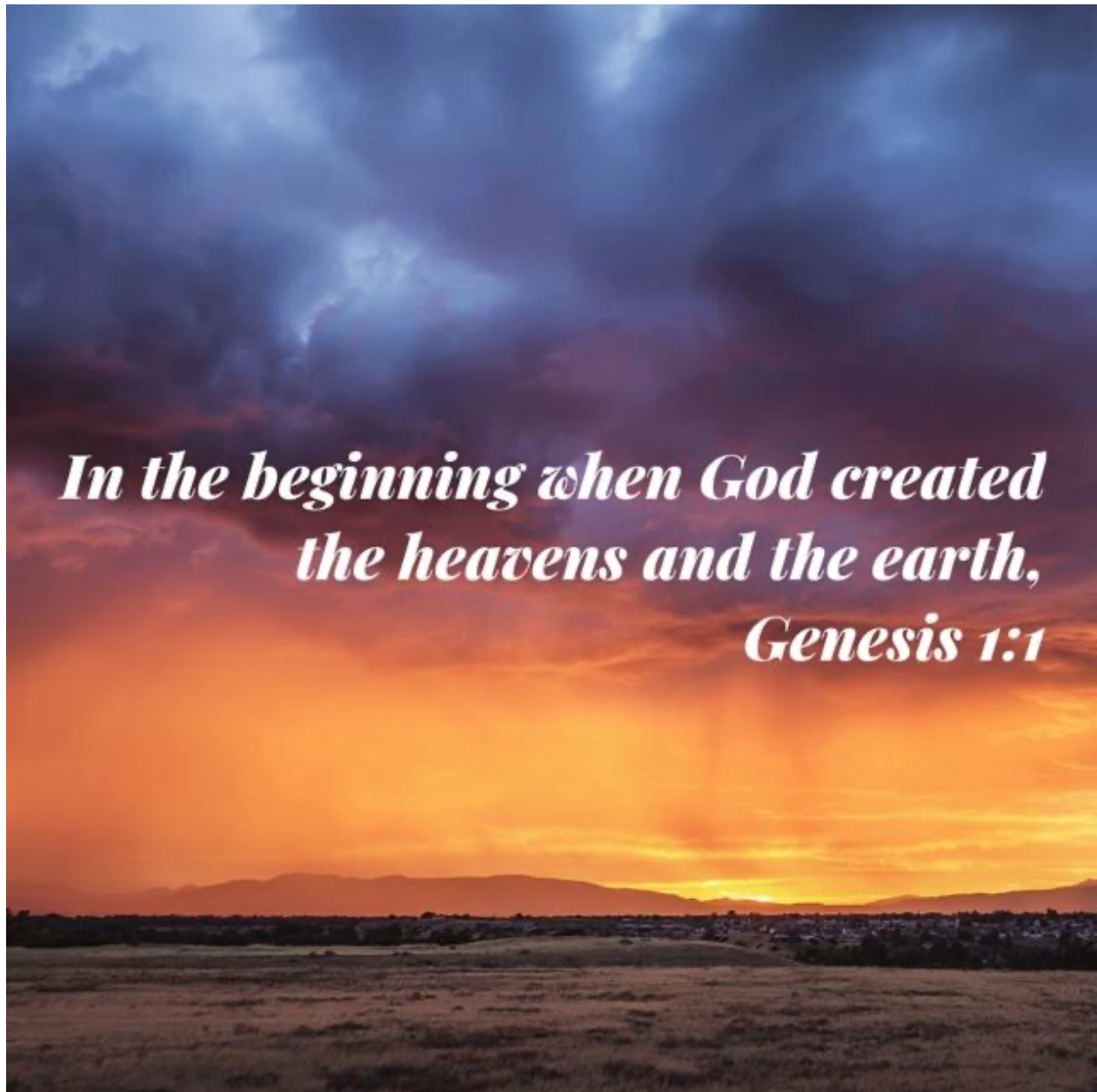


Understanding Prophecy, History and the Methodology of God

Genesis Study – Lessons 26-30

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Lesson 26 – The Sign of the Covenant

Read:

Genesis 17:17-20, Jubilees 15

Jasher 17 through 18:2

Discussion Questions:

⇒ How much time had elapsed from God's promise to Abraham in Genesis chapter 12 to the announcement that Sarah would conceive and have a son in Genesis chapter 17?

