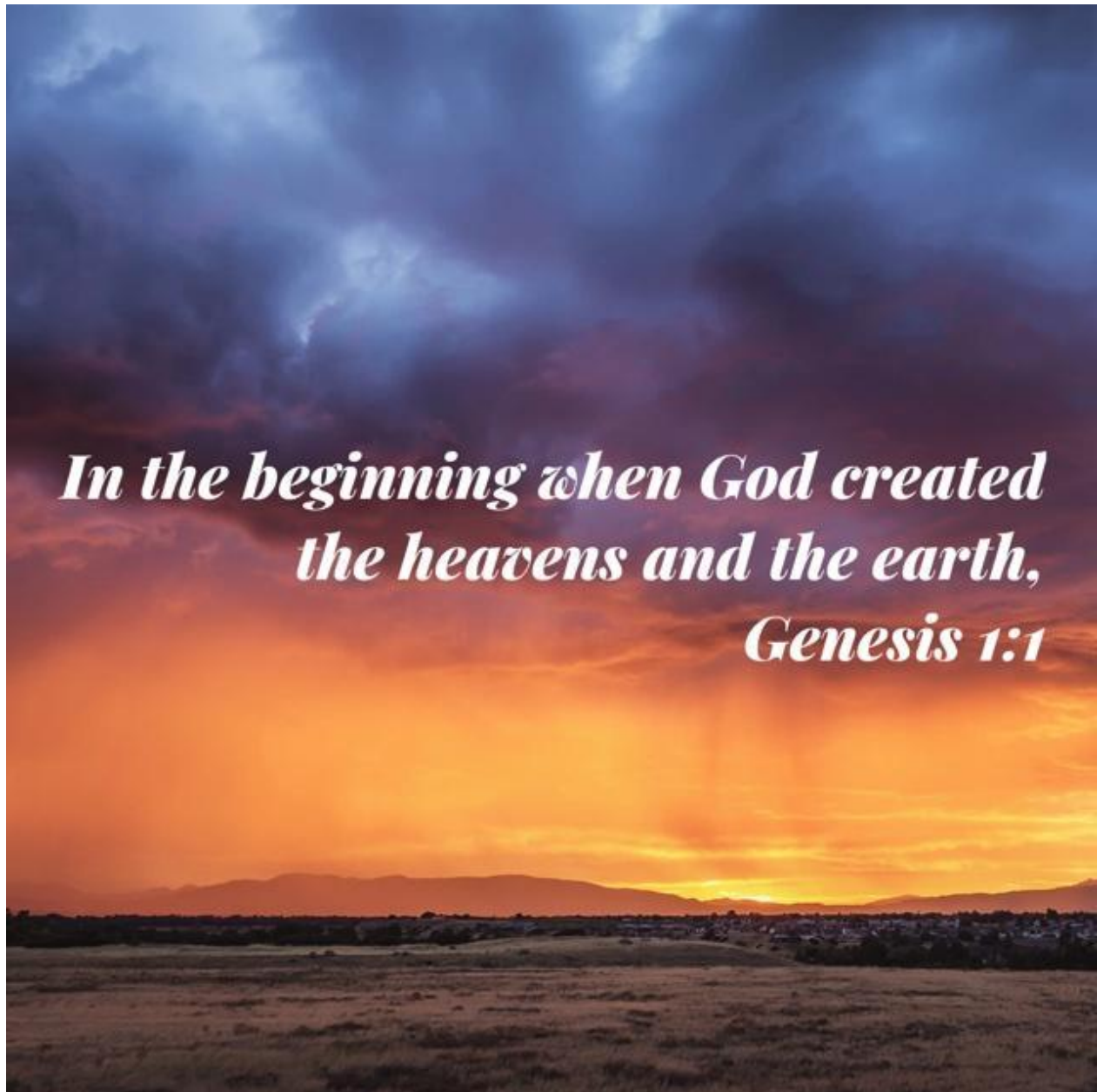


Understanding Prophecy, History and the Methodology of God

Genesis Study – Lessons 16-20

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Lesson 16 – Abraham as a Type of Christ – Part 1

Biblical scholars identify Isaac, Joseph and Moses as examples of men that prefigure Yeshua, the Messiah. This week’s lesson will show why Abraham is also a type of Christ and should be included as such.

