



The Highwaymen

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ABRAHAM: ON FAITH'S HIGHWAY!

The key to success following the Faith is staying on that highway with GOD.

Yes, Abraham veered off the highway of Faith a few times and paid dearly for it. In fact the whole world is still paying for it today.

The low-way of presumption breeds tumbleweeds and wild things that can cause a lot of trouble later, when grown up.

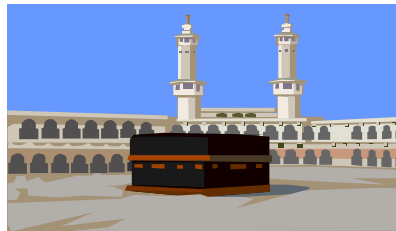
For Adam (because of his fall) it was a cursed ground of dust growing thorns and thistles. It took sweat to grow any food. Miles away from the garden of Eden that GOD Himself had so wonderfully Planted for him.

Yet, Abraham would receive the Promised son, Isaac at 99 years of age, and Sarah, his wife at 90. Sarah lives to age 127 and raises up Isaac to approximately 37 years of age. Abraham lives in GOD'S Might to age 175.

To better understand the life of this man, read Genesis 25. After the death of Sarah, he took a concubine, Keturah (incense) as wife and had 6 more sons by her. You have to understand that this man became incredibly wealthy.

Have you ever wondered why the Arabic people claim Abraham as their Ancestor?

Keturah bore to Abraham, Zimran, Yokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. To these he gave gifts and



sent away to the East country.

Still Isaac, his only son with his first wife Sarah, is his heir. Genesis 25:5 "And Abraham gave All that he had to Isaac"

But Isaac, son of Sarah, and Ishmael, his son by Hagar the Egyptian, were the only sons mentioned as coming to bury him by his departed Sarah; in the only land in Canaan (Israel) that Abraham had purchased, as a burial place.

"and it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that GOD Blessed ISAAC his son. And he dwelt by the well, Lahairoi" 25:11.

As we continue this study, you will have more understanding of the Influence of Abraham. His offspring overspreads all the land of the East and beyond. He has truly become the Father of many Nations as GOD told him he would, in his old age!

THE LINEAGE OF ABRAHAM'S SON, ISHMAEL:

Ge 25:12-17 "Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham: And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Ad-

beel, and Mibsam, And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah: These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; Twelve Princes according to their nations. And these are the years of the life of

Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people. And they dwelt from Havilah (Persian gulf area) unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: and he died in the presence of all his brethren. (Arabians)" K.J.V.

ISAAC, THE HEIR OF ABRAHAM

Travel with me now, as we tour the life of Isaac. Born approximately 1895 B.C., and his name given by GOD Himself, means "Laughter", the joy of Sarah's life, 14 years after Hagar, a surrogate mother, gave birth to Ishmael, father of the 12 tribes scattered throughout Arabia. Isaac's son Jacob (Israel) would also father 12 Sons, and 12 Tribes of Israel.

A bride (Rebekah, a Highway Woman, if you will) would travel 500 miles on

camel to marry Isaac, sight unseen. Isaac, an early "type of Christ" offered at GOD'S Command by his father was spared from being sacrificed. GOD Promising to give his own Lamb/Son in sacrifice, provided a Ram then.

The Bride of Christ has already traveled over 2000 years to be joined with her Groom one day. The Servants of Jesus Christ are still seeking for all the bride of The Son of GOD/son of man.

After 20 years of marriage, when Isaac was 60, his wife Rebekah delivered twin boys, Esau and

Jacob. God told Rebekah that the first born Esau would serve the younger Jacob (Israel). And she saw to it that Jacob received the irrevocable Blessing of his father Isaac.

Again we see the Sovereignty of Almighty GOD in the affairs of men. Life is all about choices, and GOD always reserves the right to choose who He Will, and who can blame Him?

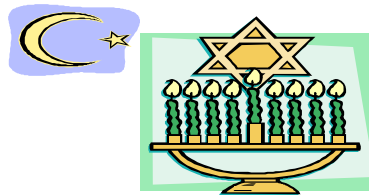
Yet, Father GOD Blesses all, and causes the sun to shine upon all mankind, for the whole Earth is His Garden.

ISAAC AND HIS LINEAGE, JACOB ISRAEL AND ESAU:

Ge 25:19-23 And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac: And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. And Isaac entreated the LORD for his wife, because she

was barren: and the LORD was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the Children Struggled Together Within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said unto her, Two Nations are in thy womb, and Two Man-

ner of People shall be Separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder (Esau) shall serve the younger (Jacob/Israel)" K.J.V.



Isaac dies at the old age of 180, and both his sons, Jacob and Esau lay him to rest in Hebron, Israel.