See Genesis 17:1

⇒ What was the response to the news by Abraham and Sarah?

See Genesis 17:17-18 and Genesis 18:9-15

Thought Question:

Was the length of time it took Sarah to have a child

- a. Due to lack of faith
- b. Divine providence
- c. Both

See Hebrews 11:11-12 in different versions

⇒ Why was the rite of circumcision chosen by God as the sign of the covenant?

See Jubilees 15:11-13

⇒ How serious was God about circumcision?

See Jubilees 15:4, Exodus 4:24-26, Jasher 79:8-12 and Jubilees 48:1-3

⇒ What is the sign of the new covenant?

See Jubilees 1:22, Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Ezekiel 36:26-27

Summary

As the right of circumcision of the foreskin was a sign of the old covenant, the circumcision of the heart is the sign of the new covenant. Jubilees 15:13b says, “My covenant shall be in your flesh as an eternal inheritance.” In the new covenant, its spirit will be in the heart of His Chosen People, and their fidelity to Him will never be broken. Jubilees 1:12b says, “I will circumcise the foreskin of their heart and the heart of their seed, I will create in them a Holy Spirit, and I will cleanse them so that they shall not turn away from me from that day to eternity.”

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Lesson 27 – Divine Retribution

Read: Genesis 18, Jasher 18:3-43 and Jasher 19:1-44

Discussion Questions:

⇒ Where was the geographical location of Sodom and Gomorrah?

See Genesis 10:15-19

⇒ Did the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah have knowledge of the Most High God?

Review Genesis 14

⇒ What were some of the sins of the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah?

⇒ What specific sin required God's judgement to come forth on those inhabitants?

See Jasher 19:44

⇒ Why did God reveal to Abraham His plan to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah?

See Amos 3:7 and Genesis 20:7

⇒ What was Abraham's response to God?

See Genesis 18:23-25

Thought Question

Compare Abraham's response with 1 Enoch 84:5, Ezekiel 9:8 and Revelation 6:17

"...for the great day if their wrath has come and who is able to survive?"

Revelation 6:17 NLT

⇒ Why was God unable to spare Sodom and Gomorrah?

See Genesis 18:26-32, Revelation 9:21, Revelation 16:10 and Revelation 19:19

Summary

The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were in the land of Canaan. Abraham and Melchizedek dwelt among them. Lot's hospitality and generosity were an example to those people. God's children are given time to develop characters like Him. When the process is complete mercy pleads no longer to the ungodly. When nations and government oppress its people. When the widow and the orphan are uncared for, the verdict from heaven is given. "You have been weighed in the balance and found wanting." Those kingdoms will fall and God's kingdom will be given to the people of the Most High God.

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Lesson 28 – Lot Saved

Read Genesis 19, Jubilees 16:5-9 and Jasher 19:45-60

Discussion Questions:

⇒ Why was Lot sitting in the entrance of Sodom?

See Jasher 19:46-47

⇒ Was Lot's encounter with the two angels by divine providence or coincidence?

See Genesis 19:6-6 and Jasher 19:13-15

⇒ What was the angels message to Lot?

See Genesis 19:15-16

⇒ Do you think it was Lot's faith in God that saved him from destruction? If no, why was he spared?

See Genesis 19:29, James 5:16b, Genesis 19:22 and Luke 17:29

⇒ What was the sin of Lot and his daughters who were saved?

