINGS--AND WITH HIM WILL BE HIS CALLED, CHOSEN AND FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS."

## 9. ELIEZER'S ANSWER TO PRAYER

- A. GENESIS 24:[15] BEFORE HE HAD FINISHED PRAYING, REBEKAH CAME OUT WITH HER JAR ON HER SHOULDER. SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF BETHUEL SON OF MILCAH, WHO WAS THE WIFE OF ABRAHAM'S BROTHER NAHOR. [16] THE GIRL WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL, A VIRGIN; NO MAN HAD EVER LAIN WITH HER. SHE WENT DOWN TO THE SPRING, FILLED HER JAR AND CAME UP AGAIN. [17] THE SERVANT HURRIED TO MEET HER AND SAID, "PLEASE GIVE ME A LITTLE WATER FROM YOUR JAR." [18] "DRINK, MY LORD," SHE SAID, AND QUICKLY LOWERED THE JAR TO HER HANDS AND GAVE HIM A DRINK. [19] AFTER SHE HAD GIVEN HIM A DRINK, SHE SAID, "I'LL DRAW WATER FOR YOUR CAMELS TOO, UNTIL THEY HAVE FINISHED DRINKING." [20] SO SHE QUICKLY EMPTIED HER JAR INTO THE TROUGH, RAN BACK TO THE WELL TO DRAW MORE WATER, AND DREW ENOUGH FOR ALL HIS CAMELS. [21] WITHOUT SAYING A WORD, THE MAN WATCHED HER CLOSELY TO LEARN WHETHER OR NOT THE LORD HAD MADE HIS JOURNEY SUCCESSFUL.

### I. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE SERVANT, THE SOON TO BE BRIDE HERE?

- (1) PHILIPPIANS 1:6 BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS, THAT HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL CARRY IT ON TO COMPLETION UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS.
- (2) PHILIPPIANS 2:13 FOR IT IS GOD WHO WORKS IN YOU TO WILL AND TO ACT ACCORDING TO HIS GOOD PURPOSE.
- (A) WE SAY A LOT OF THINGS! HOW MUCH DO WE UNDERSTAND THEM?
  - (I) I BELONG TO CHRIST.
  - (II) NOT ME, BUT HE THAT LIVES IN ME.
  - (III) HE SAID TO PETER, "FEED MY SHEEP"

## 10. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

- A. GENESIS 24:[22] WHEN THE CAMELS HAD FINISHED DRINKING, THE MAN TOOK OUT A GOLD NOSE RING WEIGHING A BEKA AND TWO GOLD BRACELETS WEIGHING TEN SHEKELS. [23] THEN HE ASKED, "WHOSE DAUGHTER ARE YOU? PLEASE TELL ME, IS THERE ROOM IN YOUR FATHER'S HOUSE FOR US TO SPEND THE NIGHT?" [24] SHE ANSWERED HIM, "I AM THE



DAUGHTER OF BETHUEL, THE SON THAT MILCAH BORE TO NAHOR." [25] AND SHE ADDED, "WE HAVE PLENTY OF STRAW AND FODDER, AS WELL AS ROOM FOR YOU TO SPEND THE NIGHT."

- I. WHEN IT WAS ALL DONE, WHEN THE SERVANT KNOWS WHO THE BRIDE IS. WHAT IS GIVEN, OR OFFERED?
  - (1) A NOSE RING
    - (A) A SIGN OF OBEDIENCE
      - (i) NOTE THAT THE GIRL OFFERED HER SERVICE BEFORE SHE SAW.
      - (ii) THE SERVANT OFFERED HIS GIFTS AFTER HE SAW.
- II. TWO EARTH SHAKING QUESTIONS?
  - (1) WHOSE DAUGHTER ARE YOU?
    - (A) I AM THE DAUGHTER OF BETHUEL [HEBREW = DESTROYED OF GOD]
      - (i) WHO CAME FROM MILCAH [HEBREW = QUEEN OR ROYALTY]
- III. WHO ARE YOU? I HOPE YOU CAN SAY "I AM BORN AGAIN, I COME FROM ROYALTY, FROM ONE DESTROYED BY GOD.
  - (1) THANK YOU JESUS, THANK YOU JESUS.