THE BLESSING OF JACOB,

Now stay focused, while I show you the difference between the irrevocable Birthright Blessing conferred upon Jacob and the secondary blessing upon Esau. As history goes, Jacob received the Blessing of Inheritance, when Esau came before Isaac his father, he was heartbroken to hear that the Birthright Blessing had already

been passed to his brother. But Jacob, in fact bought the Birthright from Esau earlier, when he was willing to give it up. (Gen 26:29-34)

So Jacob received the Wealth of his father. Genesis 27:28-29 "Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: Let people Serve thee, and nations Bow down to thee: be lord Over thy brethren, and let thy

Mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee." -K.J.V.

Father Isaac had already become Great in the land of Canaan (Israel), contending with the Philistines (later called Palestinians) who sought out Isaac to build a Peace Treaty knowing that GOD was with Isaac!

Abraham's mercy upon Esau:

GOD IS SO GREAT IN HIS MERCY, THAT HE DID ALLOW FOR ESAU; Genesis 27:30-39. "And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of Blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me. And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy

son, thy firstborn Esau. And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he Shall be Blessed. And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father. And he said, Thy brother came with subtlety, and hath taken away thy blessing. And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my

birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me? And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son? And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the Fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above" And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt Serve thy Brother; —K.J.V.

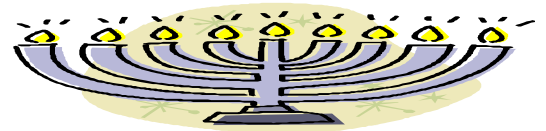
JACOBS DREAM IN THE PROMISED LAND; AND GOD'S HOUSE:

Genesis 28:1-17 "And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother. And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; And give thee the blessing of **Abraham**, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit

the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto **Abraham**. And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padanaram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother. And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold

the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of **Abraham** thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;...And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the House of GOD, and this is the Gate of Heaven." —K.J.V.

The ladder set up on the earth was a sign of Promise to Jacob/Israel that GOD would bridge heaven and earth. **Jesus Christ would be that "LADDER"**



Jacob falls in love with Rachel, but is given Leah her sister instead.

Jacob worked for Laban his Uncle for 7 years for his daughter Rachel, but Laban gave him Leah his older daughter. Then he had to work for 7 more years for the one he truly loved. With these 2 wives he would have 12 sons, fathering the 12 tribes of Israel.

Leah would bear him **Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah**. Rachel was barren and gave her handmaid Bilhah as surrogate. She conceived and bore **Dan & Naphtali** to Jacob. Then Leah was not conceiving so she gave her hand maid Zilpah who bore to

Jacob **Gad & Asher**. Finally Leah conceives again and bares a 5th son, **Issachar**, and a 6th son **Zebulun**, and a daughter Dinah. Then GOD remembered Rachel and she conceived and bore 2 sons herself and named them **Joseph(Manasseh/Ephraim) & Benjamin**.




Encouragement !



John 1:4 "In Him was Life, and that Life was the Light of men."

John 1:5 "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it." -W.N.T.

Almighty GOD chose strong Fathers, men of persistent Faith and lifelong Faithfulness. Jesus Himself Linked GOD to the lives of **Abraham, Isaac and Jacob/Israel**. The Eternal GOD, knowing the hearts of men and women before birth, has made His Choices in advance. Who can tell the Potter what to do with a lump of clay. He makes the Vessel He can use to fulfill His Purposes on 'the Stage' called Earth. Out of Jacob would issue 12 sons. They would be the Fathers of the 12 Tribes of Israel.

Jacob's 3rd Son, "Levi" would be a Priestly Tribe, an entire Tribe of Priests, to the Holy Creator GOD; who would Minister to the whole Nation, Israel.

Jacob's 4th son, "Judah" would be the Tribe who bore the Christ into the world. Jesus Christ's arrival was announced by another "Highwayman".

His name was John The Baptist, whom Jesus praised as "A Bright and Shining light!" (John 5:35). But John said of Jesus, "I am not worthy to untie His shoe laces" (John 1:27), as He walked the shore of the Galilee towards him. LIGHT- Represents True Religion!

Matt 4:16 "The people who were dwelling in darkness have seen A Brilliant Light; and on those who were dwelling in the region of the shadow of death, on them Light Has Dawned."> W.N.T.



HEAVENS HOLY LADDER!

John 1:1-11 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing that exists came into being. The true Light was that which Illumines every man by its Coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into existence

through Him, and the world did not recognize Him. He came to the things that were His own, and His Own people (Jews) gave Him no welcome.



John 1:51 "I tell you all in most solemn truth," He added, "that you shall see **Heaven opened wide, and God's Angels going up, and coming down to the Son of Man!**" -W.N.T.

Just so let your light shine before all men, in order that they may see your holy lives and may give glory to your Father who is in Heaven.

