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chayer Sarah Sarah's Life:

(#5) Gen. 23.1-25.18; I Kings 1:1-31; Matt 8:19-22; 27:3-10; Luke 9:57-62; 1 Cor 15:50-5 (#5)

1 Kings 1 - David, now old, pronounces Solomon his successor. His son, Adonijah conspires with Joab and Abiathar to seize the government. Does this sound like someone else who has tried to seize Heaven by force? But Nathan and Bathsheba communicate these tidings to the aged king, David immediately pronounces Solomon his successor over <u>ALL Israel</u>, Mat 11:12 From the days of Yochanan, the Immerser until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, & the violent take it by force. (Col 2:15)



<u> A Few Hebrew Definitions</u>

- A. LORD, H3068, יהוה <u>Yahweh</u>: The capitalized 4 letters is always in Hebrew the tetra-grammaton, Y-H-V-H. Gen 18:1 "YHVH appears...'
- B. **Servant**, **H5650** 7 2 2 'ebed eh'-bed: a servant:, bondman, bond servant. Used in OT as servant, bondman, bondservant, bondage, & manservant. My Life is not my own!!!!!!
- בּיאר לחירא C. "Well of the Living One-seeing me", H883 בּיאר לחירא <u>Beer-lahai-roi</u>: a well west of Kadesh, south of Israel, the same well that Hagar went to, Gen 16. Isaac settled here.
- D. **Machpelah**, **H4375** מכפלה <u>Machpelah</u>: "double" or "portion", location of a burial cave for the patriarchs, near Hebron.
- E. Trust, H986 ב פ ט פ ה זון bitachon: trust, confidence, hope
- F. Faith, H530 אמוים <u>emunah</u>: firmness, fidelity, steadfastness, steadiness, faithfulness.
 - G. Eliezer, H461, אליעזר <u>Eliezer:</u> "God is my help"
 - **H. Devil, G1228, διάβολος** <u>diabolos</u>: The spirit of slander, false accuser, (Thayer's Dictionary) metaphorically applied to a man who, by opposing the cause of God, may be said to act the part of the devil.



Notes that point to Yeshua Are you a Doer or Hearer?? Forgive, Repent, Mikyah, Get Clean!! Get Clean NOW!

- 1- Chapter 23 of Genesis: We see this parashah is called the <u>Life of Sarah</u>, but it is about her death and burial. Two chapters later Abraham passes, but his is a completion to the flesh LIFE. As descendents of Abraham and Sarah, (Gal 3) we have inherited their spiritual DNA. Notice in Gen 25:7 "And these are the <u>days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived:</u> a hundred and seventy-five years." This Torah parashah compares Days to Years and tells us that the average person's growth is measured in years; but Abraham's life could be measured in DAYS. Every moment of his life was inspired with Yahweh. Is the clock ticking?? Can Abraham's example inspire us to do the same?
- 2- The sages tell us that when **Abraham and Isaac were away for the obedience to the Akeidah**, the enemy whispered to Sarah and told her that Abraham took Isaac out to sacrifice and kill him. This brought her to sudden fear and caused her death. **The voice that cries into your ear and heart**, **that brings on doubt**, **fear**, **and rebellion is a temptation that you have power over**. This is like the 10 out of 12 spies that brought the bad report. **It is the voice of the enemy. But Be of Good Hope in Yeshua.** (Chumash p.106)





3- The Akeidah is being performed on us and some of us have a lot of fear, but Yahweh is in control, and He will come to your rescue.