Read Jasher 8

Both are in the genealogies of Matthew and Luke in the New Testament.

See Luke 3:23, 3:24a and Matthew 1:1

Both come from a Royal Lineage

Abraham – Genesis 10:21a

“ To Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber...”

Genesis 11:10a

“These are the descendants of Shem...”

Genesis 11:16

“When Eber had lived thirty-four years he became the father of Peleg...”

Jubilees 8:7a

“And she bore him a son in the fifth year thereof and he called his name Eber: and he took unto himself a wife and her name was Azurad, the daughter of Nebrod” (Greek for Nimrod)

Jubilees 8:8a

“And in the sixth year thereof she bore him a son, and called his name Peleg...”

Genesis 11:26

“When Terah had lived seventy years, he became the father of Abram, Hahor and Haran.”

Eber the father of the Hebrews was from the royal line of Shem. His wife, Azurad, the daughter of Nimrod, was a princess in the kingdom of her father.

Christ’s lineage was also of Royalty.

But just when he resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David...’”

See Luke 1: 26, 27

⇒ When both were born an unusual star appeared in the sky

See Jasher 8:1-4 and Matthew 2:1-2 (came from the East)

⇒ Both had to flee or be killed by the king

See Jasher 8:16 and Matthew 2:13

Discussion Questions:

⇒ What is the significance and meaning of the star?

See Jasher 8:3 & Matthew 2:2

See Numbers 24:17a

I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near – a star shall come out of Jacob, a scepter shall rise out of Israel

(Note: Israel is the East)

⇒ Is this a one time prophecy?

See Matthew 24:27 & Revelation 7:2

Summary

Abraham and Christ are essential in the plan of salvation. You cannot have one without the other. The star that shines at the time of their birth has been a symbol of hope throughout the history of God's people. Its significance as a sign was found among the writings of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Numbers 24:17 became known as the **star prophecy**. For the descendants of the Twelve Tribes of Israel it continues to be a prophecy harbinger. Luke 21:25, *"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars..."* verse 28, *"...now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."*

Lesson 17 – Abraham as a Type of Christ – Part 2

Read Jasher 9

Abraham Type		Christ Anti-Type
Jasher 8:4	Prophetic Births	Luke 2:25-35
Jasher 9:5	Taught the Law	Luke 2:46-47
Jasher 9:11	Grew in knowledge and absent from public view	Luke 2:52
Jasher 11:56-61	Rebuked authorities publicly	Matthew 23:13-35
Jasher 12:3-5	Sentenced by the leaders of the people	Luke 23:13-25
Jasher 12:27-32	Delivered from death	Luke 24:13-35

Discussion Questions:

⇒ Were the trials and tribulations of Abraham and Christ necessary for each to fulfill their purpose?

⇒ Prophets are sent by God to rebuke both religious and secular leaders. True or False
If true, give examples:

⇒ Why is it important to understand that Abraham is a type or pre-figuration of Christ?

Summary

In the 11th chapter of the epistle to the Hebrews, Abraham has more than a brief mention. As the one chosen by God to be the father of the chosen people it was through faith that he was able to overcome. In the same epistle to the Hebrews it says, Yeshua, who is the captain of the salvation of the chosen people, learned obedience through what he suffered. Although they were born millenniums apart from one another, their lives are eternally linked and stand as a perfect example for the people of God. Writing to the descendants of the same people, James begins his epistle with these words, *“My brother and sisters whenever you face trials of any kind consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance and let endurance have its full effect so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.”*

Lesson 18 – The Call of Abraham

Read Genesis 11:27-32, 12:1-9, Jubilees 15-31, 13:1-9 and Jasher 12:64-70, 13:1-10, 17-28

Abraham left Ur of the Chaldeans when he was 50 years old and did not settle in the land of Canaan until he was 70 years old. In this week’s lesson we will trace his journey by faith into the promise land.

