

GENESIS
THE BEGINNING AND THE END
ALPHA & OMEGA
THE KINGDOMS

1. ABRAHAM'S SECOND FAMILY

- A. GENESIS 25:1-4 ABRAHAM TOOK ANOTHER WIFE, WHOSE NAME WAS KETURAH. [2] SHE BORE HIM ZIMRAN, JOKSHAN, MEDAN, MIDIAN, ISHBAK AND SHUAH. [3] JOKSHAN WAS THE FATHER OF SHEBA AND DEDAN; THE DESCENDANTS OF DEDAN WERE THE ASSHURITES, THE LETUSHITES AND THE LEUMMITES. [4] THE SONS OF MIDIAN WERE EPHAH, EPHER, HANOCH, ABIDA AND ELDAAH. ALL THESE WERE DESCENDANTS OF KETURAH.

I. BEFORE WE LOOK CLOSE AT THESE PASSAGES WE MUST REMEMBER TWO THINGS.

- (1) THE INHERITANCE OF ABRAHAM WILL PASS ONLY TO HIS SON ISSAC.
 - (A) OUT OF ABRAHAM WILL COME MANY NATIONS.
 - (i) THE SAND OF THE SEA.
 - (ii) NOT ALL NATIONS WILL SERVE GOD.
- (2) ISSAC IS HIS UN-NATURAL BORN SON.
 - (A) WHEN GOD DECLARES THAT HE IS THE "GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISSAC AND JACOB"
 - (i) HE IS SPEAKING OF THREE DISTINCT GROUPS OF PEOPLE.
 - 1) ABRAHAM THE FATHER OF THE FAITHFUL.
 - A) WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM [JESUS] SHALL BE SAVED.
 - i) THIS IS VERY CLEAR. FAITH.
 - B) NOTE - JUST BEING A CHILD OF ABRAHAM BUYS YOU NOTHING!!!!

II. THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES US BY TRACING OUT ONE OF THESE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM.

(1) MIDIAN -

- (A) FOUGHT WITH ESAU
 - (i) GENESIS 36:35 WHEN HUSHAM DIED, HADAD SON OF BEDAD, WHO DEFEATED MIDIAN IN THE COUNTRY OF MOAB, SUCCEEDED HIM AS KING. HIS CITY WAS NAMED AVITH
- (B) MOSES FLED TO THIS LAND AND MARRIED A MIDIANITE WOMAN.
 - (i) EXODUS 2:15-16 & EXODUS 3:1
- (C) MIDIANITES BECAME A PROBLEM FOR ISRAEL.
 - (i) NUMBERS 25:1-15
- (D) THEN GOD COMMANDED ISRAEL TO WAR AGAINST THE MIDIANITE
 - (i) NUMBERS 25:16-18 & 31:1-20
- (E) FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS AFTER THIS, THE TWO FAMILY MEMBERS WERE AT WAR.
- (F) GIDEON BROUGHT SUCH DESTRUCTION TO THEM THAT THE TIME WAS CALLED "THE DAY OF THE MIDIAN"
 - (i) PSALM 83:9 DO TO THEM AS YOU DID TO MIDIAN, AS YOU DID TO SISERA AND JABIN AT THE RIVER KISHON,

(II) ISAIAH 9:4 FOR AS IN THE DAY OF MIDIAN'S DEFEAT, YOU HAVE SHATTERED THE YOKE THAT BURDENS THEM, THE BAR ACROSS THEIR SHOULDERS, THE ROD OF THEIR OPPRESSOR.

(III) ISAIAH 10:26 THE LORD ALMIGHTY WILL LASH THEM WITH A WHIP, AS WHEN HE STRUCK DOWN MIDIAN AT THE ROCK OF OREB; AND HE WILL RAISE HIS STAFF OVER THE WATERS, AS HE DID IN EGYPT

(2) SO WE CAN SEE THAT JUST BEING A CHILD OF ABRAHAM IS NOT ENTRANCE INTO GODS' FAVOR..

2. ABRAHAM'S WILL

A. GENESIS 25:5-6 ABRAHAM LEFT EVERYTHING HE OWNED TO ISAAC. [6] BUT WHILE HE WAS STILL LIVING, HE GAVE GIFTS TO THE SONS OF HIS CONCUBINES AND SENT THEM AWAY FROM HIS SON ISAAC TO THE LAND OF THE EAST.