- a. 1Co 10:13 "No temptation has taken you except what is common to man. God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able, but will with the temptation also make the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry." (This is anything in your heart that brings the enemy into your life.)
- b. **1Pe 5:6-9** "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your worries on him, because he cares for you. Be sober and self-controlled. Be watchful. Your adversary the devil walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Withstand him steadfast in your faith-trust, knowing that your brothers who are in the world are undergoing the same sufferings."
- **4- Let's look at the modern lifestyle:** The average American spends 250 hours each year commuting, and another 200 hours standing in line. Over a 40-year working career, that's **18,000 hours.** And what do we have to show for it? That we can recall every episode of 'Lost', or recognize every hit song from the 60's, 70' or 80's? Or that we've listened to hours and hours of political analysis on talk-radio? Or that we know who won the '27 World Series. What this means is that no matter what happened, Sarah saw every event as an **opportunity to learn and to grow.** Human beings need to be constantly growing and learning. Because there's no such thing as <u>"standing still."</u> Life is in a constant state of entropy (a reduction of life quality based on aging).
- 5- So if we're not growing, we're withering. If we're not Gathering then everything else is scattering!!!
- **6-** Chapter 23, Sarah dies and Abraham declares to the sons of Heth, (Hittites), Gen 23:4 "I [am] a stranger and a sojourner with you..." Notice how this relates to us as quoted in the NT. Are we understanding that we are strangers in this land?
 - a. 1Pe 2:11 "Dearly beloved, I beseech [you] as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;"
 - b. **Heb 11:13** "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of [them], and embraced [them], and confessed that they were <u>strangers and pilgrims on the earth."</u>
 - **c. The Hittites** cannot refuse Abraham, **Gen 23:6**, this is a great picture of the Promise of the kingdom in you, the kings of this world are subject to Yeshua's kingdom in you.
- 7- Genesis 24 The Obedience of the servant, Eliezar The picture of US! Ask yourself if this is also a picture of Yeshua as the faithful servant of His father. Abraham calls his confidential servant probably Eliezar, and makes him swear that he will not take a wife for Isaac from among the Canaanites, Gen 24:1-3, but from among his own kindred, He arrives at a well (well=be'er, do you think Yahweh is trying to tell us something about wells, Does everything happen around a well?) He prays to Yahweh, Gen 24:12-14, the God of Abraham as if he really knows Yahweh?? (What do you think?) Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel, son of Nahor, Abraham's brother, comes out of the home, (come out of our lifestyles that we are in to become the Bride and Spirit, which says "Come" Matt 25) to the well to draw water. She agrees to WALK IN Faith and marries Isaac! Gen 24:17-21. He gives her presents, and learns whose daughter she is, Gen 24:22-24. She invites him to her father's house, (Notice he offers the Gifts before he knows that she is of Abraham's family, The Faith that Yahweh answered his prayers. Then Eliezer worships Yahweh. Gen 24:61. They are met by Isaac, who was on a late afternoon walk for the purpose of prayer, (Minchah *1), Isaac and Rebekah are married. Gen 24:67.
 - a. **Rebekah**, Rivka, is a great picture of the true bride, 1-She came out, 2-she was lead by the Ruach to hear and do, (shema) the prayer of the Spirit of Eliezer, she gave drink, 3- She gave drink to the 10 unclean camels, the lost 10 tribes of Israel. A picture of the calling of the true kingdom to go to the lost sheep, the 10 tribes of Israel, 4- she took the One Ring, One kingdom, she took the 2 bracelets, (two Houses) and the 10 shekels of gold, (for the ten lost tribes)
- 8- Eliezer is a picture of the Ruach HaKodesh, (Holy Spirit), sent out by God to find the Bride, (Hunters & fishers of men, the Bride, Jer 16:16) Eliezer took gifts to give when he found the Bride, he brought 10 camels as wedding gifts, each correspond to 1 Cor 12:1-10. The Nine gifts of the Holy Spirit, Wisdom, Knowledge, faith, Healing, miracles, Prophecy, Discernment, Tongues, and Interpretation, but look at v. 3, The Ability that "No one can say, "Yeshua is Lord," but by the Holy Spirit."
- **9-** The body of the Messiah is made up of many believers; not one person possesses all the gifts. One person combines their gifts with another and so on; this makes up the commandment to 'kahol' (assemble-gather) as the 1st of the holy convocations, in **Lev 23**, Sabbath is the coming together of the gifts and Body ministry. The Bride will emerge as "one" with all ten gifts. Just as Rebecca must leave her comforts (Babylon), she had to come out to the 'Living Waters', and she went to her Groom. There is such faith and symbolism in Rebecca and Eliezer; what faith in Yahweh! We have the power to walk with this faith.
- **10-** Eliezer is a picture of Faith-Emunah, and Trust-Bitachon, as His servants should always be. Was Eliezer a servant to Abraham or Yahweh? **John 14:26**, The Ruach is a 'helper', as Eliezer's name.
 - a. **Deut 9:27** Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, servants of the Lord, **Deut 34:5** Moses, Servant of the Lord
 - b. **John 12:26** "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will [my] Father honour."
 - c. **John 6:38** "For I came down from Heaven, not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me. **John 6:39** And this is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all which He has given Me I should lose nothing... "(Yeshua is also the 'good servant').
 - d. We see that all the prophets are referred to as the 'Servants of Yahweh', but in **Isaiah 45:4**, we also see, that the 2 houses of Israel and Judah are to be His Servants.
 - e. 1Co 7:23 "You are bought with a price; be not you the servants of men."
- 11-Genesis 25 Abraham's Children and death.
 - a. **Abraham marries Keturah**, **Keturah** (Strong's H6989 perfumed; Keturah), Rashi says that she was given this name because her deeds were as pure as incense. Hebrew history states this is Hagar. His concubine/wife. In Aramaic her name means restrained; from the time she left Abraham.
 - **b.** He makes Isaac his only heir, <u>Gen 25:5</u>; A concubine does not have inheritance.
 - c. Notice Ishmael had 12 sons, the twelve tribes of the blessing. Just like Jacob. The promise made to Hagar concerning Ishmael (Gen 16:10), and to Abraham, Gen 17:20 and Gen 21:13. A mighty nation.

