

The Highwaymen

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ABRAM, and A LAND PROMISED to him:

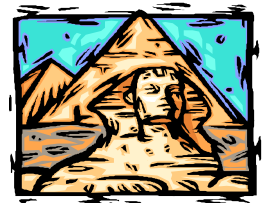
Who was Abram, and what Land was he Promised by The LORD GOD?

Genesis 11:31 “And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees (Lower Mesopotamia), to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran (in Upper Mesopotamia), and dwelt there. And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran. Ge 12:1-10 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country (Mesopotamia), and from thy kindred (Chaldeans), and from thy father's house (in Haran), unto A Land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee A Great Nation,



and I will Bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy Seed will I give This

Land: and there builded he an Altar unto the LORD, Who Appeared unto him. And he removed from thence unto a Mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai (Ai) on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south. And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to



Abraham, Isaac, Jacob & the Tribes

Egypt was an avenue of survival to Abram for a time, but he returned to Southern Canaan, where he spent the rest of his life as a wandering herdsman around Hebron & Shechem.

Although “Canaan” was a “Promised Land” to Abram, many events had to be worked out. He didn’t even have one son yet. It was

through the Promised son Isaac, that Isaac’s son Jacob (Israel) would be born.

Jacob would Father the 12 Tribes of Israel. They would go down to Egypt (because of another famine in Canaan) and multiply into a large multitude in



Who is Sovereign over the lands?

1. It is important to understand the Sovereignty of The LORD GOD over the nations of men. All nations are but “squatters” when it comes down to who controls a land. We have two levels of sovereignty we must look at here. 1. The ‘kings of the earth’, and

2. “The King of kings” seated in the Heavens.

“The Earth is The LORD’S and the fullness thereof, the land and all they that dwell therein.” Psalm 24:1.

HE Himself decides who rules a land and a nation. And when

He gets tired of observing oppression anywhere in His good Earth, He is able to Evict, even overthrow a wicked people.

And such was the case in ‘the land of Canaan’. Psalm 10:16 “The LORD is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of His Land.”

GOD’S Cup of Wrath was fast filling up, and would soon be poured out, and ‘a Land Promised’ would be Turned Over To A Great Nation.

HAM: The Root of “Canaan”

The “Canaanites” were descendants of HAM, Noah’s youngest son, who disgraced his father by exposing him ‘naked’, to his brothers. Shem & Japheth Covered their father’s exposure. When Noah awakened out of his sleep he knew what Ham had done, and **cursed him and his descendant Canaan**. They were deemed servant of servants... ‘shall he be to his brethren’, serving both the offspring of Shem and Japheth. Ham was the father of **Canaan, -which became a cursed nation**.

Ge 9:26 “And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.”

Ge 9:27 “God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan

shall be his servant.”

Ge 10:6 “And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim (Egypt), and Phut, and **Canaan**.”

Ge 10:15 “And **Canaan** begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth (Gen 27:46), And the **Jebusite (of early Jerusalem)**, and the Amorite (later enemies of the advancing Hebrew Nation), and the Girgasite, And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the **Canaanites** spread abroad. **And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon (N. of Tyre & S. of Beirut), as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza (became one of the 5 chief West coastal cities of the Philistines); as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim (the 4 cities later destroyed by GOD), even unto Lasha (South extremity of Canaan, East of the Salt Sea).**” Yet for failing his father, Ham’s own son would fail in a land they would loose because of lawlessness.



Degradation of the Canaanites

The Canaanite nation (250 miles long) would pursue pagan worship of many Idols, and continue their godless trend, in a Land GOD had his eyes on, to give to “**A GREAT NATION**” **Coming up out of Egypt!** The very name ‘canaan’

means to “bend” and they did just that; to every wicked way contrary to the Holy GOD of ‘righteous’ Noah. De 18:9-12 “When thou art come into **the land** which the LORD thy God gives thee, thou shalt not Learn to do after the Abomi-

nations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that makes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire (child sacrifice), or that uses divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an Abomi-nation unto the LORD: and because of these Abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them OUT from before You.” (KJV)

Complete Lawlessness; and GOD'S Patience.