See Jubilees 16:7-9 and Genesis 19:36-37

Summary

Matthew 1: Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah

⁵And Solman the father of Boaz by Rahab (prostitute), and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth (Moabite) and Obed the father of Jesse, and ⁶and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Soloman by the wife of Uriah (Bathsheba)...

In sparing Lot and his daughters, the nation of Moab came into existence. God told the children of Israel to not make war with the Moabites as they were entering the promised land (Deuteronomy 2:9). God and His mercy had given them land as inheritance. Because of Lot's relationship to Abraham, he was saved, and Lot's posterity was given a place in the bloodline of Christ. Ruth was the great grandmother of King David and a direct descendent of the Messiah. Psalms 136:1 - *"give thanks to the Lord for he is good for his mercy indoors forever."*

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Lesson 29 –Abraham Tested

Read Genesis 20, Jasher 20

Discussion Questions:

⇒ How old is Abraham in Genesis 20?

See Jasher 2:1

⇒ Where is the geographical location of Gerar?

See Genesis 20:1

⇒ What nation of people dwelt there?

See Jasher 20:1

⇒ Why did Abraham tell Sarah to say that she was his sister?

See Jasher 20:2

⇒ What was Abraham offered by the King in return for Sarah?

See Jasher 20:8-10

⇒ How did God respond to Sarah being taken by Abimelech?

See Jasher 20:12-18

⇒ What was told to Abimelech about the character or practice of Abraham?

See Jasher 20:19-23

⇒ What was the King's defense in this matter?

See Genesis 20:4-6 and Jasher 20:24

⇒ What was God's instructions to the King?

See Genesis 20:7

Thought Question:

Why did God use Abraham to heal the King and his subjects?

See Genesis 20:16-18 and Jasher 20:27-30

Summary

Jubilees 17:15-18

“And the prince Mastema came and said before God, ‘behold, Abraham loves Isaac, his son, and he delights in him above all things else; bid him offer him as a burnt offering on the altar, and that wilt see if he will do this command, and thou wilt know if he is faithful in everything wherein thou dost try him.’ And the Lord knew that Abraham was faithful in all his afflictions; for He had tried him through his country and with famine, and he had tried him with wealth of kings and he had tried him through his wife when she was torn from him, and with circumcision; and he had tried him through Ishmael and Hagar, his maid servant, when he sent them away. And everything where He tried him, he was found faithful, and his soul was not impatient, and he was not slow to act; for he was faithful and a lover of the Lord.”

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Lesson 30 – The Promised Seed

Read Genesis 21:1-20, Jubilees 17:1-14 and Jasher 21

Discussion Questions:

⇒ How old was Abraham and Sarah when Issac was born?

See Genesis 21:5 and Jasher 21:3

⇒ How old was Ishmael when Isaac was born?

See Jasher 17:11

⇒ How old was Ishmael when Abraham sent he and his mother away?

See Jasher 17:13

⇒ Why did Sarah tell Abraham to cast out Hagar and Ishmael?

See Jasher 21:15-15 and Jubilees 17:4

⇒ Why did Sarah blame Abraham after Hagar conceived?

See Jasher 16:30-33

Thought Questions:

- ◇ Was Sarah's demand because of?
 - a. Jealousy
 - b. Fear
 - c. Divine providence
 - d. All of the above

See Genesis 17:18-21 and Genesis 21:11-14

- ◇ How did God reassure and comfort Abraham?

See Genesis 17:20-21, Genesis 21:13-14 and Jubilees 17:5-7

Jubilees 17:17 “...and had tried him through Ishmael and Hagar, his maid servant, when he sent them away...”

Why was this a test for Abraham?

See Jubilees 17:1-5

Summary

It took 25 years for God's promise to Abraham to be fulfilled. It was by faith alone that Isaac came forth as the heir of the promise. Divine providence was the guide which produced such faith. Throughout Abraham's life his experiences with God grew from faith to faith. It is methodology of God that enables us to complete our purpose, and yet Abraham's greatest test was still before him. Faith without works is dead. God is glorified through the demonstration of our faith

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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

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