- d. Abraham's age, and his death. He is buried by his sons Isaac and Ishmael in the cave of Machpelah, God's blessing upon Isaac.
- e. The generations of Ishmael. We see Ishmael's descendants 'All fought with each other'. The first two sons of Ishmael, Nebaioth, and Kedar, were the most famous of the tribes, and were also mentioned in Isaiah 60:7. Three of Ishmael's sons *Mishma, Dumah*, and *Massa*, that is, *hear, keep silence*, and *bear (patience to wrath)*; we have them together in the same order in <u>Jam 1:19</u>, "Be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." They produced several very large nations that lay between Egypt and Assyria, known as <u>Arabia</u>.

12-The Study between Isaac & Yeshua is not often used, but they have many great similarities.

- a. Both men are sons were born miraculously.
- b. Both Sons were the results of a Godly promise.
- c. Both were the First-Born.
- d. Both were willing to lay down their life for their Fathers, Obedience. 'Not my will'
- e. Both were sacrificed in the exact same place, Mount Moriah.
- f. Both carried the wood for the sacrifice.
- g. Both rode a donkey to the place of redemption.
- h. Both Sons lived after the sacrifice took place, Wow!
- i. Both were the 'Seed' of the Abrahamic promise, (Gal 3)
- j. How many more can you come up with?
- 13-The Inheritance: Chapter #25. The Concubine never receives the Inheritance, only the chosen wife. She and her descendants receive ALL of it. The Chosen Bride.
 - a. Deut 7:6 "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God: the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, above all peoples who are on the face of the earth." (Also Deut 14:2)
 - b. **1Pe 2:9** "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light": **1Pe 2:10** "who in time past were no people, but now are God's people, who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."
 - c. Rom 8:17 "and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Messiah; if indeed we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified with him."
 - d. Gal 3:29 "If you are Messiah's, then you are Avraham's seed and heirs according to promise."
 - e. Tit 3:7 "that, being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."
 - f. Heb 1:13 "But which of the angels has he told at any time, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet?" Heb 1:14 "Aren't they all serving spirits, sent out to do service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?"
 - g. Heb 11:7 "Even Noach became an Heir by his obedience and righteousness; became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith."
 - **h. 1Pe 3:7** "You husbands, in like manner, live with your wives according to knowledge, giving honor to the woman, as to the weaker vessel, as being also joint heirs of the grace of life; that your prayers may not be hindered."
 - i. John 1:12 "But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become God's children, to those who believe in his name:"
 - j. Rom 8:15 "For you didn't receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!""
 - k. Gal 4:5 "that he might redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of children."
 - 1. Gal 4:6 "And because you are children, God sent out the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!"" Gal 4:7 "So you are no longer a bondservant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Messiah."

The picture of Isaac, Abraham, and even Eliezer is all about obedience. Not fear of man, or the worldly circumstances, but their trust is in Yahweh. *1 Footnote: Gen 24:63. This is where the nations of Israel and Judah developed their afternoon prayers "Minchah", the morning prayers were from Abraham, "Shacharis", Gen 19:27 and the evening prayers from Isaac, in Gen 28:11, called "Maariv".

Tune in Next week for you are the generations; Toldot: Gen 25:19-28:9; Mal 1:1-2:7; Romans 9:6-16; Hebrews 11:20; 12:14-17

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This study has some fun questions. I hope you take the time to get your family involved in finding these answers. May the fire be stronger everyday!

Did you see the picture of the Father, (Abraham), The Groom, (Isaac), the Holy Spirit, (Eliezer), and the Bride, (Rebecca); The Whole marriage of the Lamb & the redemption of the bride?

- 1. How old was Sarah when she died? (A Little math is needed) And how old was Isaac when Sarah died?
- 2. How did Abraham obtain a burial site? Who are the Hittites? Why did Abraham insist on buying/paying for the site?
- 3. Who was Abraham's trusted and faithful chief servant?
- 4. What do you remember about him from previous chapters of Genesis?
- 5. Analyze the servant's prayer in Gen 24:12-14; what does it tell you about the servant's faith and relationship in Yahweh?
- 6. How was Rebecca and her family related to Abraham?
- 7. What was Isaac doing when he first saw Rebecca?
- 8. Do you know the name of this afternoon prayer that comprises the 3 daily prayers in the Jewish lifestyles?
- 9. Why do you think Abraham re-married after Sarah's death; and do you know who this woman, Keturah is supposed to be in Hebrew history?
- 10. How old was Abraham when he died? Where was he buried?
- 11. How many sons did Ishmael have? Are they mentioned anywhere else in the Word?

Be blessed in HIM, love and prayers, Pastor curtis