Genesis 15:7-21 "And He said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not. **And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses (faint, exhausted objects),**

(fallen thing -Matt 24:28) Abram drove them away. And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. And He said unto Abram, "Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land (Egypt) that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them (enslave for) four hundred years; And also that nation (Egypt), whom they shall serve, will I judge (through Moses): and afterward shall they come out with great substance (gold). And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in

a good old age. **But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity (Lawlessness) of the Amorites is not yet Full.** And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a **smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."** (KJV)

Another visit to Egypt: this time by Jacob & his family "Israel"

But many years and events preceded this journey. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, & 12 sons. One son named Joseph was especially favored by Jacob, and was sold by his brothers to merchants in route to Egypt. Joseph remains Faithful to the GOD of

Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. He is tried there but given the highest place before Pharaoh. Another Famine struck Canaan, and Joseph's father Jacob (Israel) came down to Egypt, and by Pharaoh favor of Joseph, they were given a plush

pasture land called Goshen. The Nation of Israel began as 70 Souls there, but grew by the end of the 400 years, to perhaps 1.5 Million.

a Deliverer named MOSES was born and raised up by Pharaohs daughter till he understood his Destiny was to deliver his own Nation Israel, out of Egypt.

Still "A PROMISED LAND" waiting for an enslaved people to be released.

From "Hoshea" meaning "Salvation" when he was living in Egypt, Moses changed his name to "JOSHUA" in route to the Promised Land. "Joshua" Is VERY SIMILAR TO THE NAME "JESUS" -AND MEANS "THE LORD IS SALVATION" (In Hebrew). A name like that must have given this Hebrew Warrior great Zeal and Faith In The LORD Who SAVES!

Once a common slave in Egypt, until Moses the Deliverer appeared; in the slave colony called Goshen. The 400 year Exile of Jacob/ISRAEL, was closing.

WHY? Because The LORD GOD, The Creator of Heaven and Earth had Promised to Abram, dwelling in Ur of the Chaldees, or Lower Mesopotamia (presently Iraq) (Gen 11:31-32), that if he would leave his Country and kindred, He would Show him A LAND called Canaan; "a Promised Land" for his descendants down through the Ages:



So how did they get from Egypt to Canaan you may ask? The Deliverer Moses was able to Teach GOD'S COVENANT, Train, unify and lead this Nation, even receiving instructions from The LORD about nations to be spared from their advancement toward Canaan, including the inheritance of Esau (Edom), and the inheritance of Lot (Moab & Ammon). But Moses would Engage the resistant king SIHON of the Amorites, conquering all their cities and leaving no Amorite alive. Then OG king of Bashan came out with all his hosts against 'the battle ready', who left none remaining, but took all his 60 cities. Moses gave all this land over to the 2 1/2 Tribes (Ruben, Gad, and the 1/2 tribe of Manasseh). With the stipulation that their wives and children would possess these cities, while They (All the Men of Valor) Took The Front Lines Ahead of the other Tribal Warriors, in the advancing Israeli' Nation into the rest of Canaan. (But Even Great Leaders are sometimes limited in their Vision, by their own Murmuring Nation). At this point in the Battle for Canaan, It would be Faithful JOSHUA who is commissioned by both Moses and The LORD'S Warring Angel to lead the Great Nation to Battle against the rest of the 36 Canaanite kings. Kings of Giants could not stop this Fierce General Joshua and his Countryman Caleb. Critical to Israel's success would be their careful adherence to "The Covenant" delivered to them by Moses. When they disobeyed, they lost ground, and their enemies would overwhelm them. At the end of Joshua's life of Leadership, there were still some unconquered cities. When the people inquired of The LORD as to who should then go up against the Canaanites, He responded by saying, "JUDAH shall go up. Indeed I have delivered The Land into his hand."

And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him. And Judah went up; and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek, ten thousand men.... And Adonibezek said, Threescore and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered their meat under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died. Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire. And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites, that dwelt in the mountain, and in the south, and in the valley. And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron: (now the name of Hebron before was Kirjatharba:) and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai. And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before was Kirjathsepher: And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah. Also Judah took Gaza with the Coast thereof, and Askelon with the Coast thereof, and Ekron with the Coast thereof... Jud 1:28 And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out." (One generation's disobedience) -(KJV)

Will America Also Leave a Nation to it's evil Ways, by leaving the Battlefield?


Encouragement!