#### 11. ELIEZER'S WORSHIP

- A. GENESIS 24:[26] THEN THE MAN BOWED DOWN AND WORSHIPED THE LORD, [27] SAYING, "PRAISE BE TO THE LORD, THE GOD OF MY MASTER ABRAHAM, WHO HAS NOT ABANDONED HIS KINDNESS AND FAITHFULNESS TO MY MASTER. AS FOR ME, THE LORD HAS LED ME ON THE JOURNEY TO THE HOUSE OF MY MASTER'S RELATIVES."
  - I. AS I LOOK UPON THESE WORDS I SEE THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TODAY.
  - II. I CAN SEE HIS JOY WHEN HE COMES INTO THE [ONE OF MY MASTER'S RELATIVES]

#### 12. ELIEZER'S RECEPTION

- A. GENESIS 24:[28] THE GIRL RAN AND TOLD HER MOTHER'S HOUSEHOLD ABOUT THESE THINGS. [29] NOW REBEKAH HAD A BROTHER NAMED LABAN, AND HE HURRIED OUT TO THE MAN AT THE SPRING. [30] AS SOON AS HE HAD SEEN THE NOSE RING, AND THE BRACELETS ON HIS SISTER'S ARMS, AND HAD HEARD REBEKAH TELL WHAT THE MAN SAID TO HER, HE WENT OUT TO THE MAN AND FOUND HIM STANDING BY THE CAMELS NEAR THE SPRING. [31] "COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY THE LORD," HE SAID. "WHY ARE YOU STANDING OUT HERE? I HAVE PREPARED THE HOUSE AND A PLACE FOR THE CAMELS." [32] SO THE MAN WENT TO THE HOUSE, AND THE CAMELS WERE UNLOADED. STRAW AND FODDER WERE BROUGHT FOR THE CAMELS, AND WATER FOR HIM AND HIS MEN TO WASH THEIR FEET.
  - I. HERE IS A PICTURE THAT I HAVE SEEN A THOUSAND TIMES.
    - (1) THE GIRL RAN AND TOLD HER MOTHER'S HOUSEHOLD.
      - (A) I KNOW YOU HAVE SEEN THIS ALSO, THE ACTION OF A NEW BORN CHRISTIAN.
    - (2) WHAT DOES THE BROTHER SEE IN HIS SISTER.
      - (A) THE NOSE RING, [ONE WHO IS SERVING GOD]
      - (B) AND THE BRACELETS ON HER ARMS. [ONE WHO COUNTS THE WORD OF GOD MOST IMPORTANT]
        - (i) SEE STUDY ON ARM BRACELETS.
    - (3) WHAT EFFECT DOES THIS HAVE ON THE BROTHER?

- (A) HE RUNS TO THE MESSENGER THAT BROUGHT THE GOOD NEWS TO HIS SISTER.
- (B) AND HE SAYS, I HAVE PREPARED A PLACE FOR YOU.
- (C) WHY DOES HE DO ALL THIS?
  - (I) COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY THE LORD