I. HERE YOU SEE IT AGAIN. AFTER THE DEATH OF ABRAHAM, ALL THAT HE HAD WENT TO HIS SON ISAAC.

II. YES, HE GIVES GIFTS TO HIS OTHER SONS, BUT HIS [KINGDOM] BELONGS TO ISAAC.

(1) DEUT. 6:11 HOUSES FILLED WITH ALL KINDS OF GOOD THINGS YOU DID NOT PROVIDE, WELLS YOU DID NOT DIG, AND VINEYARDS AND OLIVE GROVES YOU DID NOT PLANT--THEN WHEN YOU EAT AND ARE SATISFIED,

(A) VERY CLEAR - GOOD GIFTS.

(2) BUT SEE WHAT HAPPEN TO MIDIAN -

(A) JOSHUA 23:15 BUT JUST AS EVERY GOOD PROMISE OF THE LORD YOUR GOD HAS COME TRUE, SO THE LORD WILL BRING ON YOU ALL THE EVIL HE HAS THREATENED, UNTIL HE HAS DESTROYED YOU FROM THIS GOOD LAND HE HAS GIVEN YOU..

3. THE DEATH OF ABRAHAM

A. GENESIS 25:7-11 [7] ALTOGETHER, ABRAHAM LIVED A HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS. [8] THEN ABRAHAM BREATHED HIS LAST AND DIED AT A GOOD OLD AGE, AN OLD MAN AND FULL OF YEARS; AND HE WAS GATHERED TO HIS PEOPLE. [9] HIS SONS ISAAC AND ISHMAEL BURIED HIM IN THE CAVE OF MACHPELAH NEAR MAMRE, IN THE FIELD OF EPHRON SON OF ZOHAR THE HITTITE, [10] THE FIELD ABRAHAM HAD BOUGHT FROM THE HITTITES. THERE ABRAHAM WAS BURIED WITH HIS WIFE SARAH. [11] AFTER ABRAHAM'S DEATH, GOD BLESSED HIS SON ISAAC, WHO THEN LIVED NEAR BEER LAHAI ROI.

I. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE SEE HERE THAT AT THE DEATH OF ABRAHAM YOU HAVE THESE TWO SONS - ISAAC AND ISHMAEL.

(1) ISAAC THE UN - NATURAL BORN SON - TO ME - THE BORN AGAIN PERSON OF OUR TIME.

(2) ISHMAEL - THE FIRST BORN OF ABRAHAM - THE NATION OF ISRAEL

(A) AND THE WORD OF GOD SAYS AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT THEY SHALL NOT INHERIT TOGETHER.

(I) THE BORN AGAIN PERSON OF GOD - IS BORN OF GOD - IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD -

BUT IT IS USED BY THE BELIEVER TO “BECOME A CHILD OF GOD.” JOHN 1ST CHAPTER.

(II) GOING BACK TO OUR STUDY ON THE 21ST CHAPTER.

1) “CAST OUT THIS BONDWOMAN AND HER SON: FOR THE SON OF THIS BONDWOMAN SHALL NOT BE HEIR WITH MY SON, EVEN WITH ISAAC”

4. GENERATIONS OF ISHMAEL [HAGARIC COVENANT FULFILLED, GENESIS 16:7]

A. GENESIS 25:12-16 [12] THIS IS THE ACCOUNT OF ABRAHAM'S SON ISHMAEL, WHOM SARAH'S MAIDSERVANT, HAGAR THE EGYPTIAN, BORE TO ABRAHAM. [13] THESE ARE THE NAMES OF THE SONS OF ISHMAEL, LISTED IN THE ORDER OF THEIR BIRTH: NEBAIOTH THE FIRSTBORN OF ISHMAEL, KEDAR, ADBEEL, MIBSAM, [14] MISHMA, DUMAH, MASSA, [15] HADAD, TEMA, JETUR, NAPHISH AND KEDEMAH. [16] THESE WERE THE SONS OF ISHMAEL, AND THESE ARE THE NAMES OF THE TWELVE TRIBAL RULERS ACCORDING TO THEIR SETTLEMENTS AND CAMPS. [17] ALTOGETHER, ISHMAEL LIVED A HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS. HE BREATHED HIS LAST AND DIED, AND HE WAS GATHERED TO HIS PEOPLE. [18] HIS DESCENDANTS SETTLED IN THE AREA FROM HAVILAH TO SHUR, NEAR THE BORDER OF EGYPT, AS YOU GO TOWARD ASSHUR. AND THEY LIVED IN HOSTILITY TOWARD ALL THEIR BROTHERS.