Discussion Questions:

⇒ Why did Terah, the father of Abraham, take his family from their home to go to the land of Canaan?

See Genesis 11:28, Jubilees 12:15, Jasher 12:64-70. Jasher 13:1-2

⇒ Why did Terah choose to dwell in Haran instead of going to the land of Canaan?

See Jasher 13:1

⇒ How old was Abraham when he came to his father’s house?

See Jasher 11:13

⇒ What was Abraham's age when he left his father in Haran to go to the land of Canaan?

See Jasher 13:5

⇒ Who accompanied Abraham to the land of Canaan?

See Jasher 13:5-10

⇒ When did Abraham leave Canaan to go back to Haran and how old was he?

See Jasher 13:17-20

⇒ Who did Abraham bring with him from Haran upon his return to the land of Canaan?

See Genesis 12:1-4 & Jasher 13:22-28

Thought Question:

The book of Jubilees and the book of Jasher have different accounts of the events surrounding the death of Abraham's brother. List some of the same facts in these two books.

Summary

“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised and in the foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.”

Hebrews 11:8-9

Lesson 19 – Abraham and Lot Separate

Read Genesis 13, Jasher 15 & Jubilees 13:1-18

Discussion Questions:

⇒ What was the cause for the separation of Abraham and Lot?

See Genesis 13:5-7

⇒ If the land of Canaan had been promised to Abraham, why did he allow Lot to choose when he would dwell in the land of promise?

See Genesis 12:7 & Jasher 15:39-40

⇒ Describe Abraham's relationship with Lot.

See Genesis 12:5, Jubilees 12:18 & Jasher 15:43

⇒ Was Lot's choice to dwell in the area of Canaan that included Sodom and Gomorrah:

- a) Divine Providence
- b) A bad choice
- c) Both a) and b)
- d) None of the above

Explain your answer

Summary

God declares... *"I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live..."* Sodom and Gomorrah was on the path of destruction. Lot's presence and example would provide the light that was needed for them to change. Condemnation comes not because men do evil but rather when light comes they choose to dwell in darkness. Lot, through divine providence chose to dwell in Jordan. It was God in His mercy that lead the way.

Lesson 20 – Abraham as a Type of Christ – Part 3

Read Genesis 14:1-16 and Jubilees 13:22-29, 16:1-10, 13-19

Discussion Questions:

⇒ Who is King Amraphel of Shinar?

See Genesis 14:1a & Jasher 11:6

⇒ When did Chedorlaomer King of Elam begin to reign?

See Jasher 11:9-11 & Jasher 16:1

⇒ Why did the 4 kings led by Chedorlaomer attack and wage war against the 5 kings of the valley of Siddim?

See Genesis 14:4

⇒ Why did Abraham become involved in the war?

See Genesis 14:11-12

⇒ How many men did Chedorlaomer have to fight against the 5 kings and their armies?

See Jasher 16:2

⇒ How many men did Abraham have with him when he went against the 4 kings led by Chedorlaomer?

See Genesis 14:13-14

⇒ What prophecy was fulfilled about Abraham in Genesis chapter 14?

See Jasher 8:1-4

⇒ What future prophecy did the conflict in Genesis 14 pre-figure?

See Revelation 19:11-21

Summary

Abraham, more than any other figure in biblical history revealed the events in the like of the Messiah who was to come. As we examine the life of Abraham as it paralleled the life of Christ, we have the assurance that God's purposes never fail. We can have confidence as prophecy continues to unfold that God's purposes for His people will lead to their triumphant position in His everlasting kingdom.

The First Book of Moses Called
Genesis

CHAPTER 1

In the ^Rbeginning God created the heaven and the earth. John 1:1, 2

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. ^RAnd the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Ps. 33:6; Is. 40:13, 14

3 And God said, ^RLet there be light: and there was light. 2 Cor. 4:6

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 ^RAnd God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. Ps. 74:1

6 And God said, Let there be lights of the water

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