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Lesson 26

1. Last week I gave you several key dates and events and then we studied Gen 12:7.

2. I thought it advisable to review some of that taught last week. So by way of review let me provide at least in part that which I taught concerning several key dates and events related to our Old Testament-Overview.

2.1 Sumerian Myths - just after the flood in about 5000 B.C. during the time of Nimrod-bar-Cush idolatry was born. The worship of multiple gods soon spread from Babylon throughout the world.

2.1.1 Satan unveiled a facade of much of God's reality to come. For example an essential part of the Sumerian Myths involved a cross, a virgin birth, and a resurrection. All of this was done in hopes of confusing mankind in order to obfuscate the reality when it came.

2.2 Canaanite gods--The Canaanites worshipped a panoply of gods such as Ashtoreth, Baal, Beelzebub, Rimmon, Milcom, Molech, Apis, et. al., from c. 3000-600 B.C. Because of these worship practices God instructed first Moses and then Joshua to destroy all who lived in the promised land.

2.3 Islam--became the religion of the Arab world which would include the land of Canaan beginning in about 600 B.C. when Mohammed heard voices purportedly from God. Satan had found a facsimile of Christianity/Judaism in Mohammed's new found "religion." Islam was a Satanic plot to make religion more respectable.

2.4 Hinduism--came on to the scene of history in c. 1800 B.C. from India it spread across much of the oriental world.

2.5 Buddhism--developed in northern India when a number of dissatisfied adherents to Hinduism began worshiping Buddha in c. 400 B.C.

3. Now let's return to an analysis of verse eight.

Gen 12:8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

3.1 Verse 8: "He removed from thence ..."

3.1.1 Abram by now was learning that the life of faith is a life of pilgrimage. From Ur to Haran, from Haran to Shechem. Then to Bethel, from plain to mountain. God may call some of His children to settle down temporarily, but others He calls to a life of pilgrimage.

3.1.2 Even though we have homes, remember in this the devil's world we are pilgrims. The only land Abram ever bought was a burying place. He looked for a city which had foundations, whose builder and maker was God (Heb 11:10).

Heb 11:9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

Heb 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

3.1.3 The mature believer will never have his heaven in a bank; he will always have his bank in heaven. Stocks, bonds, and deeds may be possessed, but they will never possess the yielded believer.

4. "And pitched his tent ... he builded an altar ..."

4.1 Abram was what men call a nomad but he had his tent and his altar and he was walking with God; as with us, God had a way of teaching Abram that the life of faith is subject to change without notice.

4.2 Back in the land of the Chaldee, his brother Nahor built a city and called it after his own name (Gen 24:10). The world might have considered Nahor a success and Abram a failure, but with God it was the other way around.

4.3 We see the city mentioned in Gen 24:10, the context however is worth reviewing. Notice as we read how God sees to it that Isaac gets his right woman.

Gen 24:2 Abraham said to his chief servant ...

Gen 24:3 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 Isaac from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living, Gen 24:4 but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac."

Gen 24:5 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 Ur?"

Gen 24:6 "Make sure that you do not take my son back there," Abraham said.

Gen 24:7 "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 near Haran ...

Gen 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.

Gen 24:11 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.

Gen 24:12 Then he prayed, "O LORD, God of my master Abraham, give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham.

Gen 24:13 See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water.

Gen 24:14 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."

Gen 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.

Gen 24:16 The girl was very beautiful ...

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