I. HERE YOU SEE THE TWELVE TRIBAL RULERS

(1) THESE WILL BE THOSE THAT WILL LOOK UPON JESUS AT HIS EARTHLY RETURN AND CALL HIM BLESSED.

(2) THIS WILL BE THE RETURN OF ISRAEL TO HER PLACE AND FAVOR WITH GOD.

(A) BUT THEY WILL BE EARTHLY, THEY WILL BE NATURAL MEN AND WOMAN.

HISTORY OF ISAAC

5. THIS IS THE ACCOUNT OF ABRAHAM'S SON ISAAC.

6. BIRTH OF ISAAC

I. GENESIS 25:19 ABRAHAM BECAME THE FATHER OF ISAAC,

(1) GENESIS 21:1-8

(A) THE UN-NATURAL BIRTH

(I) BOTH ABRAHAM AND SARAH WERE PASSED CHILD BEARING.

1) SARAH HAS ONLY THIS CHILD.

2) ABRAHAM WILL HAVE OTHERS.

(II) GOD HAS GIVEN US WHO BELIEVE “THE RIGHT [POWER] TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD”

1) IT DOES NOT SAY THAT HE MAKES THEM CHILDREN OF GOD. HE GIVES THEM THE RIGHT OR POWER TO BECOME.

A) JOHN 1:12 YET TO ALL WHO RECEIVED HIM, TO THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD—

2) JESUS THEN EXPLAINS THE NEW BIRTH

A) JOHN 3:3-8 IN REPLY JESUS DECLARED, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, NO ONE CAN SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNLESS HE IS BORN AGAIN." [4]

"HOW CAN A MAN BE BORN WHEN HE IS OLD?" NICODEMUS ASKED.
 "SURELY HE CANNOT ENTER A SECOND TIME INTO HIS MOTHER'S
 WOMB TO BE BORN!" [5] JESUS ANSWERED, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH,
 NO ONE CAN ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNLESS HE IS BORN OF
 WATER AND THE SPIRIT. [6] FLESH GIVES BIRTH TO FLESH, BUT THE
 SPIRIT GIVES BIRTH TO SPIRIT. [7] YOU SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED AT
 MY SAYING, 'YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN.' [8] THE WIND BLOWS
 WHEREVER IT PLEASES. YOU HEAR ITS SOUND, BUT YOU CANNOT TELL
 WHERE IT COMES FROM OR WHERE IT IS GOING. **SO IT IS WITH
 EVERYONE BORN OF THE SPIRIT.**"

7. THE MARRIAGE OF ISSAC

- A. GENESIS 25: [20] AND ISAAC WAS FORTY YEARS OLD WHEN HE MARRIED REBEKAH DAUGHTER OF BETHUEL THE ARAMEAN FROM PADDAN ARAM AND SISTER OF LABAN THE ARAMEAN. [21] ISAAC PRAYED TO THE LORD ON BEHALF OF HIS WIFE, BECAUSE SHE WAS BARREN. THE LORD ANSWERED HIS PRAYER, AND HIS WIFE REBEKAH BECAME PREGNANT. [22] THE BABIES JOSTLED EACH OTHER WITHIN HER, AND SHE SAID, "WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO ME?" SO SHE WENT TO INQUIRE OF THE LORD.
 - I. 40 YEARS OLD = TRAIL, PROBATION, AND CHASTISEMENT, BUT NEVER JUDGEMENT.
 - (1) I THINK THIS TELLS US THE STORY OF THE SONS OF GOD BEFORE WE ARE INVITED TO THE MARRIAGE FEAST OF THE LAMB.
 - (2) IT WILL ALSO FORETELL THE STORY OF ISSAC.
 - (A) TRAIL, PROBATION AND CHASTISEMENT.
 - (3) NOTE - ISAAC PRAYED FOR THE BABIES.
 - (4) REBEKAH PRAYED FOR ANSWERS.