### 13. ELIEZER'S BUSINESS STATED

- A. GENESIS 24:[33] THEN FOOD WAS SET BEFORE HIM, BUT HE SAID, "I WILL NOT EAT UNTIL I HAVE TOLD YOU WHAT I HAVE TO SAY." "THEN TELL US," LABAN SAID. [34] SO HE SAID, "I AM ABRAHAM'S SERVANT. [35] THE LORD HAS BLESSED MY MASTER ABUNDANTLY, AND HE HAS BECOME WEALTHY. HE HAS GIVEN HIM SHEEP AND CATTLE, SILVER AND GOLD, MENSERVANTS AND MAIDSERVANTS, AND CAMELS AND DONKEYS. [36] MY MASTER'S WIFE SARAH HAS BORNE HIM A SON IN HER OLD AGE, AND HE HAS GIVEN HIM EVERYTHING HE OWNS. [37] AND MY MASTER MADE ME SWEAR AN OATH, AND SAID, 'YOU MUST NOT GET A WIFE FOR MY SON FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF THE CANAANITES, IN WHOSE LAND I LIVE, [38] BUT GO TO MY FATHER'S FAMILY AND TO MY OWN CLAN, AND GET A WIFE FOR MY SON.' [39] "THEN I ASKED MY MASTER, 'WHAT IF THE WOMAN WILL NOT COME BACK WITH ME?' [40] "HE REPLIED, 'THE LORD, BEFORE WHOM I HAVE WALKED, WILL SEND HIS ANGEL WITH YOU AND MAKE YOUR JOURNEY A SUCCESS, SO THAT YOU CAN GET A WIFE FOR MY SON FROM MY OWN CLAN AND FROM MY FATHER'S FAMILY. [41] THEN, WHEN YOU GO TO MY CLAN, YOU WILL BE RELEASED FROM MY OATH EVEN IF THEY REFUSE TO GIVE HER TO YOU--YOU WILL BE RELEASED FROM MY OATH.' [42] "WHEN I CAME TO THE SPRING TODAY, I SAID, 'O LORD, GOD OF MY MASTER ABRAHAM, IF YOU WILL, PLEASE GRANT SUCCESS TO THE JOURNEY ON WHICH I HAVE COME. [43] SEE, I AM STANDING BESIDE THIS SPRING; IF A MAIDEN COMES OUT TO DRAW WATER AND I SAY TO HER, 'PLEASE LET ME DRINK A LITTLE WATER FROM YOUR JAR,' [44] AND IF SHE SAYS TO ME, 'DRINK, AND I'LL DRAW WATER FOR YOUR CAMELS TOO,' LET HER BE THE ONE THE LORD HAS CHOSEN FOR MY MASTER'S SON.' [45] "BEFORE I FINISHED PRAYING IN MY HEART, REBEKAH CAME OUT, WITH HER JAR ON HER SHOULDER. SHE WENT DOWN TO THE SPRING AND DREW WATER, AND I SAID TO HER, 'PLEASE GIVE ME A DRINK.' [46] "SHE QUICKLY LOWERED HER JAR FROM HER SHOULDER AND SAID, 'DRINK, AND I'LL WATER YOUR CAMELS TOO.' SO I DRANK, AND SHE WATERED THE CAMELS ALSO. [47] "I ASKED HER, 'WHOSE DAUGHTER ARE YOU?' "SHE SAID, 'THE DAUGHTER OF BETHUEL SON OF NAHOR, WHOM MILCAH BORE TO HIM.' "THEN I PUT THE RING IN HER NOSE AND THE BRACELETS ON HER ARMS, [48] AND I BOWED DOWN AND WORSHIPED THE LORD. I PRAISED THE LORD, THE GOD OF MY MASTER ABRAHAM, WHO HAD LED ME ON THE RIGHT ROAD TO GET THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF MY MASTER'S BROTHER FOR HIS SON. [49] NOW IF YOU WILL SHOW KINDNESS AND FAITHFULNESS TO MY MASTER, TELL ME; AND IF NOT, TELL ME, SO I MAY KNOW WHICH WAY TO TURN."
- I. THE STORY IS NOW TOLD TO THE FAMILY.
- II. A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED UP TO THIS TIME.
- III. ARE YOU GOING TO BLESS THIS MARRIAGE OR OPPOSE IT.
  - (1) KEEP IN MY THAT HE IS BEING SENT TO THE FAMILY OF THE FAITH. THIS IS NOT A TREK INTO THE WORLD, BUT TO THE HOUSE OF BELIEVERS LOOKING FOR A BRIDE.

### 14. ELIEZER'S SUCCESS

- A. GENESIS 24:[50] LABAN AND BETHUEL ANSWERED, "THIS IS FROM THE LORD; WE CAN SAY NOTHING TO YOU ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. [51] HERE IS REBEKAH; TAKE HER AND GO, AND LET HER BECOME THE WIFE OF YOUR MASTER'S SON, AS THE LORD HAS DIRECTED." [52] WHEN ABRAHAM'S SERVANT HEARD WHAT THEY SAID, HE BOWED DOWN TO THE GROUND BEFORE THE LORD. [53] THEN THE SERVANT BROUGHT OUT GOLD AND SILVER JEWELRY AND ARTICLES OF CLOTHING AND GAVE THEM TO REBEKAH; HE ALSO GAVE COSTLY GIFTS TO HER BROTHER AND TO HER MOTHER. [54] THEN HE AND THE MEN WHO WERE WITH HIM ATE AND DRANK AND SPENT THE NIGHT THERE. WHEN THEY GOT UP THE NEXT MORNING, HE SAID, "SEND ME ON MY WAY TO MY MASTER." [55] BUT HER BROTHER AND HER MOTHER REPLIED, "LET THE GIRL REMAIN WITH US TEN DAYS OR SO; THEN YOU MAY GO." [56] BUT HE SAID TO THEM, "DO NOT DETAIN ME, NOW THAT THE LORD HAS GRANTED SUCCESS TO MY JOURNEY. SEND ME ON MY WAY SO I MAY GO TO MY MASTER." [57] THEN THEY SAID, "LET'S CALL THE GIRL AND ASK HER ABOUT IT." [58] SO THEY CALLED REBEKAH AND ASKED HER, "WILL YOU GO WITH THIS MAN?" "I WILL GO," SHE SAID.
  - I. HERE IS ALL THAT COUNTS, THIS IS FROM THE LORD.
  - II. HEAR THIS ATTITUDE, WE CAN SAY NOTHING TO YOU ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.
    - (1) I HAVE COME TO KNOW THIS IN MY SPIRIT.
  - III. EVEN AFTER THIS, THE FAMILY SAYS, LET THE GIRL STAY WITH US TEN DAYS.
    - (1) THIS IS LIKE THE CHURCH SAYING LETS TEST THIS THING, LET US SEE IF THIS PERSON IS BORN AGAIN.
  - IV. SO THE GIRL IS CALLED.
    - (1) SHE HAS NOW BEEN GIVEN THE POWER TO BECOME [ONE WITH ISSAC]
      - (A) JUST AS YOU AND I ARE GIVEN THE [POWER] TO BECOME ONE WITH CHRIST, THAT IS HIS BODY.
      - (B) WILL THE DESIRE TO STAY WITH HER FAMILY KEEP HER FROM GOING?
      - (C) WILL SHE WANT THE THINGS THAT SHE HAS AND IS COMFORTABLE WITH KEEP HER FROM SAYING YES?
  - V. THE GIRL MAKES IT CLEAR. I WILL GO!