8. THE BIRTH OF ESAU AND JACOB

- A. GENESIS 25: [23] THE LORD SAID TO HER, "TWO NATIONS ARE IN YOUR WOMB, AND TWO PEOPLES FROM WITHIN YOU WILL BE SEPARATED; ONE PEOPLE WILL BE STRONGER THAN THE OTHER, AND THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER." [24] WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR HER TO GIVE BIRTH, THERE WERE TWIN BOYS IN HER WOMB. [25] THE FIRST TO COME OUT WAS RED, AND HIS WHOLE BODY WAS LIKE A HAIRY GARMENT; SO THEY NAMED HIM ESAU. [26] AFTER THIS, HIS BROTHER CAME OUT, WITH HIS HAND GRASPING ESAU'S HEEL; SO HE WAS NAMED JACOB. ISAAC WAS SIXTY YEARS OLD WHEN REBEKAH GAVE BIRTH TO THEM.
 - I. THE THING THAT I SEE HERE IS THE WAY WE SHALL LIVE.
 - (1) FORTY WHEN HE MARRIED. SIXTY WITH THE BIRTH GIVES US 20 YEARS =
 - (A) EXPECTANCY
 - (i) 20 YEARS JACOB WILL WAIT TO GET HIS POSSESSION OF HIS WIVES AND PROPERTY.
 - (ii) 20 YEARS ISRAEL WAITED FOR A DELIVERER FROM JABIN'S OPPRESSION
 - 1) JUDGES 4:3 BECAUSE HE HAD NINE HUNDRED IRON CHARIOTS AND HAD CRUELLY OPPRESSED THE ISRAELITES FOR TWENTY YEARS, THEY CRIED TO THE LORD FOR HELP.
 - (iii) 20 YEARS ISRAEL WAITED FOR SAMSON TO DELIVER THEM

- 1) JUDGES 15:20 SAMSON LED ISRAEL FOR TWENTY YEARS IN THE DAYS OF THE PHILISTINES.
- (IV) 20 YEARS ISRAEL WAITED FOR THE ARC.
 - 1) 1 SAMUEL 7:2 IT WAS A LONG TIME, TWENTY YEARS IN ALL, THAT THE ARK REMAINED AT KIRIATH JEARIM, AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL MOURNED AND SOUGHT AFTER THE LORD
 - (2) JESUS SAID HE IS COMING FOR A PEOPLE WHO ARE WATCHING AND PRAYING. THAT IS A PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING WITH A EXPECTANCY OF HIS IMMEDIATE RETURN.
 - (A) LUKE 21:36 BE ALWAYS ON THE WATCH, AND PRAY THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO ESCAPE ALL THAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN, AND THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN."

9. THE DIVIDED FAMILY

- A. GENESIS 25: [27] THE BOYS GREW UP, AND ESAU BECAME A SKILLFUL HUNTER, A MAN OF THE OPEN COUNTRY, WHILE JACOB WAS A QUIET MAN, STAYING AMONG THE TENTS. [28] ISAAC, WHO HAD A TASTE FOR WILD GAME, LOVED ESAU, BUT REBEKAH LOVED JACOB.
 - I. HERE WE SEE THE NEXT PERSON THAT GOD SAYS' "I AM THE GOD OF"
 - (1) JACOB WAS A QUIET MAN
 - (2) STAYING CLOSE AT HOME
 - (3) LOVED BY HIS MOTHER

10. SALE AND DESPISING OF THE BIRTHRIGHT

- A. GENESIS 25: [29] ONCE WHEN JACOB WAS COOKING SOME STEW, ESAU CAME IN FROM THE OPEN COUNTRY, FAMISHED. [30] HE SAID TO JACOB, "QUICK, LET ME HAVE SOME OF THAT RED STEW! I'M FAMISHED!" (THAT IS WHY HE WAS ALSO CALLED EDM.) [31] JACOB REPLIED, "FIRST SELL ME YOUR BIRTHRIGHT." [32] "LOOK, I AM ABOUT TO DIE," ESAU SAID. "WHAT GOOD IS THE BIRTHRIGHT TO ME?" [33] BUT JACOB SAID, "SWEAR TO ME FIRST." SO HE SWORE AN OATH TO HIM, SELLING HIS BIRTHRIGHT TO JACOB. [34] THEN JACOB GAVE ESAU SOME BREAD AND SOME LENTIL STEW. HE ATE AND DRANK, AND THEN GOT UP AND LEFT. SO ESAU DESPISED HIS BIRTHRIGHT.
 - I. A STORY THAT EVERYONE IS FAMILIAR WITH.
 - II. I WANT TO KEEP FOCUSED ON JACOB.
 - (1) HE WILL GET WHAT HE WANTS BY OVER COMING.
 - (2) HE DOES NOT ALWAYS DO WHAT WE CALL IS RIGHT.
 - (A) BUT HE HAS A GOAL.

IN THE NEXT CHAPTER WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK AT ISAAC AND SEE SOME LITTLE KNOW FACTS ABOUT GODS SONS.