## 15. ELIEZER'S RETURN

- A. GENESIS 24:[59] SO THEY SENT THEIR SISTER REBEKAH ON HER WAY, ALONG WITH HER NURSE AND ABRAHAM'S SERVANT AND HIS MEN. [60] AND THEY BLESSED REBEKAH AND SAID TO HER, "OUR SISTER, MAY YOU INCREASE TO THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS; MAY YOUR OFFSPRING POSSESS THE GATES OF THEIR ENEMIES." [61] THEN REBEKAH AND HER MAIDS GOT READY AND MOUNTED THEIR CAMELS AND WENT BACK WITH THE MAN. SO THE SERVANT TOOK REBEKAH AND LEFT.
  - I. THE BLESSING OF THE FAMILY UPON REBEKAH.
    - (1) MAY YOU INCREASE TO THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS.
      - (A) I SAY THAT IS HAPPENING TODAY!
    - (2) MAY YOUR OFFSPRING POSSES THE GATES OF THEIR ENEMIES.
      - (A) AS THE BODY OF CHRIST LEARNS IT ROLE AND POSITION I SEE MORE AND MORE OF THIS HAPPENING.
        - (I) IS SEE THE STRONG HOLDS OF SATAN COMING DOWN.

1) OUT OF THOSE STRONG HOLDS WILL COME THE SAVED.

16. MARRIAGE OF ISAAC

A. GENESIS 24: [62] NOW ISAAC HAD COME FROM BEER LAHAI ROI, FOR HE WAS LIVING IN THE NEGEV. [63] HE WENT OUT TO THE FIELD ONE EVENING TO MEDITATE, AND AS HE LOOKED UP, HE SAW CAMELS APPROACHING. [64] REBEKAH ALSO LOOKED UP AND SAW ISAAC. SHE GOT DOWN FROM HER CAMEL [65] AND ASKED THE SERVANT, "WHO IS THAT MAN IN THE FIELD COMING TO MEET US?" "HE IS MY MASTER," THE SERVANT ANSWERED. SO SHE TOOK HER VEIL AND COVERED HERSELF. [66] THEN THE SERVANT TOLD ISAAC ALL HE HAD DONE. [67] ISAAC BROUGHT HER INTO THE TENT OF HIS MOTHER SARAH, AND HE MARRIED REBEKAH. SO SHE BECAME HIS WIFE, AND HE LOVED HER; AND ISAAC WAS COMFORTED AFTER HIS MOTHER'S DEATH.

I. WHERE DID ISAAC COME FROM?

- (1) HEBREW 883, STRONG'S BE'ER LA-CHAY RO'ITY, WELL OF A LIVING (ONE) MY SEER;  
(A) HE CAME FROM THE PLACE OF THE LIVING ONE.

II. AND WHAT WAS HAPPENING?

- (1) THE BRIDE WAS BEING BROUGHT TO HIM.

III. AND WHAT DID THE BRIDE DO?

- (1) SHE PREPARED HERSELF TO MEET THE BRIDEGROOM.